

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
January 13, 2022**

Commissioners Attendance January 2022

Present:
Ms. Lorraine Olson
Dr. Thomas Getreuer
Ms. Patricia Parry
Dr. Tabitha Fortt (arrived at 9:13am)

Absent:
Dr. Viviane Trinh

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Mr. Ebrima Jobe, Director of Environmental Health & Inspections, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order	Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:04am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
<p>Agenda</p> <p>Minutes of December 09, 2021</p> <p>Correspondences 49 Plymouth Rd., Stamford, CT (under Old Business on Agenda)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Parry asked that Atty LiVolsi’s email regarding Ethics and FOIA be added to the agenda • Minutes reviewed by the Health Commission. Ms. Parry recommended 1st sentence in discussion about correspondence r/t 125 Lawn Ave. be modified to “... that tenants have vacated apartment and the appellant was unresponsive to communication from the Health Commission. The appeal is dropped” • Ms. Parry asked about email received from appellant of 49 Plymouth Rd on January 20, 2022. Mr. Jobe reported Inspector, Marjorie Beauchette conducted a re-inspection yesterday, confirming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve occurred at 9:05am. (Approved 3-0) • Motion to approve as amended occurred at 9:07am. (Approved 3-0) • Mr. Jobe reported Inspector Marjorie Beauchette conducted a re-inspection yesterday, confirming the kitchen was removed and the bathroom remains. The

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<p>Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<p>the kitchen was removed and the bathroom remains. The owner has submitted a permit request to leave bathroom in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Health division is significantly understaffed. Currently have 8 inspectors and are looking to fill (2) Inspector I positions and (2) Inspector II positions. • Ms. Parry asked about Weights & Measures • On January 6, the Assistant State Attorney provided the Inspections team with training to cover the issues and challenges inspectors face regarding Housing. More training to come. • Community Nursing has one PHN I vacancy. • Flu Clinic will be held on January 22 at the Henry St. Clinic. • COVID vaccines are offered at the Henry St. Clinic until 7pm. In December, the clinic saw approximately 100/day, last couple weeks the clinic has seen 50 – 80/day. • School Nursing has 2 opened position which we are on the verge of filling. 	<p>kitchen was removed but bathroom remains. A permit has been submitted to leave bathroom in place.</p> <p>Interviews have begun to fill the Inspector I position.</p> <p>Weights & Measures and Refuse truck inspections are currently suffering at this time, due to Mr. Jobe promotion to Director of Environmental Health & Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages have access to vaccine boosters.
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Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare
Mr. Ted Jankowski

- The Health Department winterized vaccination sites. Currently have trailers for Cummings and Hunts Parks; will be getting a trailer for Scalzi.
 - Vaccine rate is very high. Over 85% have been vaccinated for 16 and above. 33% vaccination rate for 5 – 11 age group.
 - Ms. Parry asked if there was any f/u to the Mental Health discussion held by HC in November.
 - Mental Health Collaboration meeting is scheduled for on January 24, 2022 at 3pm. Mr. Jankowski invited one member of the Commission to attend the meeting due to limited space.
 - Public Safety, Health & Welfare received a \$550,000 grant to be used over the course of 3 years. Looking to increase Social Worker FTEs within the Police Department.
 - Dispatch center and first responders decreased response time by 2 minutes because of the use of technology. Will continue to improve technology to decrease the response time. Ms. Parry asked about 911 call center script used to assess mental health
 - A Test Kit distribution was and very successful. There is a focus on high risk populations. Some kits supplied to relevant organizations and nonprofits,
- Ms. Bishop-Pullan met with Vin Tufo who heads the VITA Collaborative. Ms. Olson is involved in this initiative.
 - Ms. Olson will be the HC designee and send someone else if unable to attend.
 - Mr. Jankowski said it was sent to HC some time ago.

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<p>Old Business Follow-up regarding mold at 125 Lawn Ave.</p> <p>Nursing visits in School</p> <p>ELC2 Grant</p> <p>New Business Funding for School Nursing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Olson asked where a staff member goes should they need a mask or test in the schools. • Ms. Parry asked for an update regarding the mold abatement. • Ms. Parry asked about timeline for budget submission. • Ms. Parry asked about f/u of order issued to 125 Lawn Ave. The appeal was dropped but is there f/u on the part of the Health Department? • Is there f/u to question at previous? Visits in schools are across the board. COVID related symptoms which everyone has to pay close attention to. Regular visits which include stomachaches, headaches, sore throats, first aid, bloody noses, and medications. • Ms. Parry asked for clarification for the start date year for ELC2. • The Health Department is looking to request funding for a substitute nurse in the FY22/23 budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff members should go to the school principals. • Inspector Marjorie Beauchette has been reaching out the Landlord to no avail regarding the compliance of the order. Inspector Marjorie Beauchette is set to go out again in efforts to meet with the landlord. • Meetings are occurring with OPM • F/U is planned. • The visits to school nurses are the same in nature as in previous years with the addition of COVID concerns. • March 01, 2022 ELC2 grant begins. • The Health Department is looking to request funding for a substitute nurse in the FY22/23 budget. • Ms. Bishop-Pullan agreed and informed the HC that the HD will be assessing any needed updates to the codes for recommendation to
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<p>Blue Health Housing Standard Code booklet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Getreuer asked if this booklet should be updated as it was compiled in 1978. 	<p>the BOR and updating the booklet will be addressed.</p>
<p>COVID-19 Home Kit Testing & Clinic Sites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health Department knows more precisely what’s happening in the schools because the Home Testing Kits of students are reported to the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Department has focused Contact Tracing efforts on school to provide nurses with support and ensure parents have the proper guidance for when it’s safe for children to return to school.
<p>Healthcare Availability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Test Kit distribution occurred on January 2 and this past weekend. 20,000 kits were distributed the first time and 6,500 kits the second time because there was 2 test in one kit. 	
<p>Ethics Code & FOIA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Olson said she understands that people are having a hard time getting to see a health care provider. Practices are full and ED wait times have been long. She asked Dr Fortt for her thoughts. • Dr Fortt agreed that there has been a large increase in people seeking medical visits. Some practices are at capacity. Telehealth has been an option which allow people to see their doctor’s while remaining safe with COVID still around. • Ms. Parry pointed out the information included in the notice from the legal department and suggested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Olson will meet with Early, the HC secretary, to review our practices.

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Appeal: There were no appeals		
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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:51am. Submitted by: Raquelle Early
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