

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
February 10, 2022**

Commissioners Attendance February 2022

Present:

- Ms. Lorraine Olson
- Dr. Thomas Getreuer
- Ms. Patricia Parry
- Dr. Tabitha Fortt (arrived at 9:19am)
- Dr. Viviane Trinh (arrived at 9:22am)

Absent:

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Proposed Action Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Parry asked that Health Standards, Mask Mandates, and 911 script be added to the agenda as topics of discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve adding these topics to the agenda occurred at 9:05am. (Approved 3-0)
Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of January 13, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Parry made other recommendations to the minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve as amended occurred at 9:07am. (Approved 3-0)
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence. 	
Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new Inspector I's were hired. Interviews for the Inspector II position have begun. 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Health staff continues to work with Ms. Early, providing input in anticipation of the City's change over to a new system.• School nursing interviews are being conducted to fill vacancies. One nurse is on maternity leave.• Nurses continue monitoring physicals and immunizations for compliance as well as screenings.• Narcan: Placed in ice high schools and recently in middle schools. Training is occurring.• Talk of lifting some COVID mitigation strategies as COVID cases continue to decline. Down from 850 in one week in January to 77 last week.• COVID vaccine response: High vaccination rate Citywide. However, at only about 43% in the 5 to 11 age group, children have a much lower vaccination rate.• Booster rates have declined. According to State data which is using census data from 2014, which is lower than what the current population is.• Ms. Parry asked what is the difference in population numbers used in the census data.• Ms. Parry asked what the updated census number is. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passionate discussion by Commissioners. They advised not rushing into reducing mask use until data proves infection rates stay down. That could be up to 8 weeks of flattened data.• Ms. Bishop-Pullan did not have the numbers available.• Ms. Bishop-Pullan did not have the number available. |
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<p>Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Mr. Ted Jankowski</p> <p>Old Business Health Standard</p> <p>911 Script</p> <p>Health Department Orders Follow-up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID Sites: Henry Street clinic is working with Griffin to administer COVID vaccinations on Saturdays. Westover high school site is also open on Saturdays. • Contract tracing: Significant decline in cases. • Working with Unite Us agency to provide community resources for those in need of housing assistance and/or food insecurity. • Emergency Preparedness: Finalizing plans and in terms of health education Brittany is working with Ferguson Library and Senior center. Brittany is also working with IT to revamp the Health Department website to make it more user friendly. Permission from Mayor Simmons was granted. • Mr. Jankowski was not present. No report was provided at this time. • Health Standards blue book was reviewed by Ms. Parry. • Ms. Parry asked Ted to share the script used in the call center that enables 911 to determine the nature of a call. As per Ms. Parry, Joe Gaudett told her a script doesn't exist. • Ms. Parry wanted clarification as to who follows up on Health Department orders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Parry requested clarification as to whether any of the Standards have been updated and who is responsible for that. • Jody responded that the Inspector handling the order follows up on the order.
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<p>New Business Mask Mandates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor is considering when to lift mask mandates throughout Stamford. • BOE is reviewing lifting mask mandates in Stamford schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with superintendent, medical advisor and other health care professionals regarding lifting mask mandates in Stamford schools.
<p>Accreditation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Brittany Dube is currently working on this. All documents necessary for accreditation are being updated. 	
<p>School Based Health Centers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Olson stated she wants school based health centers in all schools due to their success at addressing mental health issues than schools without these centers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Parry suggested inviting someone to address roadblocks for School Based Health Centers
<p>Mental Health Initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with VITA Collaborative providers developing strategies to work with families in the groups in the areas of communications, clinical, and preventative. 	

<p>Appeal: There were no appeals</p>		
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<p>Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:28am.</p>
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Submitted by: Raquelle Early