

**Health Commission Meeting  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED 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>
<b>Proposed Action</b> Agenda Change Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Parry asked that Amy LiVolsi's email regarding Ethics and other things be added to the agenda under New Business.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Motion to approve occurred at 9:05am. (Approved 3-0)</li></ul>
Approval of the minutes for the Health Commission Meeting of December 09, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes reviewed by the Health Commission. Discussed grammatical changes on page 2, and rephrasing the correspondence discussion was written.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Motion to approve as amended occurred at 9:07am. (Approved 3-0)</li></ul>
<b>Correspondence</b> 49 Plymouth Rd., Stamford, CT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Jobe reported Inspector, Marjorie Beauchette conducted a re-inspection yesterday, confirming the kitchen was removed and the bathroom remains. The owner has submitted a permit request but has not been approved yet.</li></ul>	

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<p><b>Director of Health Report</b> Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Parry asked if the Inspection team conducted an inspection to confirm no one was living in the basement/cellar area and locks were on the doors.</li> <li>• Environmental Health division is significantly understaffed. Interviews have begun to fill the Inspector I position.</li> <li>• Inspections continue. Weights &amp; Measures and Refuse truck inspections are currently suffering at this time, due to Mr. Jobe promotion to Director of Environmental Health &amp; Inspections.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Community Nursing has one PHN I vacancy.</li> <li>• Flu Clinic will be held on January 22 at the Henry St. Clinic.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• School Nursing has 2 opened position which we are on the verge of filling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was completed in December 2021.</li> <li>• Currently have 8 inspectors and are looking to fill (2) Inspector I positions and (2) Inspector II positions.</li> <li>• All ages have access to vaccine boosters.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Director of Public Safety, Health &amp; Welfare</b> Mr. Ted Jankowski</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Health Department winterized vaccination sites. Currently have trailers for Cummings and Hunts Parks; will be getting a trailer for Scalzi.</li> <li>• Vaccine rate is very high. Over 85% have been vaccinated for 16 and above. 33% vaccination rate for 5 – 11 age group.</li> <li>• Ms. Parry asked for an update regarding the Mental Health initiative.</li> <li>• Mental Health Collaboration meeting on January 24 at 3pm. Mr. Jankowski invited one member of the Commission to attend the meeting due to limited space.</li> <li>• Public Safety, Health &amp; 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Ms. Olson asked where a staff member goes should they need a mask or test in the schools.</li> <li>• Ms. Parry asked for an update regarding the mold abatement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Bishop-Pullan met with Vin Tufo who heads the Vito Collaborative, to discuss next steps and planning efforts to move the initiative forward. Ms. Olson has been involved in this initiative.</li> <li>• Ms. Olson will be the representative from the Health Commission.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Old Business</b> Follow-up regarding mold at 125 Lawn Ave.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff members should go to the school principals.</li> <li>• Inspector Marjorie Beauchette has been reaching out the Landlord to no avail regarding the compliance of the order.</li> </ul>

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Nursing visits in School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of 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.</li> </ul>	Inspector Marjorie Beauchette is set to go out again in efforts to meet with the landlord.
ELC2 Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Parry asked for clarification for the start date for ELC2.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 01, 2022 ELC2 grant begins.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b> Funding for School Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health Department is looking to request funding for a substitute nurse in the FY22/23 budget.</li> </ul>	
Health Housing Standard Update – 1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Getreuer asked what the requirement for updating the Housing Standard book is and the process for getting the book updated is.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes have not been reflected in the Housing Standard book. The Health Department staff will get together with the Legal Department to make these updates.</li> </ul>
COVID-19 Home Kit Testing & Clinic Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health Department knows more precisely what’s happening in the schools because the Home Testing Kits are reported to the school and it gets to the Contact Tracers.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	

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Healthcare Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>	
Ethics Code & FOIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Telehealth has been an option which allow people to see their doctor's while remaining safe with COVID still around.</li><li>• Ms. Parry discussed the practices of the Health Commission and the legal obligation we are required to fulfill regarding postings, public access, timing and voting requirements.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Olson said that she is hearing that people are having a hard time getting to see their health care provider. Practices are full and ED wait times are long. She asked Dr. Fortt for her thoughts.</li></ul>

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