

**Health Commission Meeting  
City of Stamford  
DRAFT MINUTES  
May 12, 2022**

Commissioners Attendance May 2022

Present:

Ms. Lorraine Olson  
Dr. Thomas Getreuer  
Dr. Tabitha Fortt  
Dr. Viviane Trinh  
Ms. Patricia Parry

Absent:

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

Call 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>
<b>Minutes</b> Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of April 14, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to approve occurred at 9:03am. (Approved 5-0)</li></ul>
<b>Correspondence</b> Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sue Halpern resident in South End.</li><li>• Ms. Bishop-Pullan reported placing ten air quality monitors and Mayor will be announcing.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioner Olson referred Ms. Halpern to the Health Department.</li></ul>
<b>Director of Health Report</b> Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submitted a grant to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for asthma reduction.</li></ul>	

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eighth floor reception is open and staffed by Office Support Specialists increases.</li><li>• Updated lactation room for nursing mothers.</li><li>• Budget was fully adopted without any cuts.</li><li>• Staffing is ongoing within the department.</li><li>• Environmental Health –Work is ongoing. Staff continues to respond to complaints citywide. 92 in April, training on Veoci is ongoing and being coordinated by Raquelle Early, and Ebrima Jobe.</li><li>• Community Nursing – Blood Pressure Education Month. Nurse working on blood pressure screening and self-monitoring grant wrote an op-ed in Stamford Advocate promoting the program.</li><li>• Henry Street Clinic – providing all services (TB, STD testing / screening, Well Child, COVID vaccinations / boosters)</li><li>• School nursing – down one nurse.</li><li>• SNAP Program – being upgraded to web based.</li><li>• Celebrating Nurses Week, and Moira Bryson will be having an event for them.</li><li>• COVID – 19 Response – cases are rising state wide. Vaccines offered at all park sites, and Henry Street Clinic. After of June, State will be changing how vaccines are supported. State sponsored sites (testing and vaccination) will be closing. Last date for vaccines will be June 19, 2022. Working with</li></ul> |  |
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<p><b>Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare</b> Mr. Ted Jankowski (Not present)</p> <p><b>Old Business:</b> Mental Health Crisis Update</p> <p>Accreditation Status Update</p>	<p>different agencies so test kits can be delivered to vulnerable populations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact Tracing – Funding available to continue program.</li><li>• Under 5 vaccine may be rolling out in the next month.</li><li>• Emergency Preparedness – Robust MRC program. On-boarded two new people. Working with CERT for a training in June.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth Mental Health Alliance has been rolled out and announced via a press release from the Mayor’s office</li><li>• Mental health first aid training provided for community members. More trainings to come in the future.</li><li>• Communication Committee working on messaging and branding on Mental Health Alliance.</li><li>• School based Health Center – two are being set up: Anchor and Turn of River. Goal is to have one in every school.</li><li>• Community Health Needs Assessment will be completed in July, and collaborating with Stamford Health on Community Health Improvement Plan.</li></ul>	
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<b>New Business:</b> Health Department Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ongoing staffing challenges, but positions are being filled. Two Dental Hygienist positions have been approved and both will be on boarded in the fall.</li></ul>	
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<b>Appeal:</b> There were no appeals		
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<b>Adjournment:</b> Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early