

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
September 8, 2022**

Commissioners Attendance September 2022

Present:
Ms. Lorraine Olson
Dr. Thomas Getreuer
Dr. Tabitha Fortt
Ms. Patricia Parry

Absent:
Dr. Viviane Trinh

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health, Mr. Louis DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Ms. Deborah Clark, Recording Secretary

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| Call to Order | Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:02am. |
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| <u>Topics</u> | <u>Discussions</u> | <u>Actions</u> |
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| Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of June 09, 2022 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to approve with corrections occurred at 9:07am. (Approved 5-0) |
| Correspondence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 172 Sanford Lane, Stamford, CT | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This was an appeal of a Health Department Order. Appeal being heard right after this meeting |
| Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jody Bishop-Pullan is officially the health director. Contract approved July 5, 2022, by the Board of Representatives.• Environmental Health – Met with Viewpoint Cloud representative addressing ongoing issues. Inspections are ongoing. Noise and housing are the primary complaints. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raquelle Early has been training on Oracle system and subsequent staff will be trained as well. Housing Taskforce will be re-implemented.• Interns – Employing more Education Affiliation Agreements with various universities in the areas of Public Health.• Youth Mental Health Alliance – Addressing wellness, prevention, and continuum of care for the prevention of suicide. Taking a public health prevention approach. Working with community leaders, school providers and other agencies. Implementing suicide post-intervention plan that provides community support after a death from suicide and / or an untimely death as well as prevent suicide contagion.• Community Nursing – Down a nurse due to one returning temporarily to nursing in schools. Flu vaccination roll out on September 30, 2022. Taking lead in Monkey Pox response.• School Nursing – Nurses have returned to schools. 5 new nurses have been hired and are in training. Approval for substitution nurses granted by City. SNAP is now cloud based, making it easier to access medical records, and to order medications for school children.• Dental Hygienist Case Manager position has been approved and will be posted.• COVID-19 Response –vaccine clinics have mostly closed. | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Griffin Health and Community Health Centers both contracted with the State to keep their clinics open. COVID-19 testing sites are still running. Demand for children under six (6) months to five (5) years old is quite low. State's figures show a little over eight percent of the pediatric population has been vaccinated thus far.• Health Promotion – Social media works on notifications regarding health issues that can impact the community. Health educator working with various community groups providing training for various programs.• Health Department Lab – Beach water, and tick testing is ongoing as well as mosquito larvicide application.• Emergency Preparedness – Received a grant for a part-time MRC Coordinator to conduct trainings for MRC volunteers, and procure equipment. Grant expires in December 2022. Public Health Emergency Grant has changed in regards to financial support and requirements. State is requiring someone staffed in house on a part time basis to update response plans. City trying to work this out.• Accreditation – Community Needs Assessment has been completed and the Accreditation Application submitted. Copy of the results of community needs assessment plant to be provided to health commissioners. Working with Stamford Hospital for Community Needs Improvement Plan is ongoing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Parry clarified that ticks are sent to Agricultural Station for identification.• Ms. Parry asked for the findings of the Community needs assessment to be shared with the Health Commission. |
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| <p>Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare Mr. Louis DeRubeis</p> <p>New Business: Mental Health Walk Initiative</p> <p>COVID-19 Guidelines in Schools</p> <p>Health Department Staffing</p> <p>Immunizations and Physical Exams for School</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. DeRubeis officially comes onboard as Director in October, 2022. Focusing on staffing under PSHW. • Walks at Cove were held 2x week during the summer. Due to success, Commissioner Olson wants to have the walk again next year, but at an earlier time. • No masks will be required generally. A student who contracts Covid must stay out for 5 days. If testing negative twice on day 5 or later then can come back to school without mask. If still positive on day 5 or later must wear mask in school until test is negative or 5 more days pass. • Administrative – 2 Data Support Specialists have been hired to focus on past due / delinquent accounts under the category licensing of multifamily dwelling. • Physicals for students to return to school have been extended until September 2022. Must show proof of appointment, and appointment must be kept. If appointment isn't kept, student will be excluded from school attendance. Due to unavailable time slots within the community, more appointments are being scheduled at 137 Henry Street clinic. | |
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| Monkey Pox | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There have been some complaints about how hot the classrooms are in some schools. There are regulations for how cold classrooms can be, but none for heat in terms of how hot a classroom is during hot weather.• COVID-19 response funds approved for Monkey Pox.• First case diagnosed in July 2022. There have been under 20 cases, with less than 5 active cases, but there is a 20 day monitoring period after diagnosis.• Limited vaccines available due to low case rates.• Community Health Centers can administer vaccines according to patients meeting criteria. | |
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| Appeals: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 172 Sanford Lane, Stamford, CT | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hearing scheduled for today. |
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Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early