

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
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December 08, 2022**

Commissioners Attendance December 2022

Present:

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

Absent:

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health, Mr. Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Call 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>
Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of November 10, 2022		
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No correspondence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve occurred at 9:05am. (Approved 5-0 with corrections)
Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mental Health Youth Alliance Meeting- a lot of people were in attendance. The presentation was very informative and the mayor was very supportive. Multifaceted approach that focuses on early intervention and prevention that involves the entire community. Held a public forum / conversation that featured panelists and included a	

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screening of the film “Hiding in Plain Sight” by Ken Burns in Ferguson Public Library.

- The alliance is also supporting workshops such as mental health first aid and the QPR suicide prevention program.
- The CDC and State DPH were in Stamford for a week to do a rapid community assessment of early childhood vaccinations. Stamford and Danbury were identified for a pilot program looking at children born in 2018, and turning two in 2020 and behind on their immunizations.
- . Collaborated with various agencies such as Southwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC) which now handles the IAP program that addresses early immunizations, along with in-house Spanish speaking outreach workers on this project.
- Accreditation: Continuing work with Stamford Hospital on the Health Needs Assessment Plan and the Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Staff – Interviewing next week, December 12, 2022, for a Dental Case Manager position.
 - Another Dental Hygiene retirement has been announced for the end of December, and that position will also be posted.
 - School nursing is stable
- Lou is conducting introductions with the departments and familiarizing himself with the roles and responsibilities of those within Public Safety, Health & Welfare.

Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare
Mr. Louis DeRubeis

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Old Business: Infectious Disease Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flu - 546 known active cases, 940 cumulative cases that have been reported via hospital laboratory tests. Half of these cases are youth under the age of eighteen (18). Flu vaccines available at Department of Health Clinic at 137 Henry Street by appointment.• RSV – Cases have plateaued. Mostly children from three to nine. 7 day average, presently 1 case per 100,000. 9 active cases 118 cumulatively.	
COVID-19 Vaccination Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID Cases are being followed. Cases have been steadily increasing throughout Stamford. Thirty (30) cases / daily per every one hundred thousand (100,000).• As of the end of December 2022, Stamford will be losing State sponsored COVID clinics such as the Griffin and Community Health Centers. Health Department Clinic at 137 Henry Street is to continue providing COVID-19 vaccinations. Transitioning to private sector such as pharmacies, and hospitals.	
New Business: City Email Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City attorneys reminded Health Commission to use City email, not personal, for correspondence in the event of a FOIA request, or some other legal matter.	
Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insufficient affordable housing units throughout the City that has reached crisis level. However, Simmons administration is working on a housing affordability plan to combat this problem via rezoning certain commercial areas into residential zones.	

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Stamford Welcome Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commissioner Olsen will be working with Edith Presley to find a space.	
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Appeals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Appeals	
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Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:13am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early