

**Health Commission Special Meeting  
City of Stamford  
DRAFT MINUTES  
January 19, 2023**

Commissioners Attendance January 2023

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, Ms. Brittany Dube, Behavioral Health, Health Promotion, & Emergency Response Specialist, 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>
<p><b>Minutes</b> Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of December 8, 2022</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to approve occurred at 9:10am. (Approved 5-0)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Director of Health Report</b> Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on Mothers and Babies six (6) week program that helps new mothers manage post-partum depression.</li> <li>Received a grant for \$715,000 for Epidemiology and Laboratory to support case investigation, communication, education, and outreach (except for vaccination). Contract being prepared for Mayor’s signature.</li> </ul>	

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- Cases have declined; however, hospitalizations have increased. Community levels are being monitored, older adult population is impacted the greatest. COVID vaccination clinics have been held at the senior center, and in senior housing.
- State has discontinued supporting COVID-19 testing sites ahead of their June 2023 deadline. One state sponsored COVID-19 testing site on Elm Street will remain open and requires health insurance. Payment will be required for uninsured individuals.
- COVID-19 Vaccines are still be administered at the Department of Health Clinic at 137 Henry Street via appointment. Griffin Health is also at 137 Henry Street 2 days a week, Ferguson Library, and at Westover on Saturdays.
- State will be funding federally qualified health center for test and treat program. Only (four) 4 centers statewide. Stamford's is in Family Centers in Greenwich. Community Health Centers has funding through HIRSA.
- Receiving vaccine support / administration grant.
- Infections Disease(s): Ebola outbreak has been declared over and will no longer monitor travelers to/from Uganda.
- Last M-Pox case was reported back in September 2022.
- Community Nursing, Infectious disease, and Well Child program for physicals and immunizations, especially for newly arrived immigrants.
- School Nursing: Ensuring students are compliant with immunizations and physicals.



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<p>Untimely Deaths in Stamford</p> <p>Dept. of Health New Hires</p> <p>Health Commission Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several untimely deaths have occurred throughout Stamford, and the postvention team which is being used more than anticipated. Approximately 6 times so far.</li>   <li>• Department of Health New Hires: Hired a dental case manager, but due a retirement in December 2022, there's a vacancy for a school nurse.</li>   <li>• Thus far, only contains names of Health Commissioner's names alphabetically. Commissioner Olsen wants the Health Commission website to be upgraded to include initiatives such as mental health, homelessness, accreditation, etc.</li>   <li>• General group health commission email: being addressed as to who should respond to questions/concerns from general public.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Appeals:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Appeals</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Adjournment:</b> Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:58am.</p>
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Submitted by: Raquelle Early  
Transcribed by: Deborah D. Clark