

**Health Commission Meeting  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED MINUTES  
April 13, 2023**

Commissioners Attendance

Present:  
Ms. Lorraine Olson  
Dr. Thomas Getreuer  
Dr. Tabitha Fortt  
Dr. Douglas York

Absent:

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

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| Call to Order |  | Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. |
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| <u>Topics</u>  | <u>Discussions</u>  | <u>Actions</u>  |
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| <p><b>Minutes</b><br/>Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of March 13, 2023</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b><br/>60 Harvest Hill Lane, Stamford, CT</p> <p><b>Director of Health Report</b><br/>Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a previously presented appeal that has been advanced to the State level. Therefore, no new action is to be undertaken.</li> <br/> <li>• Health Dept. received 2 grants; First to support Childhood Immunization, COVID, Flu and continued vaccine support. Will start in September. The second is to support workforce development of Public Health infrastructure and to address employee wellness and address staffing shortages.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve occurred at 9:02am. (Approved 3-0)</li> <br/> <li>• No action will be taken until the State makes a decision.</li> </ul> |

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- HR will present a workshop next week exploring Public Safety. Staff are encouraged to participate.
- Student Interns: MPH student from Sacred Heart University and high School student from Mayor's Youth Employment Program will start in May. Interviewing another high school student as part of the 10 Essential Public Health services geared towards workforce development, health education, outreach and other projects.
- MRC - Risk Communication Plan was revised and approved. Training included the Mayor's Public Officer and Director of Public Safety. Training was around mass shooter events and recovery from same.
- Regional Training: On-going.
- Health Promotion: Mothers and Babies Maternal Health program starts on April 14<sup>th</sup> and runs for 10 weeks. 19 participants are signed up for the Post Partum Depression Program. Services are given by our Health Educator and Community nurse. Bi-lingual training will be offered in the next session.
- Jody stated that the Police Dept and Attorney Generals' Office found out that smoke shops in Stamford are selling illegal and non-regulated THC products, marketed towards the Youth.

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- Youth Mental Health Alliance Training has been very successful and continues to provide first aid training.
- Mayor's Youth Leadership Council - Peer to Peer program for juniors, seniors and rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders going forward; to provide support and preparation for high school. Working with Stamford Schools regarding an audit.
- Environmental Health Inspection: Inspectors responded to a hotel fire and assessed damages today.
- Noise Complaints will be pursued in the Spring. Inspectors will respond to ensure people are abiding by the noise ordinance due to an increase in outdoor dining and construction.
- Infectious Diseases: Public Health emergency ends May 11. As of May 11, CT Dept of Health will be making significant changes in surveillance and reporting of data. Reporting positive test results and not negative ones. Focusing more on clusters and out breaks in schools, daycares and other settings.
- Mobile Vaccine Clinic will be ending at the end of June, immunization grant will assist with uninsured adults at the Henry Street facility.
- Staffing Update: Personnel Commission approved PH program manager. Position be posted next

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| <p><b>Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare</b><br/>Mr. Louis DeRubeis</p> <p><b>Old Business:</b><br/>Community Needs Assessment</p> <p>Accreditation Update (Strategic Planning)</p> <p>Health Commission Website</p> <p>School Based Health Centers</p> | <p>week. Moira hired a per diem /substitute nurse to start on Monday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are in the process of filling nursing and hygienist' positions.</li> <li>• No report.</li> <li>• Top 3 priorities identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Behavioral Health</li> <li>○ Access to primary care physician.</li> <li>○ Housing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community Health Assessment was recently completed.</li> <li>• On going, Jody gave a brief update to new, incoming commissioners working with Stamford Hospital for continuous progress. Just applied to the Public Health Accreditation Board for the Readiness and Training piece which will take a year to complete.</li> <li>• Lorraine is currently working with IT to make the website more user friendly and professional; to include individual commissioner's city email and ongoing HC work. Lorraine sought suggestions / input from fellow commissioners.</li> <li>• The goal is to put school-based centers in every school, thereby granting school nurses permission to</li> </ul> |  |
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| <p><b>New Business:</b><br/>National Public Health Week (April 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>)</p> | <p>treat simple medical issues without parents leaving work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each department had a table in the Government Center lobby highlighting their service. We were able to share information on what the Health Department does regarding Immunizations. Suggestion was made to do Blood Pressure screenings at the Veterans Center in the old Town Hall.</li><li>• Continuously meeting with Stamford Health for progress reports.</li></ul> |  |
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| <p><b>Appeals:</b></p> |  |  |
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| <p><b>Adjournment:</b><br/>Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.</p> |
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Submitted by: Raquelle Early