

**Health Commission Board Meeting  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED MINUTES  
June 8, 2023**

Commissioners Attendance June 8, 2023

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

**Absent:**

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

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| 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>   |
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| <p><b>Minutes:</b><br/>Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of May 11, 2023</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>School Based Health Centers (SBHC)</b><br/>Dennis Torres, Director of Family Centers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> <li>• Presentation on School Based Health Centers (see attached)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What is SBHC?</li> <li>➤ Stamford SBHC Sites</li> <li>➤ Our Mission</li> <li>➤ Our Teams</li> <li>➤ The Benefits of SBHC</li> <li>➤ Mental Health Services</li> <li>➤ Dental Services</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve occurred at 9:05am. (Approved 5-0)</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Director of Health Report</b><br/>Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Patent Profiles</li><li>➤ Data FU 2022</li><li>➤ Outcomes 2022</li><li>➤ Is Anyone Better Off</li></ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Health Program Manager position has been posted by HR. This position is to replace the director of Nursing.</li><li>• Internship: Department of Health Fellowship Program through Yale, with funding and stipends. We have 2 interns one with bachelor's degree and the other with a Master's in public health. In addition, 2 high school interns will work for three weeks.</li><li>• Grants: Lot of grants are expiring, working with the Grants department to submit new applications for funding to support the following programs:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blood Pressure</li><li>• Dept of Health Emergency Preparedness</li><li>• STD and TB been expanded for another year.</li><li>• Infectious Diseases are on watch. The State is watching closely for any uptick.</li></ul></li><li>• Immunization and Workforce development funding. Anticipating funding however the State has been slow in providing information for applying.</li></ul> |  |
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- Legislation passed for:
  - Free school meals for all ages.
- Husky enrollment extended age limit from age 13 to 15.
- Tax incentives for grocery stores to open food desert.
- Medicaid coverage for community health care workers.
- Accreditation: 27% of required prep is completed, ahead of schedule.
- Health Promotion - Pride Month: Britany is working closely with Stamford Cares, Norwalk Health Dept and other agencies to put together messaging that serves the LBGT community.
- Social Services: Busy working with HUSKY enrollment and assisting, seniors with rent rebates, beach stickers and other senior eligible services.
- Climate Change Plan: implemented by the mayor and working with Operations and Zoning.
- Infectious Disease: COVID is at the lowest point even though we still on occasions get cases reported.

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| <p><b>Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare</b><br/>Mr. Louis DeRubeis</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our epidemiology update from the State is focusing on Monkey Pox and encouraging vaccination. TB is steady, working closely with Stamford Hospital.</li><li>• Physicals: Moira working with our partners to register children for physicals and immunizations.</li><li>• School Nursing: Two new nursing positions approved in the budget.</li><li>• Lab: working on beach water testing and tick testing.</li><li>• Environmental Inspection: Working on temporary events. Food inspectors working to vet and inspect outside food vendors.</li><li>• Noise complaint: Restaurant/ food establishments and construction site.</li><br/><li>• Updates Air quality issues: Air monitoring in place since May 2022. Readings are higher than normal.</li><li>• Ten monitors in various sites in the city that measure particulate matter in the air.</li><li>• Monitoring Program can advise people with respiratory issues to stay indoors.</li></ul> |  |
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- Mr. DeRubeis and Jody presented to the Public Safety Commission last month regarding receiving a grant to acquire three additional meters, which will be incorporated with the 10 purple monitors. The meters will measure ozone and carbon dioxide in addition to particulate matter.
- Concerns have been raised regarding additional resources to be allocated for maintenance.
- Mr. DeRubeis stated that the Health Department has been messaging the public through social media and the City website for those with pre-existing conditions that make them susceptible to becoming ill with exposure.
- Mayor’s office has put out an emergency alert exploring cooling centers and shelters for vulnerable residents. In addition, Jody stated being in communication with schools regarding end of year guidance for school children.
- Emergency Shelter Planning: (exercise last month). Health Department setting up and operating shelters in case of a surge of migrants coming to the city. Stamford is seeing a steady flows of immigrants through normal channels and working collaboratively with Region One and State in anticipation.
- Stamford Police Dept: held a community Behavioral Health Fair. There were 40 different vendors and organizations to educate the public

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| <p><b>Old Business:</b></p><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><p><b>New Business:</b><br/>Dental Program Space in Stamford Schools</p> | <p>on available resources in support for behavioral and physical issues. Informing the community “No One is Alone.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic Issues: Major project replacing bridge at High Ridge and Wire Mill causing traffic delay especially during rush hour. Anticipation date for wrap up is the end of September to early October 2023. In addition, Cedar Heights city project bridge replacement.</li><br/><li>• None</li><br/><br/><li>• BOE had questions regarding School Based Health Center facility. Dental portion in particular.</li><br/><li>• Dental Program: Expanded to elementary and middle school.</li></ul> |  |
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| <p><b>Appeals:</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Appeals</li></ul> |  |
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| <p><b>Adjournment:</b><br/>Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.</p> |
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Submitted by: Raquelle Early