

**Health Commission Meeting  
City of Stamford  
DRAFT MINUTES  
October 12, 2023**

Commissioners Attendance October 12, 2023

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

Absent:  
Dr. Thomas Getreuer

Guest Attendance: Ms. Ashley Hutchinson, Family and Community Engagement Liaison, Mr. Mike Meyer, Director of Community Engagement, Mr. Ebrima Jobe, Assistant Director of Health, Director of Environmental Health & Inspections, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Call to Order	Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
<b>Minutes</b> Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of September 14, 2023		
<b>Correspondence:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to approve occurred at 9:03am. (Approved 3-0)</li></ul>
<b>Director of Family and Community Engagement Stamford Public Schools Mike Meyer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Homelessness</li><li>• Most families experiencing homelessness have a member with a mental health issue.</li></ul>	

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**Family and Community Engagement Liaison**  
Ashley Hutchinson

**Director of Health Report**  
Delivered by Ebrima Jobe on behalf of Jody Bishop-Pullan

- Numbers have increased from 30 families 2 years ago to 142 this year. May be higher due to being underreported due to stigma.
- Newly arrived migrant families are also at risk.
- Delivered a presentation on the McKinney Vento Law which allows homeless children to have the same access to public education as non-homeless children.
- Administration:
  - Hired a new Manager for Public Health Programs, and she will begin Monday, October 16, 2023. Responsibilities include supporting Leadership Team with Budget, Grants, and lighter projects related to studying and planning Accreditation.
  - Working on EPA Air Quality Grants
  - Social Services: Relocated to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor as part of the Government Center reorganization.
  - Director of Health is serving on the Stamford Health Governance Committee for Monitoring CHIP implementation.
  - MRC PHEP – Health, education, accreditation.
  - Mothers and Babies classes are in progress. Available both in English and Spanish
  - Environmental Inspections:
  - Temporary Events: Ongoing basis. Taking place almost every other week.

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operation Safe House: Between August and September 3 or 4 task force inspections have been conducted in order to identify unsafe housing throughout the city. The task force is comprised of the Fire Marshal's office, Police, Zoning and other agencies.</li><li>• Advisory letters and condemnation orders have been issued for units that are uninhabitable. The process begins with complaints logged into VEOCI regarding unsafe housing.</li><li>• Family Day – Took place September 30, 2023. After 5 years Stamford is resuming community event and will continue annually.</li><li>• Flu Kick off took place on September 30, 2023, during Family Day.</li><li>• Social Services: Engaging community on inner workings of fair housing, and Husky enrollment.</li><li>• Community Nursing:</li><li>• Well Child clinic: conducted 68 physicals, up from 42 last year, and 158 vaccinations, up from 104 last year in an effort to ensure compliance.</li><li>• Covid and Flu: Vaccines available at 137 Henry Street Clinic Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 9a to 2p. Covid vaccines for children are being acquired under the Children Program, and the Bridge Access program for uninsured adults.</li><li>• School Nursing: 2 new nurses have been added and 1 vacancy remains under School nursing.</li></ul> |  |
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<b>Old Business:</b>          <b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infectious Disease: Case Investigation and Outbreak response: Tracking cases and outbreaks. Working with Frank Glago who is the City's Data Analyst.</li><li>• COVID-19 cases: 85 cases as of October 5, 2023.</li><li>• None</li><li>• None</li></ul>	
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<b>Appeals:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Appeals</li></ul>	
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**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early