

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
November 9, 2023**

Commissioners Attendance November 2023

Present:

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

Absent:

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health & Human Services, Ms. Dipika Khushalani, Manager of Public Health Programs, Mr. Mike Meyer, Director of Family & Community Engagement, Ms. Ashley Hutchinson, Family & Community Engagement Liaison, Ms. Elba Sims, Stamford Schools English Teacher, Mr. Myron Smith, Salvation Army, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:08am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of October 12, 2023.		• Motion to approve occurred at 9:08am. (Approved 5-0)
Correspondences	• None	
Director of Family and Community Engagement- Stamford Public School Mr. Michael Meyers	• Health Commissioner along with Mike Meyer is working on the Welcome Center Project.	

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	• Mike Meyer mentioned a meeting is taking place this evening, regarding what to do with the South End Community Center. He thinks it is a potential location as well as the Ferguson Library utilizing their own facilities and services. He also visited Norwalk Welcome Center for reference. • Conducted needs assessment to connect families with resources. • Target population is anyone relocating to Stamford	
Board of Education Monica Lahiri-Hoherchak	• Put together a presentation /slides with stakeholders, including superintendent and her cabinet for review. • Slides are available for review.	•
Salvation Army Major Myron Smith	• Spoke about Salvation Army’s contribution in terms of space and assisting families accessing resources. Was clear that SA only has limited space and limited hours that a Center could operate.	•
Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan	• Introduced Sharona Cowan -Director of Social Services. She gave a synopsis of her division meeting the requirements of the Fair Rent Commission. She summarized aspects of her division i.e., areas of housing, access to health care and assistance for disabled seniors. • Dipika Khushalani - Manager of Public Health Programs and Data needs. She came to us from	

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Americares. She would be assisting in Special projects related to accreditation and supporting management teams.

- Biobot was our wastewater testing provider for M. Pox and COVID Received a grant from NIH for surveillance for illegal drugs in wastewater in order to implement interventions. Stamford is 1 of 70 participating districts in the study.
- Data to be made available in December.
- Working on community events alerting the public about updated COVID vaccines.
- Mayor will hold a forum with Dr. Shah from Stamford Hospital regarding the updated vaccine.
- Health is Wealth Program with UConn and the Mayor's office regarding African America women's health which included Dr. Tabitha Fortt as a panelist.
- QPR training for Veterans at Veterans Center working with the mayor's office on Maternal Health strategic plans and climate change executive order.
- Wrapping up temporary events and making sure all food trucks are licensed and inspected.
- Wrapped up for the Fall, which resulted in some evictions and condemnations. Those impacted resulted in relocation assistance from Social Services.

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	• Focus on administering vaccines at 137 Henry Street clinic. • 62 vaccines were administered at the employee health fair. • Vaccines are offered to uninsured children. • Partnering with Savin Pharmacy to deliver vaccines to Senior housing complexes. Total of 4 complexes so far. • 1 school nurse vacancy. • Acquired Spot Vision screeners. Will purchase another vision screener using grant funds.	
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Appeal: There were no appeals		
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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:14am. Submitted by: Raquelle Early
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