

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
January 11, 2024**

Commissioners Attendance January 11, 2024

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

Absent:
Dr. Thomas Getreuer
Dr. Marc Peyser

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health & Human Services, Ms. Moira Bryson, Public Health School Nurse Supervisor, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Call to Order	Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:12am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of December 14, 2023		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve occurred at 9:12am (Approved 3-0)
Correspondence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None	
Stamford Welcome Center Initiative Ms. Lorraine Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Partners and resources are in place for the health welcome center, but space continues to be a challenge. The Ferguson Library is willing to provide full-time space, but the logistics still need to be discussed.The Commission along with Mr. Mike Meyer and Ms. Monica Lahiri-Hoherchak has	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meetings will be held on January 16th at 11:00am at Government Center and January

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<p>Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<p>committed themselves to attending 2 meetings with Ferguson Library this upcoming week.</p> <p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The budget was submitted yesterday and will be presented before the Boards in March.• Key highlights of the budget include increases in the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Maintaining Software➢ Addressing housing needs for Social Services, including assistance relocations due to evictions and housing code violations. <p>Open Position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Health Educator position is posted, and many applicants have responded. HR is reviewing the applications and will provide a list of certified applicants. <p>Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immunization contracts have been executed.• RFP's have been submitted and vendors been evaluated.• Workforce Developments are under way.• Air quality RFPs are out and in the process of evaluating.• Media – currently evaluating vendors for the media portion as required for the grant. <p>Interns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have two new interns – one from the University of New Haven and the other from University of Bridgeport, both pursuing Master	<p>17th at 10:00am at the at the Main Branch of the Ferguson Library.</p>
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	<p>of Public Health and will be working on various projects.</p> <p>Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnering with Stamford Health Community regarding staffing for community events on projects and outreach. <p>Accreditations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making progress regarding accreditation. We have big projects that have been implemented regarding performance management, workforce development and quality improvements.• Director Jody Pullan stated she is part of the Stamford Governance Community Health Improvement plan for implementation and monitoring the community. <p>Leadership Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The leadership team have been trained in the 6 Sigma which was offered by HR. <p>Workforce Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workforce development is rolling with surveys to support staff retention. The aim is to support staff professional development as well as wellness. <p>Health Promotion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with the Local Prevention Council and Zoning to change the ordinance regarding Smoke Shop and to curb further proliferation of smoke products. <p>Emergency Preparedness:</p>	
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- Finalized medical search plans.
- Doing QPR training at the library for the Public
- Suicide Prevention Training
- Purchased COVID home test kits through Grants to distribute to the vulnerable population.
- Purchased COVID test kits for Stamford public school for the Dept. of Education grant so nurses can send home test kits.

Environmental:

- Always very busy with heat complaints.
- The resignation of the second inspector will have two inspectors down. This will have an impact on the department.

Social Services:

- Rent Rebate ended.
- Medicare enrollment ended in December.
- Every Child Matters – Ms. Maria Milan enrolled 800 children regardless of immigration status into Husky since February 2023.

Housing

- Doing outreach to get the message out to the community.
- Latin Color Magazine is publishing information monthly on housing and tenants' rights in English and Spanish.

Community Nursing:

- COVID and Flu Shots event coming up will be held at Veterans Center at Old Town Hall.

Infectious Disease:

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<p>Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report Mr. Lou DeRubeis</p> <p>Old Business:</p> <p>New Business: School Nursing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID cases are increasing along with hospitalization.• RSV is going down.• Providing immunization to home bound. <p>Contact Tracing Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID cases are increasing.• Many call cases are dropped in the queue. The focus now is on older adults, children, senior housing, assisted living and nursing homes.• We have only 148 known cases but numbers due to increase due to home Kit testing.• Tracking hospitalization more closely.• The CDC has extended the COVID grants. <p>• No report provided.</p> <p>• None</p> <p>• Ms. Moira Bryson, gave a presentation covering the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ School Nursing➤ School Nurse Duties➤ Health Records and Compliance➤ Nursing Treatments in Schools➤ Mandated Screenings➤ COVID-19 Pandemic➤ Professional Development 22-23➤ New Initiatives 20-21➤ School Year to Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. York will share the “Health Educators Symposium Video”. This will provide tools for teachers and educators in 5 different areas that impact learning. He will send a PDF file to Ms. Raquelle Early to share with everyone.
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Appeals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Appeals	
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Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early