

**Health Commission Meeting  
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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>
<p><b>Minutes</b> Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of December 14, 2023</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Stamford Welcome Center Initiative</b> Ms. Lorraine Olson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Commission along with Mr. Mike Meyer and Ms. Monica Lahiri-Hoherchak has</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve occurred at 9:12am (Approved 3-0)</li> <li>• Meetings will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Government Center and January</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Director of Health Report</b> Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<p>committed themselves to attending 2 meetings with Ferguson Library this upcoming week.</p> <p><b>Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The budget was submitted yesterday and will be presented before the Boards in March.</li><li>• Key highlights of the budget include increases in the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Maintaining Software</li><li>➢ Addressing housing needs for Social Services, including assistance relocations due to evictions and housing code violations.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Open Position:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Health Educator position is posted, and many applicants have responded. HR is reviewing the applications and will provide a list of certified applicants.</li></ul> <p><b>Grants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Immunization contracts have been executed.</li><li>• RFP's have been submitted and vendors been evaluated.</li><li>• Workforce Developments are under way.</li><li>• Air quality RFPs are out and in the process of evaluating.</li><li>• Media – currently evaluating vendors for the media portion as required for the grant.</li></ul> <p><b>Interns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have two new interns – one from the University of New Haven and the other from University of Bridgeport, both pursuing Master</li></ul>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the at the Main Branch of the Ferguson Library.</p>
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of Public Health and will be working on various projects.

**Partnership:**

- Partnering with Stamford Health Community regarding staffing for community events on projects and outreach.

**Accreditations:**

- 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.

**Leadership Team:**

- The leadership team have been trained in the 6 Sigma which was offered by HR.

**Workforce Development:**

- Workforce development is rolling with surveys to support staff retention. The aim is to support staff professional development as well as wellness.

**Health Promotion:**

- Working with the Local Prevention Council and Zoning to change the ordinance regarding Smoke Shop and to curb further proliferation of smoke products.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

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- Finalized medical surge 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><b>Director of Public Safety, Health &amp; Welfare Report</b> Mr. Lou DeRubeis</p> <p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p><b>New Business:</b> School Nursing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID cases are increasing along with hospitalization.</li> <li>• RSV is going down.</li> <li>• Providing immunization to home bound.</li> </ul> <p><b>Contact Tracing Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID cases are increasing.</li> <li>• Many call cases are dropped in the queue. The focus now is on older adults, children, senior housing, assisted living and nursing homes.</li> <li>• We have only 148 known cases but numbers due to increase due to home Kit testing.</li> <li>• Tracking hospitalization more closely.</li> <li>• The CDC has extended the COVID grants.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report provided.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Moira Bryson, gave a presentation covering the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ School Nursing</li> <li>➤ School Nurse Duties</li> <li>➤ Health Records and Compliance</li> <li>➤ Nursing Treatments in Schools</li> <li>➤ Mandated Screenings</li> <li>➤ COVID-19 Pandemic</li> <li>➤ Professional Development 22-23</li> <li>➤ New Initiatives 20-21</li> <li>➤ School Year to Present</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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<b>Appeals:</b>	• No Appeals	
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<b>Adjournment:</b> Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.
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Submitted by: Raquelle Early