

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
March 14, 2024**

Commissioners Attendance March 2024

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

Absent:

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health & Human Services, Mr. Mike Meyer, Director of Family & Community Engagement, Ms. Vena Wilson, Recording Secretary

Call to Order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:10am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
<p>Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of March 14, 2024</p> <p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Stamford Welcome Center Initiative Ms. Lorraine Olson</p>	<p>None</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Getreuer and Ms. Olson met with Mr. Duggan who gave them a tour of the space suitable for the Welcome Center. Visitors will have access to the library, computer room and office space suitable for a medical center. • The Ferguson Library will provide homework and computer help. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve occurred at 9:10am (Approved 3-0)

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Mr. Mike Meyer

Director of Health Report
Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan

- Spoke with Ms. Jody Pullan and she suggested moving school registration and immunization as part of the Rapid Community Assessment for Immunizations with the CDC.
- Mr. Meyers stated that Cloonan is also being considered as a welcome center as the school is going to be vacated at some point and has been considered as a future site for the Welcome Center.
- Met with Mr. Torres, Family Centers and he is willing to facilitate the permit process for the medical center to provide medical and mental health services.
- Dr. Getreuer is meeting with Dr. Lucero, this afternoon to have a discussion that Domus is ready to proceed with the Welcome Center.
- A year ago, Social Services was welcomed back as part of the Health Department, integrating there six staff members; whose focus is on housing, access to insurance, support for seniors and disabled adults, relocation, and eviction.
- Due to the need to prioritize housing as part of the community health needs assessment and community health improvement plan, the outreach coordinators will be reporting to the

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- Health Promotion team. Eviction and relocation will be working with the Environmental Health Division.

Budget:

- Our department is scheduled to present before the Boards of Reps and Board of Finance on Marc 25th and March 26.
- Few increases in cost, in some areas of technology and others, but no significant impact.

Staffing:

- Found a health educator and will start in a couple of weeks under the Health Promotion Team.

Infectious Disease:

- Acquired COVID home test kits under a grant, getting those out to the community partners.
- COVID and RSV have low numbers, with about 30 known COVID cases.
- Influenza B is on the rise, as shown in water testing.

Ms. Bishop-Pullan did a presentation on Youth Mental Alliance.

- A new Campaign with the slogan “Dot Carry it Alone. “With a button stating, “Proud member of staff Youth mental health Alliance.”

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Environmental:

- Down two inspectors, promoted two.
- Post Inspector II position, waiting for list from Human Resources.

Housing:

- There have been numerous complaints regarding illegal housing highlighting the need that people to live in safe and healthy environments.
- Planning another Operation Safe House which will include Fire and Police to look at those places.
- General housing complaints on rodents.

Food Trucks:

- Food trucks will undergo inspection on Four Saturdays throughout the month at school sites. Fire and health inspectors will be present on-site for inspection.

Old Business:

- No Old Business.

New Business:

Biobot Presentation by Ms. Bishop-Pullan

Biobot Presentation by Ms. Bishop-Pullan as follows:

Wastewater Surveillance Program

- Wastewater monitoring for Infectious Disease (This program was used during COVID).
- Helps detect and track infections Like COVID 19, Influenza, RSA and M-Pox.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yale Waster through 2/18• County Level CDC waster water trends through 2/22.• Regional Biobot Date Wastewater.• Waste water monitoring for community substance abuse.• National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) wastewater surveillance Program• Biobot Analytics – 12 months contract expired /1/2024 samples are collected every 2 weeks.	
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Appeals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Appeals	
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Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:04am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early