

**Health Commission Special Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
August 03, 2021**

Commissioners Attendance August 2021

Present:
Dr. Thomas Getreuer
Ms. Patricia Parry
Ms. Lorraine Olson
Dr. Viviane Trinh

Absent:
Dr. Tabitha Fortt

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, Ms. Judith Bennett, Director of Nursing and Dental Services

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| Meeting called to order | This is a Special Meeting and only the Agenda items will be covered. | Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:15am. |
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| <u>Topics</u> | <u>Discussions</u> | <u>Actions</u> |
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| New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction to New Staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan introduced Ms. Judith Bennett as the new Director of Nursing and Dental Services.4 new nurses are coming on board for Community Nursing. 2 nurses are hired based on 52 weeks as opposed to a 42-week contract.Additional school nurses being hired to ensure all schools will be covered. Ms. Lorraine Olson expressed concern that each public school should have at least 1 nurse assigned. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Judith Bennett gave her background.There is a new TB nurse.School list with nurse's assignments will be sent to Health Commission (HC) when finalized. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Inspections Positions and Work Issues • Clinic Operations • Religious Exemptions • Dental Hygiene Program in Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director position is still open. Division working to get back up to speed after COVID shutdowns. • Ms. Patricia Parry asked if complaint regarding inspection at the Italian Center has been addressed. • New hires being sought. • Clinic operations included: Well Child – 2 days per week Cocoon Program – Tdap vaccines given STD – 2 days per week TB – COVID Vaccinations • Ms. Patricia Parry asked if the recommendation of the HC – requiring religious exemption form for grandfathered students to be filed yearly – has been considered. • Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan said the program will continue. • Ms. Lorraine Olson asked about the Smiles Program. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gail McRae is Acting Director of division. • Issue addressed. • Uninsured seen for school physicals and vaccinations. TB testing as needed in quantiferon. • Children with latent TB followed here. Adults sent to TB Clinic at Optimus. • Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan has not addressed yet but will speak with Board of Education (BOE) and inquire what would need to be done. • We have 3 hygienist and Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan's former position is open. Dentist coverage 6 hours per week. • There is a state survey done for 2 age groups at selected schools. This will continue. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Reopening• General Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan sad that schools will follow CDC and State guidelines for the use of masks.• Contact Tracers still working. Pop-up clinics for COVID Vaccinations are funded through August 31, 2021.• Dr. Getreuer expressed need to consider new Chair for HC in September. | |
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| Appeal: There were no appeals | | |
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| Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:25am. |
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Submitted by: Patricia Parry