

**Health Commission Special Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
September 16, 2021**

Commissioners Attendance September 2021

Present:
Dr. Thomas Getreuer
Ms. Patricia Parry
Dr. Tabitha Fortt
Ms. Lorraine Olson

Absent:
Dr. Viviane Trinh

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, MS. Brittany Dube, Behavioral Health, Health Promotion, & Emergency Response Specialist, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order	Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:05am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Proposed Action - Approval of the minutes for the Health Commission meeting of June 10, 2021 - Approval of the minutes for the Health Commission meeting of August 3, 2021	- Minutes reviewed by the Health Commission. - Minutes reviewed by the Health Commission.	- Grammatical errors and placement of conversation items moved. Motion to approve as amended occurred at 9:13am. (Approved 4-0) - Motion to approve occurred at 9:14am. (Approved 4-0)
Correspondences	No correspondences	

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Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan	• Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan introduced Ms. Brittany Dube as the Behavioral Health, Health Promotion and Emergency Response Specialist. • Ms. Dube is working with SH on health needs assessment for the City. She will also be promoting monthly health topics. • There were two resignations in School Nursing. • Community nursing is well staffed. Promotion of Clinic services needs to be emphasized. • Ms. Patricia Parry asked if we bill for services at the clinic. • The Laboratory continues to perform the regular services, such as tick identification, rabies, and water testing. The Director of Laboratory also has been providing continued support to the COVID-19 Program. • Ms. Lorraine Olson asked about the hiring of a Dental Case Manager and other positions. • Ms. Lorraine Olson asked about COVID in schools.	• Ms. Brittany Dube describe her job functions, including some work towards HD accreditation and COVID grant management. • Positions will be refilled. • Ms. Judith Bennett, Director of Nursing and Dental Services, and Ms. Brittany Dube will be working together to get the information out. • At this time we do not. • Ms. Patricia Parry clarified tick testing is not done in Stamford but is sent to the agricultural station. • Staffing gaps are in the process of being filled. • COVID testing will be performed weekly on unvaccinated children in schools. Positive cases of COVID should be reported to the Board of Education (BOE) and BOE will work with the School Nurse Supervisor.
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Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Mr. Ted Jankowski Old Business New Business Flu Vaccinations Update on Environmental Inspections (EI) Restaurant Inspections COVID-19 – Booster Doses, Pop-Up Clinics, Tracers	• Mr. Jankowski was not present for the meeting and had not provided a report. • No items to discuss. • Ms. Patricia Parry asked what is the City’s plan for the flu vaccination program. • Ms. Patricia Parry asked what the City is charging for the flu vaccine. • Ms. Parry asked if there are plans to bill the public because Medicare cannot be charged if the vaccine is being given to others at no charge. • Dr. Thomas Getreuer asked is there any update on environmental inspections. • Ms. Lorraine Olson asked if Health Inspectors can conduct an inspection of the Anchor Program, Alternative High School, pertaining to the air quality in the building. • Dr. Thomas Getreuer asked if there were any changes to the COVID-19 program.	• Flu Kick-Off will be held at Henry Street Clinic, Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 10:30am. Employees will be able to receive vaccines at the Patio Café of the Government Center. Public vaccinations will be held on October 16, 2021 and January 22, 2022. • Flu Vaccine is free. • This will be looked into • Routine inspections are being conducted. 731 food inspections have been conducted. 220 environment health inspections have been conducted. • Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan will follow-up to see what can be done. • Focus of the program has been on providing vaccinations under the Vaccine Equity grant that was awarded to the City. Stamford has
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COVID data analysis Leadership on Health Commission/ Voting for Chair	• Ms. Lorraine Olson asked how one can obtain a replacement COVID-19 vaccination card in the event it is lost. • Ms. Parry asked about the data platform created by Columbia presented to the Health Commission in June. • Motion for Ms. Lorraine Olson to become Chair of the Health Commission.	made tremendous strides, almost 80% of residents are fully vaccinated. • The City is working with Griffin Health and Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) to provide vaccines in the neighborhoods. • Contact tracing program puts a lot of time and energy into outbreak investigations and contact cases. • The State has made available access to the public for CT Wiz to retrieve their vaccination data. • DOH and the Mayor have access. • Motion approved. (Approved 4-0)
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Appeal: There were no appeals		
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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:09am.
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Submitted by: Raquelle Early