Commissioners Attendance September 2021

Present:

Ms. Lorraine Olson

Dr. Thomas Getreuer

Ms. Patricia Parry

Dr. Viviane Trinh, arrived at 9:18am

Absent:

Dr. Tabitha Fortt

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Proposed Action Approval of the minutes for the Health Commission meeting of September 16, 2021	Minutes reviewed by the Health Commission.	Motion to approve occurred at 9:06am. (Approved 3-0)
Correspondences 125 Lawn Avenue, Stamford, CT Appeal requested	 Appeal request sent to all Commissioners prior to meeting. Attempt to schedule hearing with appellant not successful. Matter tabled to next month. 	
	 Dr. Getreuer asked if new Commissioners could get copy of Stamford Health Department Health Standards (blue book) 	Ms. Early will provide a copy to the new Health Commissioners.

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Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan	 There were two resignations in School Nursing. Ms. Parry asked if the school assignment list has changed. 	 Currently working to fill vacancies. Ms. Bishop-Pullan will send new list to the Commissioners.
	 Community nursing, Henry Street Clinic is seeing patients and the COVID-19 vaccines are offered at the Clinic. Flu Clinic, open to the public, will be held on October 16 at the Government Center in the lobby. Ms. Parry asked about charge. 	Ms. Bishop-Pullan said there will be a charge.
	 Although Environmental Health continues to be understaffed with Inspectors, they are doing routine inspections, addressing housing complaints, and ensuring that establishments are following proper policies and procedures for licensing. 	
	 Ms. Parry asked how many portions are open. Dr. Trinh suggested using publichealthjobs.org to generate applicants. 	There are three open positions as well as the Director position.
	The Health Department and its partners were recognized by the Board of Representatives for the work to ensure residents in the Community has access to vaccines.	
Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Mr. Ted Jankowski	Health Department requested a new lead testing equipment. This is a capital budget request.	Funding will not be available until next year's budget.

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• FBI crime data recently came in and we've seen a decrease of 7% in crime overall and have ranked 23 rd safest city in Connecticut.		
Car break-ins and stealing catalytic converters on cars are continuing.		
There has been an increase in aggravated assaults/domestic violence.	Working with different groups to address.	
• There have been 6 murders. 5 of these crimes have resulted in an arrest.		
 Partnering with residents and businesses in Stamford, to register their cameras on the Stamford Police Department website which gives PD a matrix of locations where cameras are. 		
 Increased the number of blue light emergency phone towers that are in Parks. Currently putting blue light emergency phone towers at Jackie Robinson and Boccuzzi Parks. 		
Looking to increase the license plate reader programs.		
Mental health initiative efforts are expanding. An effort to make police mental health calls a mandatory reportable event to the state and also mandate follow-up of persons on mental health meds at the state level were unsuccessful.		
 Increased crisis intervention training. 70% of police officers are trained. Mental Health social worker has had over 170 interventions. 		

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	• Mr. Ted Jankowski left the meeting at 10:01am.	
Old Business	No items to discuss.	
New Business Director of Nursing & Dental Services Vacancy	 Ms. Judith Bennett is no longer the Director of Nursing and Dental Services for the City of Stamford Health Dept. effective September 2021. 	
	 The Director of Nursing & Dental Services job description has been amended to require a master's degree in Nursing, Public Health or Public Administration but not a MPH. 	Director of Nursing & Dental Service job is posted on the City's website.
Religious Exemptions in School	 Ms. Parry asked what action, if any, is the City of Stamford considering based on the recommendation of the Health Commission in June 2020 to require annual religious exemption attestation forms. 	Ms. Bishop-Pullan informed the HC that there are currently 307 such exemptions and she is in discussion with the BOE on this matter.
Inspection and Appeal Process	Ms. Parry asked about the new electronic portal the Health Department is using to document inspections, as well as issue orders based on the dates attached to the Appeal received. Also, is the portal linked to the State.	The new electronic portal the Health Department is using is called ViewPoint Cloud. It allows residents to apply for licensing, permits and various services electronically. The Health Department document inspections and writes orders. There is a process of review that does take time. ViewPoint Cloud is not linked to the State.

Automated Zoom Transcription	Ms. Olson asked if the Commission would like to use Zoom transcriptions to record and document the minutes for the Health Commission.	 Several Commissioners felt the Zoom transcription would not compose the minutes in the format necessary therefore are opposed to this.
Appeal:		
There were no appeals		

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:34am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early