

**Health Commission Meeting  
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December 12, 2019**

Commissioners Attendance January 2019 – December 2019

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Barbara Decker (4-2)  
 Dr. Thomas Getreuer (6-0)  
 Ms. Patricia Parry (5-1)  
 Dr. Peggy Cobb (4-2)  
 Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson (3-3)

Guest Attendance: Erika DeBenedictis, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.
<b>Minutes:</b> Minutes of September 12, 2019	Minutes of September 12, 2019 were reviewed	Dr. Getreuer motioned to reconsider minutes. Patricia Parry seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.
<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>No Correspondence</b>		
<b>Director of Health Report:</b> Although absent, Dr. Jennifer Calder left a copy of her report; however, Health		

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Commissioners will review with Dr. Calder in their upcoming January 2020 meeting.		
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<b>Old Business:</b>		
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<b>New Business:</b>		
Relevance of the Health Commission and its future.	<p>Dr. Getreuer stated since the Health Commission's role has been reduced, or removed to where it doesn't have a real role. As a group, Health Commission needs to think about what would they like to do for the Health Department? What would they like the Health Department to do for them? How can they better serve the Health Department beyond just having meetings?</p> <p>How could the Health Commission do anything when they have no legislative authority other than to support the Health Director's initiatives as well as appeals? Appeals process, in Dr. Getreuer's view isn't enough to justify having a Health Commission.</p> <p>Ms. Parry found the City of Stamford Charter from November 15, 2016, the last revision that defined the Health Commission as an "advisory board to the Director of Health regarding health policy issues for the City" as opposed to the old City of Stamford Charter which stated the Health Commission as determining health policy.</p> <p>Ms. Parry recalled three incidences where the Health Commission played an active role:</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) the addition of artificial turf in four locations throughout the Stamford including West Hill, the park by Stamford Hospital and two other locations.</li><li>2) Tuberculosis (TB) testing, and lastly</li><li>3) A chicken pox outbreak in a school</li></ol> <p>Dr. Getreuer's concern is the Health Commission being neutralized by the Board of Representatives. The question Dr. Getreuer posed is if the Health Commission were to ask the Board of Representatives for more authority what specifically would the group look to do?</p>	<p>Dr. Getreuer assigned tasks for each some commissioners:</p> <p>Patricia Parry is to summarize situations that occurred in Stamford where the Health Commission actively participated in.</p> <p>Barbara Decker is to go to the Board of Representatives and the Charter Revision Commission</p> <p>Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson is to explain how she would like to better serve the Health Commission and the Health Department.</p> <p><a href="http://cityofstamford.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=6&amp;clip_id=8891">http://cityofstamford.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=6&amp;clip_id=8891</a></p>
<p><b>Appeal:</b> There were no appeals</p>		

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**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn. Dr. Getreuer motioned. Pat Parry seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:05am

Submitted by,  
Erika DeBenedictis

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