

# Health Commission Meeting City of Stamford APPROVED MINUTES January 11, 2018

Commissioners Attendance September 2017 - January 2018:

Present:

Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson (4-1)  
Dr. Peggy Cobb (3-2)  
Dr. Barbara Decker (4-1)  
Dr. Thomas Getreuer (4-0)

Absent:

Ms. Patricia Parry (4-1)

Guest Attendance:

Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, and Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare

Meeting called to order		Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
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**Minutes:**

Minutes of December 14, 2017	Minutes from December 14, 2017, meeting was reviewed.	Dr. Decker moved to approve the December 14, 2017, minutes with corrections. Dr. Burton-Robertson seconded. Approved unanimously.
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**Director of Health Report:**

Dr. Jennifer Calder	<p>Dr. Calder reported on the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental Hygiene program:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nothing new to report.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Environmental Health Services:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The outbreak investigation that she has been reporting on, is now in compliance.</li> <li>○ The staff was involved in an investigation of an event at the Knights of Columbus; there were of a number of children that were reported sick from that event. Our staff did a full investigation. The State is doing the follow-up. This was a multijurisdictional</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<p>investigation. Dr. Getreuer asked if there is a protocol as to who takes priority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We're working with Mr. Jankowski to figure out what is the most effective and efficient way to continue the Well Water testing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nursing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IAP – Dr. Calder was happy to report and share the results for Stamford State reporting data separating out the Greenwich data. She distributed the 2014 report for Stamford; and stated that not only did we meet the benchmarks, but we surpassed. A work plan that we put together is almost completed.</li> <li>○ Sheltering plans – Ms. Anspach has been working to develop a structural way for nursing to respond.</li> <li>○ Influenza outbreak – we had two nursing homes who had cases, and no deaths. Dr. Calder stated that the CDC recommendation is when you have a case of influenza in a nursing home regardless of vaccinations status everybody should be given Tamiflu as post exposure prophylaxis because we know that vaccines does not work well in the elderly.</li> <li>○ Public Health Education: Working on various topics for Health Days presentations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Calder answered that there is a protocol, in this case it was the State Department of Public Health (DPH).</p>
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- Working on improving the website. The Mayor has a special assistant who is working on databases and how to use them better.
- Public Health Preparedness Plan:
- We're continuing to work on our Emergency preparedness plans, and we have a template on areas that we will like to have Health Department staff trained.
- The new public health grant deliverables have changed.
  - We have had our MRC swearing-in on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We have only one active MRC volunteer.
  - Recruiting volunteers: Dr. Calder is planning to expand our outreach in recruiting volunteers and collaborate with CERTS.
  - Everbridge: MRC volunteers' data has been entered. We are scheduling staff training.

- WIC:

- The Program Nutritionist is no longer working effective December 29<sup>th</sup>. Our lactation coordinator has been filling in and has accepted the position.

- Water:

- We continue with the water management and developing internal policies.

- IRB: Dr. Calder plans to work on the development of an IRB for Stamford Health Department.

- Dr. Calder got a response from the visit to CHC

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	<p>who is looking forward to collaborating with us on writing grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting to move the staff around on the floor.</li> <li>• This is budget season – we are working on the budget for the Health Department. We will be requesting a program expansion for environmental services given the fact of some new initiatives that the Mayor has. The State has adopted the FDA food code effective July 1, 2018, will be fully implemented based on the state timelines.</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dr. Calder explained the FDA food code now standardizes requirements, so each municipality operates under the same code.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We had two community nurses retire recently. We are looking to restructure the nursing division.</li> </ul>	
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**Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report:**

<p>Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health &amp; Welfare</p>	<p>Director Jankowski updated on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illegal housing – the Health Department has taken the lead with illegal housing along with the taskforce.</li> <li>• Smoke detector installation program.</li> <li>• Opioid Epidemic – we have been addressing. In July 2017 our Narcan usage spiked. This past month the numbers dropped dramatically.</li> <li>• Street Smart Initiative concerning pedestrian safety was very successful from a traffic engineering and law enforcement observation. We're still trying to get the public health educator on board. We are trying to increase the</li> </ul>	
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	education aspect. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime is down 25% through third quarter 2017, compared to 2016.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>		
There was no new business		

**Old Business:**

There was no old business		
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**Appeal:**

There were no appeals		
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**Adjournment:**  
 There being no further business before the regular session of the Health Commission, Dr. Getreuer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,