

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
October 11, 2018**

Commissioners Attendance September 2017 - October 2018:

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Barbara Decker (6-2)
Dr. Thomas Getreuer (7-0)
Ms. Patricia Parry (7-1)
Dr. Peggy Cobb (4-4)

Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson (4-4)

Guest Attendance: Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, Michael Toma, General Counsel, and Ms. Deborah Clark, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
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Minutes:

Minutes of May 10, 2018 Minutes of June 14, 2018	May 10, 2018, meeting minutes were reviewed. June 14, 2018, meeting minutes were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to not approve both May 10, 2018, and June 14, 2018, meeting minutes. Dr. Getreuer seconded. Minutes were unanimously not approved.
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Director of Health Report:

<p>Dr. Jennifer Calder</p>	<p>Dr. Calder reported on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dental hygiene program:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Finalized 2yr MOU with UB's Dental Hygiene School.- Met with Stamford Dental Society back in June, 2018 to collaborate on adult oral care along with Nurses.- October 22, 2018, is 90th Anniversary of Dental program. Speakers / guests include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Yoon- Former Stamford health directors- Commissioner Pino and Mayor Martin- Director of Nursing Deidre Anspach has been working to revise the letters dental hygienists send to parents informing them of oral car. 8,000 students/year- First quarter report expect same level of productivity as last year.● Environmental Health Services:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implementing FDA code with State DPH. Waiting for statute to be approved. Made recommendations to Commissioner Pino.- Inter municipal food inspection for food establishments that transport prepared foods	
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- outside the municipality they're located in.
- Food establishments will be registered with State DPH and food codes will be changed.

- Continued work on illegal housing database. Looking into Accela software used by other Health Departments for tracking violations. Ron Miller and Deborah Miller demoed.
\$100k for Health Department
\$1million for entire city. Negotiating price.

- Looked into turn around of outstanding orders. Handed data set to Kathy Payea to put together a report that shows type of order, inspector, how long the order was open. .

- Worked with Legal's Attorney Vikki Cooper to standardize Health Director order letters. Questions remain on condemnation orders and emergency orders, and is the Health Department solely authorized to issue such orders.

- Ron Miller - Director of Environmental Health announced his retirement effective October 23, 2018.
- Debbie Miller will be stepping in as interim Director of Environmental Inspections

● **Laboratory:**

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- Still trying to increase testing. Base on first quarter results, it is anticipated less testing than last year for well water, water potability, and recreational water testing. Anticipating increased water testing in schools.

● **Nursing:**

- Significant improvement with meeting benchmarks is the immunization action plan (IAP) programs for ages 0 – 2 years of age. DPH statistics data for IAP lags 3 or more years at a time. Health Director and Health Commissioner Barbara Decker who's also on the IAP Taskforce worked with Stamford Health Pediatricians to collect data only for Stamford. Dr. Calder anticipates that thanks to protocols and systems put in place, future data for Stamford's IAP should reflect an upward trend in the IAP program.

CT Wiz formerly (CERTS) has been launched. State has modified system the HR 7 allowing a bidirectional flow of data and electronic medical records (EMR) between providers. – Speaks to providers – school nurses throughout the state of Connecticut will be granted access so that if an immunization record is incomplete the nurse can research why, and correct the problem.. Hartford changing statute that allows hard copies of electronic medical records (EMR).

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lead surveillance – 10 years of backlog. Deidre and nurses worked tirelessly to drop numbers of children from 110 children with elevated lead levels to 50.- Lead letters are generated in house.- Shelter planning with nursing team approach. Inservicing on vulnerable populations. Vulnerable populations, as defined by State DPH, are persons with medical needs such as a disability, mental health, don't live in Stamford, or don't speak English.- Met with president of Visiting Nursing Association (VNA) of Stamford.- Empower Map– State application that shows emergency services needed within a certain zip code. Limitations doesn't show Medicaid, and self pay.- Met with DaVita re: sheltering. DaVita has a vast network of providers both statewide and nationally that can be deployed in the event of an emergency. Stamford DPH's regional health care coalition is also tasked with looking into vulnerable populations. <p>● General Department Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nursing is still short staffed. Mrs. Nunn Well child Program.- Programs expected to increase are STD, TB (PPD) (administered through Well Child Program). Anticipating Well Child Program to | |
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increase testing as more and more Stamford residents go to the health department clinic. In process of billing for services. Currently, Stamford health department bills Husky, Flu, Medicare roster, and Medicare full billing. Pertussis vaccines provided through the Cocoon program requires a Provider Agreement explicitly states Pertussis vaccine has to be given to everyone free of charge regardless of insurance.

- Health Education September 2019
 - Great American Smoke Out
 - National Immunization Week
 - Both events listed on Health Department website.
- DPH is reviewing the grant.
- Request for proposal (RFP) for Emergency Preparedness met with Deidre Anspach, Deborah Miller, Dr. Yoon, and Ron Miller
- MRC revitalization – Ad in upcoming CT Public Health Association
- Cleaning up MRC database
- MRC Challenge grant scheduled
- Narcan Training Kits
- WIC transitioned to Optimus Healthcare as of October 1, 2018
- Continuing to work on policies and procedures
- Reviewing fees that haven't been addressed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implemented language translation services - Inter policy revised with Legal. - Improving services – Scanning documents should be available online - Accreditation – eligibility – Stamford population 1 million. - Opportunity for restricting - PHAB Accredits Health Departments. Partnered with Stamford Hospital for the data sample. - Dr. Yoon and Legal working to putting together a MOU for Family Medicine Residency 	
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Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report:

Mr. Ted Jankowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FD/PD exams are open. November 2017 until end of 2018 for FD. October 31, 2018 and closing exam in January, 2019 for PD. - PD – FBI Stats 2nd lowest period - Car break ins still a problem. 	
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Old Business:

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New Business:

Dr. Thomas Getreuer	Movement from a Health Commission to a Board of Health.	Dr. Getreuer proposes continued research on
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	<p>Board of Health Difference between Health Commission and a Board of Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More involved in decision making and health department policy. - Hires / fires Health Directors. - Mandatory term limits. - Fees involved. Initial fee of \$21,000 based on population size. - NALBOH is supportive of boards of health. - City Charter must be amended. - Go through Legal to learn how is Board of Health bonded. 	<p>differences between Health Commission and Board of Health. There is a lot of legal work to be done if the decision is made to become a Board of Health.</p>
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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 11:43 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,