

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
February 11, 2016**

Commissioners Attendance September 2015 - February 2016:

Present:
Dr. Peggy Cobb (5-1)
Dr. Barbara Decker (5-1)
Ms. Patricia Parry (6-0)

Absent:
Dr. Bert Ballin (1-5)
Dr. Edward Schuster (1-5)

Guest Attendance: Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare, Mr. David Knauf, Interim Director of Health and Social Services, Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Roll call of attendees.
Agenda:	The following items are on the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Departments open positions • Tuberculosis follow up • Ongoing progress of SNAP data • Community Needs Assessment • Strategic Plan for the DHSS 	
Minutes:		
Minutes of January 14, 2016	Minutes from January 14, 2016, meeting was reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to approve January 14, 2016, minutes with corrections. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report:

Director Ted Jankowski	Director Jankowski updated the commissioners on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director of Health position has been posted. • Street Smart Initiatives: • Blue Light Emergency Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Jankowski discussed the phone 	Director Jankowski distributed copies of the Director of Health job posting to the commissioners.
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	<p style="text-align: center;">guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameras: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Jankowski mentioned the cameras around the city • Adopt a Fire Hydrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep it clean • Shovel Crosswalk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage residents to shovel • Health Department Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March’s National Nutrition Month. Kick-off scheduled in Stamford Government Center’s lobby on Tuesday, March 1st, 11 AM. ▪ Preparing the budget presentation for the BOF and BOR. <p>Ms. Parry questioned who the hospital should notify in the Health Department if someone is admitted with bedbugs. Is there a case management person. Followed by a discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laboratory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Laboratory continues to participate in STD clinics (3 times/week) and well child clinics. ▪ The Laboratory works collaboratively with the Environmental Inspections Division to investigate lead levels in drinking water and bed bug infestations. 	<p>Ms. Parry stated that there were sidewalks that are not shoveled; particularly where there is public transportation.</p> <p>Ms. Parry questioned if the department budgeted the nurses for SNAP training.</p> <p>Ms. Scott responded that Ms. Anspach, Director of Nursing requested funding for training in the new budget.</p> <p>Ms. Scott stated the hospital can contact the environmental division or our laboratory, who work together to identify and investigate bedbugs.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently, we have approximately 200 residents left on our well water ordinance testing program. ▪ The Laboratory continues to educate and advise residents on public health issues: bed bugs, tick-borne illnesses, lead levels in water, the importance of Radon testing in air and water. <p>○ Nursing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the process of hiring a nurse for a recent retiree. ▪ Community nurses had recent in-service with Lisa Rodriguez about Drill in April. ▪ <p>Ms. Parry mentioned the district's Alternate Routes To Success (ARTS) Program coordinator sent an email to her with concerns about the students having access to a school nurse.</p> <p>○ Environmental Inspections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since December 21, 2015, through February 7, 2016, the Environmental Inspections Division has responded to 20 no heat complaints and 24 housing complaint investigations. ▪ On February 2, 3 and 4 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am we conducted story time reading on lead prevention for six kindergarten classes totaling 119 students at KT Murphy School 	<p>Director Jankowski requested that Ms. Parry forward emails of concerns to him.</p> <p>Mr. Knauf commented about the increase in lead level when homeowners renovate.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From July 1, 2015, through February 7, 2016, we have conducted 937 food service establishment inspections and 169 retail establishment inspections for a combined total of 1106. ○ Social Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting tomorrow at Stamford Hospital on asthma initiative possible collaboration with senior health nurse to do asthma education with the senior population. ▪ Eviction auction next week first one online through auction international. ▪ Access Health open enrollment is over. Official enrollment # isn't available at the moment, but many clients were assisted when glitches in the system create a new application with the same id #each time the client makes changes. Creating lots of confusion when they get multiple letters asking for documents that they already submitted. ○ Emergency Preparedness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on Statewide Medical Countermeasures Dispensing drill. ▪ Working on Statewide EBOLA functional and full-scale exercises. 	<p>Mr. Knauf questioned the restaurant rating system.</p> <p>Mr. Knauf will meet with Mr. Bob Salvi, of Stamford Hospital regarding a multi-community Asthma Initiative.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparing for DPH/CDC medical countermeasures operational readiness review scheduled for March 17, 2016, here at the health department. ○ HIV: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIV has changed their testing from Oral Quick to finger stick. ▪ They have ID, 1 new positive person. ○ WIC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The vacant Program Nutritionist Position is currently posted, and we are looking to fill this position as soon as possible. ▪ The Stamford WIC Program continues to be very busy servicing our caseload with limited staff resources. ▪ The Stamford WIC Program collaboration with SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Education Program) is underway. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program was previously called Food Stamps. The SNAP-Ed program, featuring nutritional displays and workshops offered to WIC Participants, came to the Stamford WIC program on February 1 and will return on February 29 and March 28. The topics are "Get Moving", 	<p>Mr. Knauf strongly recommended that the Department of Health & Social Services find another location for the drill. As school is in session that week. The department is looking into using the CTE building.</p> <p>Director Jankowski will distribute copies of the new outreach brochure to the Health Commission.</p>
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<p>David Knauf, Interim Director of Health and Social Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Strong Bones" and "Celebrate Healthy Meals".</p> <p>Director Jankowski informed the commissioners that it has been reported, Homelessness is down 12% in Stamford.</p> <p>Mr. Knauf informed the Health Commissioners on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zika Virus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Knauf suggested that the health department put a link to CDC on the website. ○ Mr. Knauf will be participating in community outreach at the local library in Darien with the Medical Advisor in March. As a way of getting the message out. • Employment Contract: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Knauf stated that his contract is due to expire at the end of March; he has been asked to extend his contract until June. • Environmental Recreational Shellfishing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Knauf announced he received notice from the Bureau of Agricultural that the State is revoking Stamford's recreational shellfishing privileges. 	<p>Dr. Cobb suggested that the City of Stamford post on their website the number of flu-like symptoms.</p>
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New Business:

<p>There was no new business</p>		
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Old Business:

<p>Health Departments open positions</p>	<p>The open positions were part of Director Jankowski's report.</p>	
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Tuberculosis follow up	Ms. Parry shared copies of a powerpoint presentation given by Sandra Morano, Nurse (Former TB nurse). Ms. Parry discussed the issues that she sees as the current process of identifying TB patients.	
Ongoing progress of SNAP data	There is a teleconference scheduled for Friday, Feb. 12; followed with a scheduled meeting to discuss the data on Feb. 19 th .	
Community Needs Assessment Strategic Plan for the DHSS	Kerri Hagan is reviewing DHSS Community Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan; she has been charged with the task to separate the documents.	Dr. Decker moved to table this item. Dr. Cobb seconded. Passed unanimously.

Appeal:

There were no appeals		
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Adjournment:

There being no further business before the regular session of the Health Commission, Dr. Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Pam Scott

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Recording Secretary