

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
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March 10, 2016**

Commissioners Attendance September 2015 - March 2016:

Present:
Dr. Peggy Cobb (6-1)
Dr. Barbara Decker (6-1)
Ms. Patricia Parry (7-0)

Absent:
Dr. Bert Ballin (1-6)
Dr. Edward Schuster (1-6)

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

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
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Minutes:

Minutes of February 11, 2016		Dr. Decker asked to postpone the minutes to the end of the meeting due to time constraint.
Agenda for March 10, 2016:	<p>The following items are on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Departments open positions • Ongoing progress of SNAP data • Follow up on providing health care for children in the ARTS program • Follow up on reports of reportable conditions for the HD • Number of people signed up for Access Health during the enrollment period • Follow up on Shell Fishing in Stamford • Update on the Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan for the DHSS 	Dr. Decker moved to accept the posted agenda. Dr. Cobb seconded.

Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report:

Director Ted Jankowski	<p>Director Jankowski updated the commissioners on the following items:</p> <p>Department of Health & Social Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March is Nutrition Month; we participated in the Kick-Off on March 1st. There was a nicely written article in 	
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the Stamford Advocate of the event.

- Laboratory:
 - Is working with Environmental Inspection on a Swimming Pool Inspection Program, this is an initiative started by Ron Miller. This is through a new grant that was received.
 - The lab tests recreational waters for Stamford and Darien they are looking at a new technology called a Rapid Test for the beaches. It will result in quicker turnaround times.
 - The laboratory has been testing the lead levels in all city buildings when necessary; they are working hand-and-hand with the Environmental Inspection Division.
- Nursing:
 - We had a TB suspect case that we were investigating. We have tested over 40 test today. We are continuing with our investigations and interviews on the suspect case. Nursing is working closely with the State DPH for continued guidance.
 - Working with Ron Miller, the Nursing, Environmental Inspections and Stamford Hospital on a new Asthma initiative.
 - There were 573 flu vaccines given to BOE employees at their work sites and at a clinic specifically for BOE employees at Ripp. (388 were given in 2014).
- Environmental Inspections:
 - Is working with IT to computerize the

Ms. Parry asked for an explanation of grant? She further stated that the Health Commission discussed sending information to all swimming pools regarding sun protection and melanoma. Director Jankowski will follow up with Mr. Miller for clearer detail about the grant.

Dr. Cobb questioned how this would correlate with the standard method.

Ms. Parry stated it was public knowledge that the suspect case was at Westhill High School and the letter to the parents was on the website.

Dr. Cobb asked if the department can capture a positive outcome of how they are helping the community to make this valuable to in public health.

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cosmetology inspection form. This will allow inspectors to email inspections reports while in the field.

- They are working on the detail and funding distribution for the new Swimming Pool Inspection Program grant.

- Social Services:

- We have the open position

- Personnel:

- The list of open positions in the department is as follow;
 - Nursing (to replace the retired nurse)
 - WIC (Program Nutritionist)
 - Social Services (Case Worker Aide)
 - Environmental (to replace the retired Inspector II)
 - HIV (Seasonal Counselor)

- Budget:

- The Mayor's proposed budget is online

Ms. Parry questioned the funding for the school nurse, and Dr. Cobb asked about the funding for SNAP training.

Director Jankowski told the Health Commission that the special needs nurse remained in the budget.

Ms. Scott reported that we requested funding for SNAP training.

- WIC:

- Is preparing to implement a new WIC

Ms. Parry requested a copy of the Departments budget.

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	information technology program including the changing from the WIC checks to EBT card.	
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New Business:

There was no new business		
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Old Business:

Health Departments open positions	The open positions were part of Director Jankowski's report.	
Ongoing progress of SNAP data	SNAP data funding was discussed in Director Jankowski's report. Dr. Decker and Ms. Parry gave an update of the meeting with Dr. Yoon, and Ms. Anspach regarding the collection of data on the SNAP program and the school nurses input.	
Tuberculosis	Ms. Parry shared comments from a meeting that she attended recently; Quantiferon testing (QFT) could be administered to adults and children, and it is the understanding that the pediatric program for the City of Stamford is not using QFT for kids.	

Appeal:

There were no appeals		
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Adjournment:

Ms. Parry had to leave and quorum was lost; Dr. Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Pam Scott
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Recording Secretary