

# Health Commission Meeting City of Stamford DRAFT MINUTES September 8, 2016

Commissioners Attendance September 2016

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

Absent:  
Dr. Bert Ballin (0-1)  
Dr. Edward Schuster (0-1)

Guest Attendance: Mr. Thaddeus Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, and Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
Agenda:	<p>The following items are added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals for the Health Department, including Accreditation</li> <li>• Drug use in Stamford</li> <li>• Strategic Plans for the Health Department</li> <li>• Format of Agenda</li> <li>• TB Follow-up</li> <li>• Legionnaires Disease</li> <li>• Cooling Towers</li> <li>• Leprosy</li> <li>• Head Lice</li> </ul>	Ms. Parry moved to accept the added agenda items. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of June 9, 2016		Ms. Parry moved to approve June 9, 2016, minutes with corrections. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.
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**Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare and Director of Health Report:**

Director Ted Jankowski and Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health	<p>Director Jankowski introduced Dr. Calder, new Director of Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet and Greet for Dr. Calder – Director Jankowski apologize to the Health Commissioners for the</li> </ul>	
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confusion with the schedule, it had to be scheduled around the Mayor's schedule. Went well and the Press Conference went well.

- Zika – we met with the Governor and DPH recently had a Zika task force meeting, and we do not have a case of Zika in Stamford. The department has been doing a lot of work getting the message out there to the school and the public.
  - Dr. Cobb questioned the kind of pesticide that is used for mosquito control.
- Director Jankowski – gave an overview of changes before Dr. Calder arrived for the efficiency of each department.
  - Department of Health and Social Services has been separated.
    - Dr. Calder is the Director of Health.
    - Social Services have been separated from the Health to obtain more efficiency from the department.
    - Small changes were made to the departments in the Health Dept. Relocated a few offices for efficiency.
    - WIC – the new state program, they are working on the new software program. Dr. Calder stated there were changes in how the state is analyzing their data.

Ms. Parry indicated that the number of WIC participants is down from last year.  
Dr. Calder commented that she like to make decisions based on numbers. She has charged everyone that our next annual report will be more quantitatively driven. As she met each division, it became obvious that their software

Ms. Parry requested a copy of the information that was sent to schools. Dr. Calder informed the Health Commissioners that the letter was mosquito focus not just Zika focus.

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programs may not be able to capture the statistics.

The department does a lot of work, but we do not do ourselves any justice if we do not – if we can share information then we should share.

- Public Health Education – we are trying to look at how we utilize the position more effectively. Working on our block grant that indirectly links us to Accreditation and the Strategic Plan. Dr. Calder will meet with staff and then with the Consultant.

- Dr. Cobb mentioned the change in mindset, to have numbers and make it quantitative. You need examples to demonstrate. To make them think a different way in tracking.

Dr. Calder further commented by having the Strategic Plan it moves us in-line with the requirements of the block grant.

- Dr. Cobb asked for clarification of the block grant. Dr. Calder stated the name of the grant, is the Block Grant. It is a state grant, and the priority was changed to accreditation and skin cancer.
- Ms. Parry commented that the Health Commission has discussed for many years about skin cancer and melanoma.
- Dr. Decker asked what funding is needed to pursue accreditation.

Dr. Calder will get back to the Health Commission with the cost of the accreditation.

Dr. Calder will get a copy of the Accreditation for

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ms. Parry stated that the Health Commission asked to have a copy of the Accreditation.</li></ul> <p>Dr. Calder will find out the accreditation board will walk you through the process so that you do not make any mistake.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dr. Cobb suggested that the department looks to other areas in CT – to find out the best way to go about it.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Public Health Preparedness – we have an upcoming Regional Ebola Drill September 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Calder asked for a tracking system to ensure that we do all the require drills that they want us to do.</li><li>● Nursing – will be meeting about the flu campaign which will be starting September 28<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Calder, Dr. Yoon, and Ms. Anspach will be representing the Department of Health on the opioid task force.</li><li>● HIV Prevention Services – working to create an onsite customer services satisfaction survey, and learning how to analyze the data.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dr. Cobb questioned the Health Department interaction with pharmaceutical companies.</li></ul></li><li>● Laboratory – have been looking at the services that the lab provides, what is done in-house and what is sent out. And a mechanism to increase well water testing.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ms. Parry commented on the</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>the Health Commission.</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">concern of homeowners sharing the results of their well water testing. Is it a requirement to disclose the results when you sell your house?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Director Jankowski continued with the following updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanked David Knauf, the Interim Health Director, who did an excellence job.</li><li>• Kudos to Pam Scott, she held everything together and did a get job. The change we had here, Pam is now in charge of the administrative staff.</li><li>• Shellfish Commission – we have to make sure we provide the testing; that will go through the Health Department.</li><li>• Street Smart Initiative – we are trying to address the issues of pedestrian/bicyclist or drivers fatally here in Stamford.</li><li>• We will test Look Signs, which are decals that go on curbs for pedestrians.</li><li>• Bicycle safety campaign and a Speed enforcement campaign.</li><li>• Video PSA's, we are finishing up with some video PSAs with Hawk signs. The idea is to get you looking at oncoming traffic, rather than just being focused of crossing the street.</li><li>• Share the Road video, making sure people and bicyclist understand what it means.</li><li>• Increasing school-zone signs.</li><li>• Leading pedestrian interval. Our first is at Hoyt and Summer St., allowing the</li></ul></li></ul>	
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	<p>pedestrian to get farther into the crosswalk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian stantions – trying to have the public school incorporate in their curriculum safety for crossing the street as well as driver safety.</li> <li>• CT Transits bus shelters banners – we have funding to put up safety advertisements.</li> <li>• CERT volunteers to get the message out about safety.</li> </ul>	
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**Added Agenda Items:**

<p>TB Follow-up</p>	<p>Ms. Parry reminded the commissioners of a discussion from the Health Commission June meeting that the Health Commission voted and approved a Health Policy for any child in Stamford under the age of 18 that has a positive PPD test be required to have a QuantiFeron. She did not see the letter or a follow-up from the decision that was either written or sent on for action. Director Jankowski commented there was no follow-up; the decision was to wait on the new Director of Health.</p>	<p>Dr. Decker will send a letter of recommendation of a Health Policy for QuatiFERON testing for any child in Stamford under the age of 18 that has a positive TB test to Dr. Calder, Director of Health.</p> <p>Dr. Calder will have a conversation with Dr. Yoon.</p>
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**Old Business:**

<p>Follow up on providing health care for children in the Alternate Routes to Success (ARTS) Program</p> <p>Follow up on reports of reportable conditions for the Health Director</p>	<p>Ms. Parry shared a 2015 email from Mairead Collins, District ARTS School Counselor for the Stamford Public School system. Ms. Collins shared her concern regarding the students in her program; the question was who oversee health issues for the students when they are not in a regular school?</p> <p>Dr. Decker asked Dr. Calder if she is getting the reportable conditions for the Health Director. Dr. Calder responded that is one of the things that she wanted to streamline.</p>	
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The number of people signed up for Access Health during the enrollment period?	Dr. Decker asked if we know how many people have signed up with Access Health. Dr. Calder responded Access Health is under Social Services.	
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**New Business:**

Legionnaire Disease	Ms. Parry stated there is a health advisory for legionnaire's disease of facilities.	
Cooling Towers	Ms. Parry stated there is now a New York State legionnairella and cooling tower notice that just came out. She commented that the Health Commission discussed previously where or not the City of Stamford knows where the cooling towers exist.	
Leprosy	Ms. Parry stated that she heard a report of two children in California in a grammar school with leprosy.	

**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 10:56 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.
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Submitted by,  
**Pam Scott**  
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Recording Secretary