

Health Commission Meeting City of Stamford DRAFT MINUTES October 13, 2016

Commissioners Attendance October 2016

Present:
Dr. Peggy Cobb (2-0)
Ms. Patricia Parry (2-0) arrived 10:15

Absent:
Dr. Edward Schuster (0-2) Dr. Barbara Decker (2-0)

Guest Attendance: Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health,
Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Ms. Kerri Hagan, Public Health Educator, Mr. James Federici, Laboratory Director, and
Emily Provonsha, Transportation Planner

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| Meeting called to order | | Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. |
| Agenda: | The following items are added to the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regionalization of Health Departments • Emily Provonsha, Transportation Planner | Dr. Cobb moved to accept the added agenda item. Dr. Decker seconded. Approved unanimously. |

Minutes:

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| Minutes of September 8, 2016 | | Dr. Cobb moved to approve September 8, 2016, minutes with corrections. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Director of Health Report:

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| Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, Ms. Kerri Hagan, Public Health Educator, and Mr. James Federici, Laboratory Director | <p>Director Dr. Calder, new Director of Health.</p> <p><i>Old Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing: Do we have a School RN for the BOE ARTS program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ARTS program located on Westhill HS campus has 3 nurses available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 RNs are in the main building of Westhill HS ▪ 1 RN is in the SPED (Special Ed program) ○ Students in the ARTS program go to the Westhill HS for services | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social Worker in the ARTS program is familiar with the process ● Environmental Services: Where is the pesticide spray plan and what is the status of review? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently, a mosquito prevention plan is being developed that will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A larviciding component ▪ An aerial spraying component <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Product for spraying ● Triggers for spraying ● Public notification processes ● WIC: What are the WIC enrollment numbers compared to last fiscal year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FY 2015 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015) Monthly average 4,811 ○ FY 2016 (October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016) Monthly average through June 2016: 4,726. Assigned caseload for FY 2016: 4,788. ● Public Health Education: Ms. Hagan addressed the questions that the Health Commissioners asked at the meeting last month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did the health department put up the Skin Cancer signs? Ms. Hagan addressed the efficacy and process of signage throughout the city in beaches, parks and on private property. ○ Follow up with Waterbury and Norwalk Department of Health regarding their accreditation process. Ms. Hagan stated Waterbury is not a Accredited health department. She spoke with the Norwalk Project Coordinator who shared her impression | <p>Dr. Calder commented Ms. Hagan could look into best practices.</p> <p>Dr. Calder said we could look to see if there is existing data and sign of efficacy.</p> <p>Dr. Calder gave the Health Commissioners a copy of the accreditation guide.</p> |
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of the process. It took them about three years from start to finish. They received a grant to help with their fee,

- Cost for Public Health Accreditation
 - 2016-2017 the fee is \$21,000 application, and the annual renewal is \$8,400. This does not include other expenses that are involved with getting accreditation.
- Laboratory: Mr. Federici addressed the questions that the Health Commissioners asked at the meeting last month.
 - Is it required by law to disclose well water testing?
Mr. Federici stated, if you are a private well owner and you have testing done you are not required to share. If you use the city program, that can be made public. Within six months of the sale of that property, the results should be sent to the local and state health department.
 - Review the ordinance in Stamford.
Mr. Federici explained the ordinance is testing through the city laboratory at a discounted price. It is only for arsenic, uranium, and pesticides.
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness:
 - As a follow-up, Dr. Calder reminded the Health Commissioners that the requested copies of the mosquitos letters that were distributed to the schools were emailed to them.
- Strategic Plan:
 - The Department is currently reworking the document as a team. Had a meeting with the consultant and Mr. Jankowski to clarify

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some of the items in the plan. Ms. Hagan is taking the lead on revising the document.

- Latent TB testing guidelines:
 - Dr. Calder informed the Commissioners that we have established a task force with the following individuals;
 - Dr. Yoon, Medical Advisor
 - Dr. Seelig, Department of Health Clinical MD
 - Dr. Parry, ID Chief at Stamford Hospital
 - Dr. Sadeghi, Pediatric Pulmonologist
 - Ms. Anspach, Director of Nursing
 - Dr. Calder, Director of Health

The task force met on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

The Commissioners recommendations were forwarded to the TB task force team.

New Business

- Environmental Services:
 - The appeal for 81 High Clear Drive was canceled at the request of the City legal department.
- HIV Prevention:
 - All of the staff visited with NYC Department of Health Mental Hygiene for an in-service on how NYC conducts their outreach and testing.
- Laboratory:
 - Continuing well water testing, but the number of the request are low.
- Nursing:
 - Flu Kick-Off was Wednesday, September 28, 2016. Commissioner Parry attended the

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event.

- Ms. Parry asked how did the department determine the price they are charging people? It seemed very low.
- Dr. Calder stated we looked at the cost

- Public Health Education:
 - Working on the National Public Health Accreditation deliverables for the grant. We have completed most of them.
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness:
 - Full-scale Ebola drill occurred on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. We were working with State of CT, and Yale New Haven. We had no problems.
- WIC:
 - Staff just completed a mandatory in-service on September 16, 2016.

General issues in the department:

- Met with IT September 21, 2016; we were looking at more efficiencies within the department.
 - Looking at our web page
 - Looking at interfaces
 - Looking at best practices
- Dr. Calder attended the CT Association of Director of Health Meeting – regionalization presentation by Commissioner Pino. She forwarded the draft copy of the regulation to the Mayor and Director Jankowski.
- Water Crisis – Dr. Calder has been working with Aquarion, Director Jankowski, Mayor Martin and our neighboring towns to try and address the water crisis. The Mayor has asked Dr. Calder and the

Dr. Cobb asked to have Director Jankowski provide feedback to the Health Commissioners of what will be the impact to the Health Commission if the regionalization takes place?

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| | <p>legal department to draft an ordinance to address the irrigation systems and instructions to homeowners about shut-offs. Dr. Calder is working on a resolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Representatives committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative Rules – Animal control ordinance ○ Fiscal – grants • Community meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adele Gordon-Community Health centers. ○ Ludwig Spinelli-Optimus. ○ Toured Stamford Hospital. ○ Dr. Calder met with Dr. Schuster. ○ Mandatory Immunization Taskforce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drs. Yoon, Seelig, Calder and Ms. Anspach. ○ Toured the emergency shelters. ○ Met with risk manager – reviewing exposure control plan. ○ Met with City’s Planning Board – Capital Request. ○ New suspect case of TB being monitored. ○ Elizabeth Rodriguez will be the interim Health Director October 16-18. | <p>Dr. Cobb questioned the religious exemption on the physical form.</p> <p>Ms. Parry asked if the City of Stamford have a Notice of Privacy Practice.</p> <p>Ms. Parry questioned Dr. Calder about funding for the SNAP software training in the budget.</p> |
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Added Agenda Items:

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| <p>Emily Provonsha, Transportation Planner</p> | <p>Dr. Decker invited Ms. Provonsha the new transportation planner; to talk about the smart street program and the bicycling pedestrian plan.</p> <p>Ms. Provonsha had to leave the meeting before she could give her presentation.</p> | |
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| Regionalization of Health Departments | There was a discussion regarding the regionalization of the health departments under the Director of Health report. | |
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Old Business:

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| Items to follow up at the Health Commission November meeting | | <p>Ms. Parry requested to follow up on the SNAP training at the meeting next month.</p> <p>Ms. Parry asked to add meeting times to the agenda next month.</p> <p>Dr. Decker suggested meeting with the Mayor to ask for a replacement of Dr. Ballin.</p> <p>Ms. Parry asked for an update of the commissioners' appointment.</p> |
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New Business:

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| Dr. Bert Ballin | Dr. Decker mentioned the passing of Dr. Bert Ballin who served on the Health Commission for 53 plus years, and an outstanding professional. He was a mentor to many of people in town and a very useful contributor. He will be missed. | |
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Appeal:

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| There were no appeals | | |
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Adjournment:

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| There being no further business before the regular session of the Health Commission, Dr. Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. The motion passed unanimously. |
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Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary