

**Health Commission Special Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
September 24, 2015**

Commissioners Attendance September 2015 - June 2016:

Present:

Dr. Barbara Decker (1-0)
Dr. Bert Ballin (1-0)
Ms. Patricia Parry (1-0)

Absent:

Dr. Edward Schuster (0-1)
Dr. Peggy Cobb (0-1)

Guest Attendance: Ms. Anne Fountain, MPH, Director of Health and Social Services, Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety & Welfare

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. Roll call of attendees.
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Minutes:

Minutes of June 11, 2015	Minutes from June 11, 2015, meeting were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to approve June 11, 2015, minutes with corrections. Dr. Ballin seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Director of Health Report:

Ann Fountain, MPH Director of Health and Social Services	Ms. Fountain updated the Health Commission on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight the Flu Campaign kicked off on September 22nd. The clinics dates and times are as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tully Health Center – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thursday Evenings 4pm-8pm September 24th – October 8th ▪ Monday Mornings 8am-2pm September 28th – October 12th ○ Government Center Lobby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thursday Afternoons 12pm - 3pm September 24th – November 5th 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands For Life campaign already trained 5,000 students this week leading up to the main event Saturday, September 26th 9am – 3pm at Westhill High School, Stamford. • West Nile Virus Update, there have been 5 cases reported in CT; nothing in Stamford. We have and continue to larvacide the catch basins. The State is still testing. Ms. Parry stated the Health Commission made a recommendation several years ago that all flyers and announcements from City or affiliate over the course of summer events advise the public to use insect repellent. • The Health Department Strategic Plan will be presented to the Health Commission in October. Ms. Fountain discussed the Community Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Plan. Ms. Parry asked the difference between Strategic Plan and Health Improvement Plan. Ms. Fountain explained the difference between the two. • Health Department Technology upgrades – Inspections Division will be working with IPADs and printers in the field. • New Ordinance – Well Drillers are required to test for Chlordane, Dieldrin and Uranium for all new 1st time well drilling. • September is Preparedness Month – we will have a table in the lobby. • The Health Department will be participating in the following Health Fairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rose of Sharon, September 27th ○ Hispanic Health Fair, October 3rd ○ Stamford Hospital Health & Wellness Expo • October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month • Health Department Personnel issues; we are hoping to fill vacancies. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental Inspector ○ HIV Prevention - 2 PT Outreach Workers ○ Nursing – a Nurse is retiring in December 	
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New Business:

There was no new business		
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Old Business:

Cooling Towers in Stamford	<p>Ms. Parry informed the Commissioners that the City has no way of knowing how many water towers there are in Stamford. This information has never been collected. She feels that we should make an effort to find out how many there are and where they are. Ms Parry said she is aware there are no laws or statutes on the books requiring cleaning or maintenance, but there is an organization that has cleaning and testing recommendations.</p> <p>After a brief discussion, Ms. Fountain stated that she spoke with Mr. DeMarco, Director of Building Department for his thoughts. Mr. DeMarco suggested that the City send out education material in tax bills. Director Jankowski informed the HC that he has sent an email to Mr. DeMarco and Chief Fire Marshal Spaulding requesting their thoughts on collecting this data.</p>	<p>Ms Parry thought educational material in tax bills was a good start.</p> <p>Ms. Parry moved that the HC recommend that the DOH work with building department on a plan to collect data going forward.</p>
School Nurses	Ms. Parry requested an update on the work of our School Nurses with comparative data to past reports.	Director Fountain will have the Ms. Anspach present to the Health Commission in November.
Restaurant Inspections	Ms. Parry requested an update on restaurant inspections with comparative data over the last few years..	Director Fountain will arrange for Mr. Miller to come and present to the Health Commission in the near future.
Health Department Strategic Plan Review and Update		Director Fountain plans to have the Health & Social Services Strategic Plan presented at the Health Commission October 8 th meeting.
Water in Mill River	Ms. Parry questioned the water misters for kids after seeing the kids putting their mouths on the nozzles for drinking. She questioned if the water is directly piped	Director Jankowski responded that the water is directly piped.

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	water?	
Anti-Blight Commission	Ms. Parry informed the Commissioners of a change in the City Ordinance. The role of the Anti-Blight Committee is changing.	
Diabetes Education	In f/u to topic brought us in past about need for diabetes education for families, Director Fountain mentioned she had an upcoming meeting with the Diabetes Association.	Dr. Decker moved to table this item to the October meeting. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.
Healthcare Gap Processes		Dr. Decker moved to table this item to the October meeting. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.
Idling Engine – State Law/City Ordinance		Dr. Decker moved to table this item to the October meeting. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.
Parks – Anti-Smoking Policy	Director Fountain stated there’s a policy in place. Ms. Parry suggested that Commissioner Cobb had some questions and recommended we table the matter.	Dr. Decker moved to table this item to the October meeting. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved 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 10:44 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Pam Scott
Pam Scott/pp/bd
Recording Secretary