

**Health Commission  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED MINUTES  
May 13, 2015**

Commissioners Attendance September 2014 - June 2015:

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Barbara Decker (9-0)  
Ms. Patricia Parry (7-2)  
Dr. Peggy Cobb (8-1)  
Dr. Bert Ballin (5-4)  
Dr. Edward Schuster (4-5) arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Guest Attendance: Ms. Anne Fountain, MPH, Director of Health and Social Services, Ms. Deidre Anspach, Director of Nursing, Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety & Welfare arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.  Roll call of attendees.
Additional Agenda Items:	Dr. Cobb and Dr. Decker requested the following items to be added to the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measles update</li> <li>• Healthcare associated infections</li> <li>• Health Commission June meeting</li> </ul>	Dr. Cobb moved to add additional items to the agenda; Dr. Decker seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of March 12, 2015	Minutes from the April 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to approve April 8, 2015 minutes with corrections. Dr. Ballin seconded. Approved unanimously.
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**Director of Health Report:**

Deidre Anspach, Director of Nursing	Ms. Anspach updated the Health Commission of the tasks of the nursing division. She presented the following powerpoint presentations statistical data.	
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	<b><u>BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC</u></b>		
	2014 Oct/Nov/Dec	2015 Jan/Feb/Mar	
Adults Screened	13	47	
Referrals	2	3	
	<b><u>COCOON PROGRAM/ADULT TDAP</u></b>		
	2014 Oct/Nov/Dec	2015 Jan/Feb/Mar	
Total Vaccines Given	22	20	
	<b><u>IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM</u></b>		
	2014 Oct/Nov/Dec	2015 Jan/Feb/Mar	
Referrals Received	339	281	
# of Children Found	273	199	
Anne Fountain, MPH	<p>Ms. Fountain updated the Health Commission on the following item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget – the Health Department made it through the budget hearings with the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives; the department budget came out untouched. It was Ms. Fountain’s opinion that the department demonstrated how much of the services are mandated.</li> </ul>		<p>Ms. Parry commended the Nurses for all the work they do in the schools.</p>

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**New Business:**

<p>Healthcare associated infections</p>	<p>Dr. Decker stated she viewed the CDC website for healthcare associated infections to see Stamford Hospital performance in comparison to the other hospitals.</p> <p>She commented, there were four measures that CDC 2012 data looked at;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), bacteremia (bloodstream infections) - Stamford Hospital did better than expected</li> <li>2. Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) - Stamford Hospital was in the expected range</li> <li>3. Colon post-surgical infections - Stamford Hospital was worse than expected</li> <li>4. Abdominal hysterectomy post-surgical infections - the number was too small to be significant look at.</li> </ol> <p>Dr. Decker provided handouts, one for catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) – she commented that a lot of Connecticut hospital did worse than expected as well as Stamford Hospital.</p> <p>Ms. Parry noted the data was from 2012. Dr. Decker acknowledged it as the latest data available.</p> <p>Dr. Decker proceeded with the handouts, a letter dated April 2014 from Dr. Bhalla, VP, Quality and Chief Quality Officer for Stamford Hospital to Commissioner Mullen of Department of Public Health. Addressing the colon surgery issues; they recognized the high</p>
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	<p>rate of colonic infections post-surgery in 2012, and they initiated a lot of safety measures. As a result, they saw the infection rate went down in the last part of 2012. There was nearly 70% decrease in colon surgery infection rates since the peak in late 2012 included in the CT DPH Hospital-Acquired Infections Report.</p> <p>Dr. Schuster and Ms. Parry mentioned the increase in taxes for the hospital and the impact on the community.</p>	
Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare	<p>Director Jankowski asked if the commission saw the Street Smart Initiatives – the blinking signs. Dr. Decker responded positively.</p> <p>Dr. Decker questioned the progress of taking pictures of cars that are speeding. Director Jankowski responded no, that has to come through the State of CT.</p> <p>Dr. Schuster asked about cameras downtown.</p>	<p>Director Jankowski informed the commission of the Camera Review Committee (CRC); he further explained that cameras used for surveillance must be approved by the CRC.</p>

**Old Business:**

Health Commission June meetings	<p>The commissioners discussed future meetings. Dr. Schuster expressed his difficulty to attend the morning meetings and suggested having evening meeting. There were other commissioners that express the problem of evening meetings. This discussion will be continued at the June meeting.</p>	<p>Dr. Decker moved to change the June Health Commission meeting to Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.</p>
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**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 6:21 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

*Pam Scott*

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Recording Secretary