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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"> • Measles Update • Hospital inquired for healthcare associated infections • Health Commission June meeting 	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:

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Deidre Anspach, Director of Nursing

Ms. Anspach updated the Health Commission of tasks of the nursing division. She supplied them with statistical data of vaccines.

Non-Compliant Measles and All Vaccine and Physicals								
School	Measles Non-Compliance	Vaccine Exemptions			All Non-Compliance	Non-Compliance		
		Religious	Medical	Physician Pre-S.		Total No. of Students	Physical * per 1000	
ATFE	0	5	0	0	n/a	688	0	
APPLES	0	1	0	0	n/a	154	0	
Cloonan	0	1	0	0	n/a	611	0	
Daventport	0	3	2	0	0	639	0	
Dedden	0	1	0	0	0	538	0	
East	0	1	0	0	0	642	0	
Harshby	0	0	0	0	0	555	0	
NewHart	0	1	1	0	0	643	0	
Northwest	0	6	1	0	0	698	0	
Ripponwarran	0	3	2	0	n/a	749	0	
Rogers	0	11	3	0	0	802	0	
Roxbury	0	5	1	0	0	623	0	
Scoville	0	1	1	0	0	674	0	
SES	0	5	3	0	n/a	1750	0	
Springdale	0	1	1	0	n/a	673	0	
Clark	0	1	1	0	0	696	0	
Stillmeadow	0	2	0	0	0	667	0	
Toussaint	0	1	0	0	0	704	0	
TOR	0	2	0	0	n/a	610	0	
Westhill	0	2	0	0	0	2098	0	
Winstover	0	3	1	0	0	724	0	
Total	0	59	19	0	0	16890	0	
411/ARTS	0	0	1	0	2	n/a	132	12
211/AAI	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	n/a

BREATHE OF FRESH AIR

	2014 Oct/Nov/Dec	2015 Jan/Feb/Mar
Number of home visit	3	5

DENTAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

	2014 Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec	2015 Jan/Feb/Mar
Sealants	88	149
Number of Clinic Patients	99	69
Number of Screenings	4219	2835

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BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

	2014 Oct/Nov/Dec	2015 Jan/Feb/Mar
Adults Screened	13	47
Referrals	2	3

COCOON PROGRAM/ADULT TDAP

	2014 Oct/Nov/Dec	2015 Jan/Feb/Mar
Total Vaccines Given	22	20

IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM

	2014 Oct/Nov/Dec	2015 Jan/Feb/Mar
Referrals Received	339	281
# of Children Found	273	199

Ms. Parry commended the Nurses for all the work they do in the schools.

Anne Fountain, MPH

Ms. Fountain updated the Health Commission on the following item:

- Budget – the Health Department made it through the budget hearings with the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives; the department budget came out unscathed. It was Ms. Fountain’s opinion that the department demonstrated how they are bare bone.

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New Business:

<p>Healthcare associated infections</p>	<p>Dr. Decker stated she looked up to see how Stamford Hospital is doing with the healthcare associated infections.</p> <p>She commented, there are four measures that CDC looks at;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), bacteremia (bloodstream infections) - Stamford Hospital did better than expected2. Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) - Stamford Hospital was in the expected range3. Colon surgeries - Stamford Hospital was worse than expected4. Abdominal hysterectomy post-surgical infections - the number was too small to look at. <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 acknowledges it as the latest data.</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 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</p>	
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	<p>rates since the peak in late 2012 included in the CT DPH Hospital Acquired Infections Report.</p> <p>Based on the conversation with the Commission regarding improvements at Stamford Hospital; Dr. Schuster and Ms. Parry mentioned the increase in taxes for the hospital and the impact on the community.</p>	
<p>Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare</p>	<p>Director Jankowski asked if the Commission saw the Street Smart Initiatives – the blinking signs.</p> <p>Dr. Decker questioned the progress of taking pictures of cars that are speeding. Director Jankowski responded no, that has to come from the State of CT.</p> <p>Dr. Schuster asks about cameras downtown. Director Jankowski responded the traffic for surveillance, Stamford has an initiative. Any spot where we put a camera is not disclosed and must be approved by the Camera Review Committee (CRC).</p>	

Old Business:

<p>Health Commission June meetings</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:

<p>There were no appeals</p>		
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Adjournment:

<p>There being no further business before the regular session of the Health Commission, Dr. Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. Approved unanimously.</p>

Submitted by,
Pam Scott ☐
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Recording Secretary

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