

**Health Commission
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
June 13, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Ms. Patricia Parry, Dr. Bert Ballin, Dr. Margaret Cobb, and Dr. Philip Corvo (late arriving).

Guests Attended: Ms. Nancy Palamarcuik, Mr. James Minor, Esq.

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| Meeting called to order | | Ms. Parry called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. |
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| Additional Agenda Items: | <p>Ms. Parry requested the following items to be added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well Water Testing Result Analysis • Community Needs Assessment • Flu Vaccine - Fall • Asthma Program • Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative • Brief on 'Meth' Scourge • Dental Clinic held in Bridgeport • NALBOH - Address | Ms. Parry moved to add the items to the agenda; Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Minutes:

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| Minutes of May 9, 2013 | Minutes from the May 9, 2013 meeting were reviewed. | Ms. Parry moved to approve May 9, 2013 minutes with minor corrections. Dr. Ballin seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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| There was no correspondence | | |
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Director of Health

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| There was no presentation by the Director of Health. | | |
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Appeal:

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| Massage parlor hearings | | An appeal will heard at the end of the regularly scheduled meeting. |
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| Dangerous Intersections | Ms. Parry indicated that an analysis might be done using minimal data and statistical models and that Dr. Cobb might be of assistance doing this. The suggestion was made that an epidemiology intern might conduct the analysis with guidance from Dr. Cobb. | |
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New Business:

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| Well Water Testing Result Analysis | Ms. Parry brought a 05/26/13 Stamford Advocate article regarding the inability of the HD to analyze the data collected from the Well Water testing program due to a lack of funds. Group discussion brought out the idea of using whatever resources might be available at little cost to design a protocol and database that would allow for some analysis of the data. Dr. Peggy Cobb is well versed in this and offered her assistance to setting up the project. Ms. Parry suggested that there might be summer interns who could assist with putting data into a database so that some analysis could be done. Ms. Parry mentioned that she recalls seeing another article in the local paper about the possibility of the Geologist from UCONN (who was interested in conducting a study on of this matter 1-2 years ago) coming back to the table to again discuss his possible involvement. | Ms. Parry moved that a letter be sent to the Director of Health suggesting these options. |
| Community Needs Assessment | Ms. Parry reminded all that the Community Needs Assessment was completed in 2011 and that a report was given to the stakeholders who participated. Ms. Fountain has reported to the HC that there are committees looking at the data who will be making recommendations about actionable items and Ms. Parry asked that this item (Community Needs Assessment) remain on the Agenda for some reporting on the DOH's analysis at our September meeting. | The HC would like a report on the DOH's analysis of the Community Needs Assessment at the September meeting. |
| Flu Vaccine – Fall 2013 | Ms. Parry questioned whether the HD had ordered flu | The HC would like information regarding the |

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| | vaccine for the Fall and how much. She also had questions regarding vaccine distribution plans for Fall, most specifically with regard to BOE employees, as Stamford Hospital has gotten a request to provide flu vaccine to them. Brief discussion among HC members posed the question as to how much was ordered last year and how much of it was utilized in the 2012-13 Flu season. | 2013-14 Flu Vaccination Clinic schedule and the amount of vaccine ordered. They would also like to know the statistics from the 2012-13 flu season vaccinations. |
| Asthma Program | Ms. Parry noted that the HC has not had any update on the Asthma Program run by the DOH. In the past, she recalls that a grant helped to fund the program but she was not sure that it continues to have funding. | The HC would like an update on the Asthma program activities. |
| Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative | Ms. Parry provided copies of a handout on the “Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative” now in use at Stamford Hospital. | |
| Brief on ‘Meth’ Scourge | Ms. Parry brought an article for the Advocate on the growing meth scourge in CT and wondered if the HC could be briefed on whether there is any impact from this matter on the City of Stamford. If so, what actions might be undertaken by the HD with regard to it. | |
| Dental Clinic held in Bridgeport | Ms. Parry brought to the HC’s attention a free dental clinic that had been held in Bridgeport serving a large number of persons who would otherwise be unable to get dental services. She wondered whether or not any persons from Stamford had been directed to it. | |
| NALBOH – Address | Ms. Parry commented on some interesting articles in the 1 st Quarter issue of NALBOH’s publication NEWSBRIEF. | Ms. Parry will get copies to her fellow commissioners for possible discussion at the September meeting. |
| Appeals & Attorney James Minor: | Ms. Parry introduced Atty. Minor, who briefed the HC on their role in hearing Appeals of orders issued by the DOH. Due to the past and anticipated future legal challenges, he has engaged a court reporter to take minutes and record the hearing. Attys. Mark Katz and Samuel Bernstein will be appearing on | |

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Executive Session:

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| No Executive Session was called. | | |
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Adjournment:

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| There being no further business before the regular session of the HC, Ms. Parry moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. to prepare for the Appeal hearing. |
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Submitted by,

Nancy Palamarcuik
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