

**Health Commission  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED MINUTES  
October 10, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Dr. Barbara Decker, Ms. Patricia Parry, Dr. Bert Ballin, and Dr. Margaret Cobb

Guests Attended: Ms. Anne Fountain, Director of Health & Social Services, Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Ms. Jodi Bishop-Pullan, Dental Hygiene Case Manager, Ms. Toni Parlanti, Dental Hygienist, Ms. Barbara Gavin-Kessler, CEO of Childcare Learning Center, and Ms. Imelda D’Luc, Heard Start Director

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
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Additional Agenda Items:	<p>Dr. Decker requested the following items to be added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Needs Assessment (old business)</li> <li>• Impact of Drug Use in Stamford (old business)</li> <li>• Flu Vaccination Program</li> </ul>	Ms. Parry moved to add the items to the agenda; Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.
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**Minutes:**

Minutes of September 12, 2013	Minutes from the September 12, 2013 meeting were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to approve September 12, 2013 minutes with corrections. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.
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**Correspondence:**

There were no correspondence		
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**Director of Health**

<p style="text-align: center;">City of Stamford Department of Health &amp; Social Services Oral Health Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting the Goals of Healthy People 2020</p> <p>Presented by: Jody Bishop-Pullan and Toni Parlanti</p>	<p>Ms. Bishop-Pullan and Ms. Parlanti presented information about the dental services provided to the schools to the Health Commissioners.</p> <p>Ms. Bishop-Pullan described the scope of the program and the statistical data provided to the State of CT demonstrating the success of our program.</p> <p>Ms. Bishop-Pullan also talked about Healthy People 2020 objectives to increase the proportion of low-income children and adolescents receiving health</p>	
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	<p>promotion and disease prevention, increased access to care and reduction of health disparities.</p>	<p>The Health Commissioners thanked Ms. Bishop-Pullan and Ms. Parlanti for their presentation to the Health Commission.</p>
<p>Director Anne Fountain</p>	<p>Ms. Fountain informed the Commission of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up regarding Community Needs Assessment; Stamford Hospital hired Gregory Kearns to replace Beth Chatty.</li> </ul> <p>The final conclusions of the assessment were presented to SH board at their September meeting, so Director Fountain expects to receive a final report soon that can then be shared with the HC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kiwanis Club will kick-off - Kiwanis Smile October 22, with books and donating a compressor to K.T. Murphy dental clinic.</li> <li>• Health Insurance Exchange enrollment (Access CT) Ms. Fountain announced that Maria Millan passed her exam (for what) and we just received our equipment (laptop).</li> <li>• Well Testing – Ordinance Change Now testing for uranium and arsenic, dropping Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), continuing pesticides. Bids for the Well Water testing will close at the end of October.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Fountain added that everyone should be testing their wells, not just a selected group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitney Bowes has donated four palettes of surgical masks.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hispanic Health Fair, was held October 5th at the Yerwood Center</li> <li>• Harvest Festival, October 19th at the Stamford Museum &amp; Nature Center.</li> <li>• Turkey Trot, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual, November 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Senior Health Fair; we will not host a senior health fair this year. The Health Department has put together a flyer listing a month long program for senior, including flu clinic at the Senior Center.</li> </ul>	<p>Director Fountain will send a flyer of the senior programs for the month (what month – is there a list every month?) to the Health Commission.</p>
<p>Drug Use</p>	<p>Director Jankowski gave an update to the Health Commission regarding the impact of drug use in Stamford. He stated that the main usages of drugs in Stamford are marijuana, crack and prescription drugs (Oxycodone).</p>	

**Presentation**

<p style="text-align: center;">Childcare Learning Center Head Start/Early Head Start Program</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <p>Imelda D’Luc, Head Start Director Barbara Garvin-Kester, CEO: Executive Director of Family Learning Centers</p>	<p>Ms. D’Luc presented background information about the Head Start program that started in the 70’s. They developed a child development program focusing on the child’s school readiness and social confidence and they offer comprehensive services including health screenings (health, vision, height and weight, dental), guidance in obtaining health insurance to the families.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion on the sequestration impact of the Head Start Program. Ms. D’Luc and Mrs. Garvin-Kester explained their creativity to keep the program running. With the reduction in funding they had a reduction in participation in the programs equivalent to one (1) classroom. No children who had been participating in the program were dropped , but they were unable to accept as many new children into the program as would have been possible had there been no sequestration. There is a strong likelihood</p>	
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	<p>that there will be a second round of sequestration in April.</p>	
<p>Health Commission Sponsored Presentation on Health Insurance</p>	<p>Dr. Decker is interested in arranging for speakers on the topic of health insurance and the new Health Exchanges in CT. She has spoken to the organization <i>Voices For Children</i> who have a grant so there would be no charge to speak in Stamford. After discussion with the Director of Health and fellow commissions, she is attempting to set up a public information session.</p> <p>Ms. Fountain has facilitated access to free space at UCONN Stamford for this.</p> <p>Tentative date = week of Nov 11 in the early evening</p> <p>The speakers are mostly child oriented, but hopefully can speak about adult issues as well. insurance</p> <p>A working title will need to be determined. May be best set up as a panel discussion with other groups represented</p> <p>May need tables for other organizations if interest in presence</p> <p>Refreshments – Dr. Decker asked if the HC can request donations from the community? Dollar limits? She will check with Jim Hricay.</p> <p>Publicity – different options were explored (press release, newspaper, Health Department webpage, congressman Himes office, Senator Blumenthal’s office) Who would send out press release was discussed. Dr. Cobb asked if there was an outline for the presentation proposed by Voices for Children that</p>	

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	could be reviewed in advance. Dr. Decker will get it and send to fellow commissioners. She will also attempt to get additional information to help the commission know what actions they want to take in regard to setting up an educational session.	
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Appeal:

There were no appeals		
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Old Business:

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Adjournment:

There being no further business before the regular session of the HC, Dr. Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m., Ms. Parry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
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Submitted by,

*Pam Scott*

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