

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
December 09, 2021**

Commissioners Attendance December 2021

Present:
Ms. Lorraine Olson
Dr. Thomas Getreuer
Dr. Tabitha Fortt
Dr. Viviane Trinh

Absent:
Ms. Patricia Parry

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
<p>Proposed Action Approval of the minutes for the Health Commission Special Meeting of November 10, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes reviewed by the Health Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve occurred at 9:02am. (Approved 4-0)
<p>Approval of the minutes for the Health Commission Special meeting of November 18, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes reviewed by the Health Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve occurred at 9:02am. (Approved 4-0)
<p>Approval of the minutes for the Health Commission Appeal Hearing of November 18, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes reviewed by the Health Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve occurred at 9:02am. (Approved 4-0)
<p>Correspondence 125 Lawn Ave., Stamford, CT Appeal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health Department was notified the Appellant was no longer interested in pursuing the appeal and was not responsive to the Health Commission. The appeal is dropped. 	

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<p>49 Plymouth Rd., Stamford, CT Appeal</p> <p>Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hearing was conducted on November 18. The appellant was granted an extension of time to December 20, 2021. • Ms. Early read through the Director of Health report that was provided by Ms. Bishop-Pullan. • 347 Flu vaccines have been given at employee & community events, as well as on Wednesdays at Henry Street Clinic. • All clinics are running with a total of 548 visits. • There's currently one community nurse resignation for the end of the year, one school nurse position opened and one nurse going on maternity leave in January. • Nurses are seeing 30 – 60 students a day. Some nurses are seeing 60 – 90 students a day. • Ms. Olson stated she's concerned by the overwhelming number of students nurses are seeing daily and would like the Health Department to provide a more detailed report regarding the type of nursing visits. • There is an increase in COVID-19 cases, contact tracing efforts continue. The Health Department has not received as much support from the State.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspector Marjorie Beauchette conducted an inspection to ensure all tenants were vacated. Re-inspection is set to be conducted on December 20 to confirm the bathroom and kitchen are removed.
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Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare
Mr. Ted Jankowski

- Vaccine Equity (VEPF) grant is set to end on December 31. ELC2 grant begins on March 1, with focus on Contact Racing, vaccines, testing and outreach.

- The Health Department is completing shelter plans, as well as reviewing additional plans with *All Clear*.

- MRC/CERT recognition event will be held on December 13.

- The City of Stamford has a new administration.

- COVID 19 Vaccination rates for ages 12 and above is 96%. Second highest vaccination rate State wide. Making good headway with COVID-19 vaccinations for ages 11 and under.

- Opened Disaster Recovery Center for FEMA providing assistance to the over 369 families and businesses who suffered losses due to remnants of Hurricane Ida.

- Pushing forward with grant funding for various projects including a Police Academy.

- Mr. Jankowski announced Ellen Bromley's retirement as Director of Social Services, and promotion of Sharona Cowan as the new Director of Social Services. Ellen will remain as a seasonal employee until Sharona's old position is filled.

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<p>Old Business</p> <p>New Business Introduction of Director of Environmental Health & Inspections</p> <p>Health Department & Board of Education Collaboration regarding Mental Health Crisis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Getreuer announced Ted’s reappointment as the Director of Public Health, Safety, and Welfare. • No Old Business items listed to discuss. • Mr. Ebrima Jobe introduced himself as the Director of Environment Health & Inspections and provided a brief report on the Environmental Inspections division. • Ms. Olson expressed concerns regarding students making threats in schools. In addition having staff members who are equipped to provide mental health services to students. • Ms. Bishop-Pullan met with the Mike Meyer regarding VITA collaborative. • Ms. Olson reached out to VITA and was invited to their meeting scheduled for January 26, 2022.	
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<p>Appeal: There were no appeals</p>		
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<p>Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:28am.</p>
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Submitted by: Raquelle Early