

**Health Commission Meeting  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED MINUTES  
April 14, 2022**

Commissioners Attendance April 2022

Present:  
Ms. Lorraine Olson  
Dr. Thomas Getreuer  
Dr. Tabitha Fortt  
Dr. Viviane Trinh (arrived at 9:06am)

Absent:  
Ms. Patricia Parry

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Call to Order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
<p><b>Minutes</b> Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of March 10, 2022</p> <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>Director of Health Report</b> Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No correspondence.</li> <li>• National Public Health Week showcased our health department staff on social media. Josh Polur and Raquelle Early participated in video for Region 1 highlighting the specialized services offered. Community nurses offered blood pressure screening in the Government Center lobby. Mayor Caroline Simmons visited the department and signed a proclamation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve occurred at 9:03am. (Approved 3-0)</li> </ul>

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- Presented annual Health Department budgets to Boards in March 2022.
- New student intern has come onboard to help with projects and at the clinic on Henry Street.
- Environmental Health - New Inspector II began on March 28, 2022.
- An Inspector I has passed the Septic inspections exam.
- Staff training on internal systems (VPC, Veoci). Will be switching to Oracle system next fall.
- Community Nursing – Down one RN. A School nurse is transferring to fill that position.
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- Blood pressure grant is ongoing until the fall of 2022.
- Clinics are up and running at Henry Street. The Clinic is offering blood pressure screening, and other chronic disease prevention screenings.
- COVID-19 test kits have been sent home to all public school students so students can self-test before returning to school.
- COVID-19 vaccinations sites are still open. Most popular site is Westover School on Saturdays.

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<p><b>Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare</b> Mr. Ted Jankowski (Not present)</p> <p><b>Old Business:</b> Mental Health Crisis Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As per CT State DPH, COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs will be ending June 30, 2022. However, this has been threatened before and funding has been restored before so there is likelihood that funding may be restored this time, as well.</li><li>• Moira is collaborating with community partners for substance abuse education.</li><li>• Emergency Preparedness – Brittany received a \$50,000 grant for MRC, training, and a coordinator.</li><li>• Accreditation – Necessary documents (Community Health Needs Assessment, CHP, and strategic plan) are outdated and require updating. Funding will be via a Per Capita grant.</li><li>• Not available to give a report.</li><li>• Youth mental health alliance – VITA and community health partners have formed many different working groups with various areas of expertise. The Collaborative met with the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Family Centers to get a school based health center in Anchor School and Toquam School.</li><li>• There was a report published in the Advocate newspaper that stated eight schools don't provide sufficient mental health services.</li></ul>	
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<p><b>New Business:</b> Health Commission Appeal Request Form</p>          <p>Health Commission Webpage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raquelle Early and Dr. Getreuer worked together to craft an electronic appeals form so Health Commission can have direct contact with the appellant as opposed to the current method of going through the Health Department. Will be posted on Health Department website.</li> <li>• The Health Commission webpage has been updated to reflect current commissioners. Streamlined folders will improve user friendliness.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Appeal:</b> There were no appeals</p>		
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<p><b>Adjournment:</b> Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:47am.</p>
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Submitted by: Raquelle Early