

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
June 09, 2022**

Commissioners Attendance June 2022

Present:
Ms. Lorraine Olson
Dr. Thomas Getreuer
Dr. Tabitha Fortt
Dr. Viviane Trinh (Arrived 9:10am)
Ms. Patricia Parry

Absent:

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

Call to Order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:05am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of May 12, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve occurred at 9:07am. (Approved 5-0)
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No correspondence. 	
Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Health – Recently passed legislation that takes effect in January 2023 lowers the requirement on reporting blood lead levels to parents to 3.5. More education and outreach will be required of Health Departments. 	

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- Environmental Health Team – Inspectors are responding to complaints relative to noise and housing.
- Adult Health Program (Blood Pressure Screening / Self-Monitoring Grant) – Effective today, June 9, 2022, partnering with barbershops citywide.
- School Nursing – Several have retired. Moira Bryson is conducting interviews to fill those positions. Currently, two nurses have filed for retirement. And some nurses are transitioning from 52 weeks, to 42 weeks.
- COVID response – Park vaccinations will end June 19, 2022. Trailers will be picked up before June 30, 2022. Griffin Health and Community Health Centers will continue to offer vaccines as long as funding is available. Henry Street clinic will continue providing vaccinations.
- Roll out for under five years of age group will commence June 21, 2022 pending FDA and CDC approval. Health department vaccine coordinators are working with Griffin Health, daycares, and preschools to set up COVID-19 vaccination clinics at those sites. Henry Street clinic is also offering COVID-19 vaccines during Well Child clinic.
- Contact Tracing is now Case Investigation and Outbreak Response due to staff downsizing. It continues being funded via grants. Outreach is focused on older adults and children.
- Health Department Lab – Testing is increasing in beach water, and ticks. Larvicide is being spread to control tick.

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- Emergency Preparedness –Brittany Dube procured a grant for MRC Coordination and Training. Working on hurricane preparedness within the community. The Health Department staff attended a hurricane training in preparation for an above average hurricane season.
- Intern(s) – Masters in Public Health intern working on vaping project in conjunction with Liberation House and the Health Department for elementary school students as part of a practicum.
- Accreditation – Almost finished working on Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan with Stamford Health.
- Health Director Bishop-Pullan involved with Social Services putting together a suicide prevention plan, and updating family reunification plans.
- In terms of noise: working with legal on updating policies on noise and Noise Task Force (Inspectors) for compliance. First complaint is a warning. Second complaint is a warning and a fine. Third complaint is losing outdoor dining permit(s).
- Police Department - Helmet giveaway by Stamford Police Association. 500 helmets given away at old Fairway shopping center.
- Fire Department – rolling out public education campaign on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Stamford residents can call for the installation of a smoke and/or carbon monoxide detector free of charge.

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- Panhandling – Residents should donate to non-profit organizations and not give to panhandlers due to public safety concerns. City contracted outreach through Pacific House, Inspirica, and community policing group to address panhandlers and direct them to services they need.
- Downtown Special Service District – expanding campaign to a different location downtown due to success.
- Air monitoring program – Will be rolled out within the next several days. Monitoring at 10 different locations throughout the city based on mapping where asthma rates are high. Working with DEEP, Lab Director James Federici.
- Fixed license Plate Reader Program – Piloting with Stamford Police Department for solving crime along with increasing quality of life. Consists of 30 locations approved by Camera Review Committee.
- Youth Citizens Public Safety Academy- Rolled out at the end of June 2022. It is a collaboration with Boys and Girls Club so kids can participate in public safety to build trust. Can pursue career in public safety.
- Emergency Preparedness – Participated in State EPI exercise in response to the beginning of hurricane season.
- Increased police presence in schools as a response to gun violence taking place nationwide.
- Active shooter protocol – First police officer on scene’s job is to neutralize the active shooter.

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<p>Old Business</p> <p>New Business: Health Commission Summer Break</p> <p>Mental Health Walk Initiative</p> <p>Budget Approval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Director Bishop-Pullan added that Social Services, Emergency Response Specialists, and the Health Department will work together to ensure that there is a regional family assistance center plan in the event of a mass shooting incident.• The Youth Mental Health Alliance will respond to suicide or the untimely death of a student or resident in an emergency response plan implemented by the City. Team made of multiple segments, such as counseling services, faith-based leaders, media response team, nurses, and funeral homes, etc.• No Health Commission meeting taking place in July and August. Meetings will resume September 8, 2022.• As of July 6, 2022 through August, MRC will be sponsoring a walk this summer, 2 days a week, Mondays and Fridays 5pm – 6pm at Cove Beach with Youth Mental Health Alliance. Parking fee will be waived. Volunteers welcome to sign up.• Budget – Fully approved. No cuts. Dental case manager position under Nursing has been reinstated.	
<p>Appeals:</p>	<p>There were no appeals</p>	

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early