

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
May 12, 2022**

Commissioners Attendance May 2022

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

Absent:

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, Mr. Jim Federici, Director of Laboratory, 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>Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Health Commission Meeting of April 14, 2022</p> <p>Correspondence Letter from Sue Halpern to Health Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Halpern, a resident in the South End is complaining of toxic air quality in and around her neighborhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve occurred at 9:03am. (Approved 5-0) • Commissioner Olson referred Ms. Halpern to the Health Department. • Ms. Bishop-Pullan reports placing ten air quality monitors. The Mayor will be announcing an initiative with the State to further monitor the air quality through the DEP.

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<p>Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitted a grant request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for asthma reduction.• Eighth floor reception area is open and staffed by Office Support Specialists.• Updated lactation room for nursing mothers.• Budget was fully adopted without any cuts.• Staffing shortages are ongoing within the department.• Environmental Health –Work is ongoing. Staff continues to respond to complaints citywide. There were 92 in April. Training on Veoci software is ongoing and being coordinated by Raquelle Early, and Ebrima Jobe.• Community Nursing: This is Blood Pressure Education Month. The Nurse working on blood pressure screening and the self-monitoring grant wrote an op-ed in the Stamford Advocate promoting the program.• Henry Street Clinic – providing all services (TB, STD testing / screening, Well Child visits, COVID vaccinations / boosters)• School nursing –Still down one nurse.• SNAP Program – being upgraded to web based.• Celebrating Nurses Week, and Moira Bryson will be having an event for them.	
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<p>Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare Mr. Ted Jankowski (Not present)</p> <p>Old Business Mental Health Crisis Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID – 19 Response: Cases are rising state wide. Vaccines offered at all park sites, and Henry Street Clinic. After June 1, 2022, State will be changing how vaccines are supported. State sponsored sites (testing and vaccination) will be closing. Last date for vaccines will be June 19, 2022. Working with different agencies so test kits can be delivered to vulnerable populations.• Contact Tracing – Funding available to continue program.• Children under 5: Covid-19 Vaccine may be rolling out in the next month.• Emergency Preparedness – Robust MRC program. On-boarded two additional volunteers. Working with CERT for a training in June. • No report • Youth Mental Health Alliance has been rolled out and announced via a press release from the Mayor’s office• Mental health first aid training provided for community members. More trainings to come in the future.• Communication Committee working on messaging and branding on Mental Health Alliance.	
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<p>Accreditation Status</p> <p>New Business: Health Department Staffing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School based Health Center – two are being set up: Anchor and Turn of River. Goal is to have one in every school. • Community Health Needs Assessment will be completed in July, and collaborating with Stamford Health on Community Health Improvement Plan. • Ongoing staffing challenges, but positions are being filled. Two Dental Hygienist positions have been approved and both will be on boarded in the fall. 	
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Appeals:	There were no appeals	
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<p>Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.</p>

Submitted by: Raquelle Early