

**Health Commission Special Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
January 19, 2023**

Commissioners Attendance January 2023

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

Absent:

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health, Ms. Brittany Dube, Behavioral Health, Health Promotion, & Emergency Response Specialist, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Call to Order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:04am.
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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 December 8, 2022</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve occurred at 9:10am. (Approved 5-0)
<p>Correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on Mothers and Babies six (6) week program that helps new mothers manage post-partum depression. • Received a grant for \$715,000 for Epidemiology and Laboratory to support case investigation, communication, education, and outreach (except for vaccination). Contract being prepared for Mayor’s signature. 	

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- Cases have declined; however, hospitalizations have increased. Community levels are being monitored, older adult population is impacted the greatest. COVID vaccination clinics have been held at the senior center, and in senior housing.
- State has discontinued supporting COVID-19 testing sites ahead of their June 2023 deadline. One state sponsored COVID-19 testing site on Elm Street will remain open and requires health insurance. Payment will be required for uninsured individuals.
- COVID-19 Vaccines are still be administered at the Department of Health Clinic at 137 Henry Street via appointment. Griffin Health is also at 137 Henry Street 2 days a week, Ferguson Library, and at Westover on Saturdays.
- State will be funding federally qualified health center for test and treat program. Only (four) 4 centers statewide. Stamford's is in Family Centers in Greenwich. Community Health Centers has funding through HIRSA.
- Receiving vaccine support / administration grant.
- Infections Disease(s): Ebola outbreak has been declared over and will no longer monitor travelers to/from Uganda.
- Last M-Pox case was reported back in September 2022.
- Community Nursing, Infectious disease, and Well Child program for physicals and immunizations, especially for newly arrived immigrants.
- School Nursing: Ensuring students are compliant with immunizations and physicals.

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Accreditation:

Presented by Ms. Brittany Dube

- Moving into next step of the Accreditation process. Community Health Needs Assessment (completed), Community Health Improvement plan (being finalized by Stamford Hospital shortly), and our Strategic Plan (will be commenced). Commencement of a new requirement by the Accreditation Board titled Readiness and Training Process which can take up to one (1) year. The process is composed of a myriad of training that also helps identify gaps and prepares for accreditation which also takes approximately one (1) year. Placing the Health Department on track for accreditation on approximately the end of 2024. Ms. Dube recommends focusing on a monthly basis on the ten (10) domains in accordance with the ten (10) essential functions of public health.

Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare

Mr. Louis DeRubeis

Old Business:

Mental Health Update

- Involved with the Youth Mental Health Alliance, their website is up and running which health commission and health department websites are linked.
- Trainings in Mental Health first aid. Question, persuade, refer. Building community power parents, the clergy. Working with Youth Bureau and Mayor's Youth Council on different projects
- Received funding for School based health centers for Turn of River, and Anchor School to be administered by Family Centers.
- Replacing sidewalks in front of schools.

New Business:

Funding for Stamford Initiatives

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<p>Untimely Deaths in Stamford</p> <p>Dept. of Health New Hires</p> <p>Health Commission Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several untimely deaths have occurred throughout Stamford, and the postvention team which is being used more than anticipated. Approximately 6 times so far. • Department of Health New Hires: Hired a dental case manager, but due a retirement in December 2022, there's a vacancy for a school nurse. • Thus far, only contains names of Health Commissioner's names alphabetically. Commissioner Olsen wants the Health Commission website to be upgraded to include initiatives such as mental health, homelessness, accreditation, etc. • General group health commission email: being addressed as to who should respond to questions/concerns from general public. 	
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Appeals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Appeals 	
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Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Submitted by: Raquelle Early
Transcribed by: Deborah D. Clark