

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
September 14, 2023**

Commissioners Attendance May 11, 2023

Present:
Ms. Lorraine Olson
Dr. Marc Peyser
Dr. Douglas York
Dr. Tabitha Fortt
Dr. Thomas Getreuer

Absent:

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health, Mr. Lou DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety, Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary

Call to Order		Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:01am.
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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 August 10, 2023</p> <p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Director of Health Report Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Getreuer referred suggestions on health issues in Stamford areas to Stamford Hospital. • Environmental has been busy conducting inspections during temporary events. Reinstatement of illegal housing initiative titled Operation Safe House where inspectors, along with Fire and Police, respond to complaints of illegal units as reported by affected tenants during after-hours. Tenants are referred to Social Services for relocation. Thus far, two operations have been conducted: one in August, the other in September. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve occurred at 9:01am. (Approved 3-0)

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- Oracle – Raquelle is working with Oracle team setting up the department for this new system.
- Second round of interviews for the Manager of Public Health Programs position.
- Social Services Division – Merged with the Health Department and is in the process of relocating to the 8th floor. In addition, Enrolling eligible children into Husky regardless of immigration status. Social Services along with representatives for Police and Liberation Programs will be travelling to Canada to learn more about their managed alcohol programs (MAP) in order to employ something similar in Stamford.
- Mothers and Babies program is restarting again. In addition to classes being offered in English, Maria Millan will be offering the classes in Spanish.
- Family Day – Scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2023, which is also the flu vaccinations kick-off.
- Nursing: Hired 2 nurses to fill 2 vacancies due to resignations. One nurse has already started working. The other is due to start in October which brings the number of nurses to 37.
- School Nursing – Ensuring children receive their physicals and immunizations to return / attend school.
- Community Nursing – Ongoing. Administration of childhood vaccinations in addition to COVID-19 and flu. Family Day is also flu vaccine kick-off.

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<p>Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare Mr. Louis DeRubeis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immunizations – COVID-19 vaccines manufactured by Moderna and Pfizer that include the most current variants have been approved by the FDA. These new vaccines will be covered by health insurances for insured individuals and are available free of charge to uninsured / underinsured individuals at pharmacies and will be available (as soon as we can acquire them) at the Health Department Clinic. Grant funding not available for the purchase of these vaccines at this time. Vaccines will be free for uninsured / under insured individuals and those who are insured will be referred by case managers where to go for vaccination. Current vaccines have been discontinued.• Infectious Disease(s) – COVID-19. Slight uptick in cases. 76 active cases. 5.7 rolling average for every 100,000 persons.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- COVID-19 Case Management team – Monitors outbreaks in nursing home facilities and schools, especially particular classrooms where outbreaks may have originated from. A meeting between state DPH and state Department of Education scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2023, regarding providing guidance in the area of school outbreaks.• Spoke in remembrance of Reverend Thomas Jackson’s passing due to a traffic accident involving a police officer. Investigation led by the CT State Police. <p>Staffing:</p>	
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<p>Old Business: Accreditation Update</p> <p>New Business: David Martin Affordable Housing Apartments</p> <p>Mental Health Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Department Chief Trevor Roach is retiring after 36 years of service as of July 1, 2023. • Creating a full-time position for Director of Emergency Management which was held on a part-time basis by Fire Department Chief Trevor Roach to meet the growing population needs of Stamford. • Air Quality – Ongoing. 11 purple air monitors throughout Stamford. Were helpful during the summer wildfires that took place this past June. Grant funding has been received for 3 high tech air monitors. • Food Ratings for Restaurants – FDA food codes don’t give pass/fail for food inspections. Looking to instead provide full food inspections reports online that will be viewable to the general public. Spoke with IT for implementation. • Accreditation – 63% complete at putting together documentation for this process. Brittany submitted for the readiness assessment and information. • Deferred to Mayor’s office. • Stamford Public Schools awarded \$83,000 grant for mental health. 	
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Appeals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Appeals 	
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Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:03am.