

**Health Commission Special Meeting  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED MINUTES  
August 03, 2021**

Commissioners Attendance August 2021

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

Absent:  
Dr. Tabitha Fortt

Guest Attendance: Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Acting Director of Health, Ms. Judith Bennett, Director of Nursing and Dental Services

Meeting called to order	This is a Special Meeting and only the Agenda items will be covered.	Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:15am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to New Staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan introduced Ms. Judith Bennett as the new Director of Nursing and Dental Services.</li> <li>4 new nurses are coming on board for Community Nursing. 2 nurses are hired based on 52 weeks as opposed to a 42-week contract.</li> <li>Additional school nurses being hired to ensure all schools will be covered. Ms. Lorraine Olson expressed concern that each public school should have at least 1 nurse assigned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Judith Bennett gave her background.</li> <li>There is a new TB nurse.</li> <li>School list with nurse’s assignments will be sent to Health Commission (HC) when finalized.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental Inspections Positions and Work Issues</li> <li>• Clinic Operations</li>         <li>• Religious Exemptions</li>         <li>• Dental Hygiene Program in Schools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Director position is still open. Division working to get back up to speed after COVID shutdowns.</li><li>• Ms. Patricia Parry asked if complaint regarding inspection at the Italian Center has been addressed.</li> <li>• New hires being sought.</li> <li>• Clinic operations included: Well Child – 2 days per week  Cocoon Program – Tdap vaccines given STD – 2 days per week TB –  COVID Vaccinations</li><li>• Ms. Patricia Parry asked if the recommendation of the HC – requiring religious exemption form for grandfathered students to be filed yearly – has been considered.</li> <li>• Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan said the program will continue.</li> <li>• Ms. Lorraine Olson asked about the Smiles Program.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Gail McRae is Acting Director of division.</li> <li>• Issue addressed.</li>         <li>• Uninsured seen for school physicals and vaccinations. TB testing as needed in quantiferon.</li>         <li>• Children with latent TB followed here. Adults sent to TB Clinic at Optimus.</li>         <li>• Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan has not addressed yet but will speak with Board of Education (BOE) and inquire what would need to be done.</li>         <li>• We have 3 hygienist and Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan’s former position is open. Dentist coverage 6 hours per week.</li>         <li>• There is a state survey done for 2 age groups at selected schools. This will continue.</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Reopening</li>      <li>• General Discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan sad that schools will follow CDC and State guidelines for the use of masks.</li>     <li>• Contact Tracers still working. Pop-up clinics for COVID Vaccinations are funded through August 31, 2021.</li>     <li>• Dr. Getreuer expressed need to consider new Chair for HC in September.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Appeal:</b> There were no appeals</p>		
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<p><b>Adjournment:</b> Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.</p>
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Submitted by: Patricia Parry