Health Commission
City of Stamford
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October 10, 2013

Commissioners Present: Dr. Barbara Decker, Ms. Patricia Parry, Dr. Bert Ballin, and Dr. Margaret Cobb

Guests Attended: Ms. Anne Fountain, Director of Health & Social Services, Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Ms. Jodi Bishop-Pullan, Dental Hygiene Case Manager, Ms. Toni Parlanti, Dental Hygienist, Ms. Barbara Gavin-Kessler, CEO of Childcare Learning Center, and Ms. Imelda D'Luc, Heard Start Director

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Additional Agenda Items:	Dr. Decker requested the following items to be added to the agenda: • Community Needs Assessment (old business) • Impact of Drug Use in Stamford (old business) • Flu Vaccination	Ms. Parry moved to add the items to the agenda; Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.

Minutes:

Minutes of September 12, 2013	Minutes from the September 12, 2013 meeting were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to approve September 12, 2013 minutes with corrections. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

There were no correspondence		

Director of Health

City of Stamford Department of Health & Social Services Oral Health Program Meeting the Goals of Healthy People 2020 Presented by: Jody Bishop-Pullan and Toni Parlanti	Ms. Bishop-Pullan and Ms. Parlanti presented information about the dental services provided to the schools to the Health Commissioners. Ms. Bishop-Pullan described the scope of the program and the statistical data provided to the State of CT for the success of our program. Ms. Bishop-Pullan also talked about Healthy People 2020 objectives to increase the proportion of low-income children and adolescents for health promotion and	

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	disease prevention, increase access to care, and eliminate oral health disparities.	The Health Commissioners thanked Ms. Bishop-Pullan and Ms. Parlanti for their presentation to the Health Commission.
Director Anne Fountain	Ms. Fountain informed the Commission of the following items: • Follow up regarding Community Needs Assessment; Stamford Hospital hired Gregory Kearns to replace Beth Chatty. Draft presentation was presented to SH board at their September meeting, so they can see report before release. Ms. Fountain did not have any additional information to share. • Kiwanis Club will kick-off - Kiwanis Smile October 22, with books and donating a compressor to K.T. Murphy dental clinic. • Health Insurance Exchange enrollment (Access CT) Ms. Fountain announced that Maria Millan passed her exam and we just received our equipment (laptop). • Well Testing – Ordinance Change Now testing for uranium and arsenic, dropping VOCs, continuing pesticides. Bids for the Well Water testing will close at the end of October. Ms. Fountain added that everyone should be testing their wells, not just a selected group. • Pitney Bowes has donated four palettes of surgical mask. • Hispanic Health Fair, October 5th at the Yerwood Center	

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	• Harvest Festival, October 19th at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center. • Turkey Trot, November 28th • Senior Health Fair; we will not hosting a senior health fair this year. The Health Department has put together a flyer listing a month long program for senior, including flu clinic at the Senior Center.	Director Fountain will send a flyer of the senior programs for the month to the Health Commission.
Director Ted Jankowski	Mr. Jankowski gave an update to the Health Commission regarding the impact of drug use in Stamford. He stated that the main usages of drugs in Stamford are marijuana, crack and prescription drugs (Oxycodone).	

Presentation

Childcare Learning Center Head Start/Early Head Start Program Presented by: Imelda D'Luc, Head Start Director Barbara Garvin-Kester, CEO	Ms. D'Luc presented background information about the Head Start program that started in the 70's. They developed a child development program focusing on the child's school readiness and social confidence and they offer comprehensive services including health screenings (health, vision, height and weight, dental), guidance in obtaining health insurance to the families. There was a lengthy discussion on the sequestration impact of the Head Start Program. Ms. D'Luc and Mrs. Garvin-Kester explained their creativity to keep the program running. With the reduction in funding they had a reduction in participation in the programs equivalent to one (1) classroom. No children who had been participating in the program were dropped from it, but they were unable to accept as many new children into the program as would have been possible had there been no sequestration. There is a strong likelihood that there will be a second round of sequestration in April.	

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Health Commission Sponsored Presentation on Health Insurance	Ms. Fountain has facilitated access to free space at UCONN Stamford for this. Tenative date = week of Nov 11 Speakers from CT Voices for Children – mostly child oriented, hopefully can speak about adult issues as well; how to get health insurance Title – Access to Health Insurance? Defer to Speakers? Panel Discussion – small presentation from each speaker, followed by Q&A Evening presentation – 6 – 6:30pm start - dependent upon UCONN availability. Tables for other organizations – Access CT, Fishman w/Medassist, Maria Millan, Insurance companies involved with ACA (UnitedHealthcare (Husky programs), service providers, etc. Refreshments – can HC request donations from community? Dollar limits? Check with Jim Hricay. Publicity – press release, newspaper article? Publicity on Health Department webpage. Himes' DC office would publicize on their website; Blumenthal's office Pat's sister to write release and Pat to send it out on behalf of the Health Commission … or have PIO from Mayor's office send it out. Mini informational meeting in advance for HC, HD staff w/presentation by one of panelists, so that "we are all on same page".	

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Appeal:

There were no appeals		

Old Business:

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the regular session of the HC, Dr. Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m., Ms Parry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

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