

**Health Commission
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
March 13, 2014**

Commissioners Present: Dr. Barbara Decker, Ms. Patricia Parry, Dr. Edward Schuster, and Dr. Margaret Cobb

Guests Attended: Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Ms. Anne Fountain, Director of Health and Social Services, and Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.
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Additional Agenda Items:	<p>Ms. Parry requested the following items to be added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkability and Urban Transit Way • 2020 Health Objectives • Registration for Health Insurance • Follow-up of the letter to Dir. Jankowski re: shoveling snow from sidewalk • Health Commission meeting time – potential change in the meeting time. • Community Health Needs (Tinetti’s Article) • Dr. Yoon regarding the SNAP Program • Measles • Sudden Cardiac Arrest - Hypertension • Budget for FY 2014-2015 • Population Health • Hepatitis C 	Ms. Parry moved to add the items to the agenda; Dr. Decker seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Minutes:

Minutes of February 20, 2014	Minutes from the February 20, 2014 meeting were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to approve February 20, 2014 minutes with corrections. Dr. Decker seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Dir. of Public Safety, Health and Welfare

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Public Safety	<p>improving safety.</p> <p>Director Jankowski said the DUI campaign was successful; there were fewer DUI arrests for the month of December.</p>	
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Director of Health Report

Anne Fountain, MPH

	<p>Ms. Fountain distributed copies the Health Department’s FY14-15 budget; and she updated on the following events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shamrock Stroll, Sunday, March 16th • Ms. Fountain will be issuing a Press Release on Well Water testing and the findings of uranium, March 14th <p>Ms. Fountain informed the HC of the Mayor’s request to test wells before and after treatment, and she distributed FACT sheets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She informed the HC that the HD is scheduled present our budget to the BOF, March 18th; followed by a discussion of the department’s request for two positions as well as funding to support a new food training program. <p>Ms. Parry asked, if funding for SNAP is included in the budget. Ms. Fountain responded she will ask for additional appropriation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Insurance – we are continuing to enroll people for the Access Healthcare CT <p>Dr. Decker said she saw an article that says CT reached 123% of its sign-up goal for health insurance.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding the outcome of treatment for patients.</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu update – the State has reported 4000 cases and the City reported 250 positive tests in February. • A Mental Health Summit with the BOE in collaboration with providers of mental health care to adolescents and school age children will be held on March 17th, 12:30 – 2:30 at UCONN Gen Re Auditorium. 	
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Old Business

<p>Community Health Needs and Population Health</p>	<p>Dr. Decker mentioned a follow up from the HC February meeting regarding the HD querying physician about their practices.</p> <p>Ms. Parry explained this was a discussion from the researcher (Mary Tinetti) from Yale who studied falls in the elderly.</p> <p>Ms. Parry stated the principle of this article was: Can the HC/HD do something if there is a particular need from the Community Health Needs that they would like to address. Are there some questions that can be given to the physicians to ask when they see their patients?</p> <p>The question for Ms. Fountain was, Is there anything that the HD identifies with?</p> <p>Ms. Fountain stated, the hospital is leading the charge and there is collaboration with community partners.</p>	
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New Business

<p>Hypertension</p>	<p>Ms. Parry distributed an article that Dr. Schuster shared with her that was published in the Hartford Courant – <i>Hypertension Disparities Widen For Black Women In State.</i></p>	
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	<p>Dr. Schuster talked about hypertension being one of the top killer, noting African American women are the most poorly treated and have the highest complication rates and this is something that could be raise with the community to get people excited. The thought is to do something to raise awareness next year.</p> <p>Ms. Parry shared a newspaper article about a bill that is has been introduced in Hartford and is being pushed by a father who son died on a treadmill when he was training for his team sport. The father wants something done to prevent sudden cardiac death in kids that are athletes. Ms. Parry stated that Dr. Schuster spoke about this a couple of years ago at the hospital. The issue is they want EKG's done on the children, parents educated and AEDs for every sports team.</p> <p>Dr. Schuster commented that the City of Stamford was one of the first Cities in the State to have AEDs in every school, and now every police car.</p>	<p>The HC will send a letter to the editor in response to the recent article regarding the potential bill in Hartford; stating what Stamford has already done.</p>
Measles	<p>Ms. Parry stated there were two cases reported in Fairfield County.2 cases of what?</p> <p>Ms. Fountain stated that the State takes the lead in these cases.</p>	
Hepatitis	<p>Dr. Schuster commented that Hepatitis C will be one of our most deadly problems in the next 10 years.</p>	<p>Dr. Decker will invite Dr. Sheinbaum to the next HC meeting.</p>
Health Commission meeting schedule	<p>There was a discussion regarding new meeting time and day.</p>	<p>Dr. Decker made a motion to schedule the April 10th HC meeting at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.</p>

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the regular session of the HC, Ms. Parry moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m., Dr. Decker seconded. The

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motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Pam Scott
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Recording Secretary

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