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**Board of Health Commissioners**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 14, 2024**

**Present:** Dr. Frank Mongillo, Dr. Darnell Young, Alice Forrester, Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur

**Staff:** Maritza Bond, Director of Health, Damaris Velez, Office Manager

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**Call to Order:**

Commissioner Chair Young called the meeting to order at 5:47PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes could not be approved because the board did not have a quorum.

**Public Comments or Statements:**

No public comments or statements

**Health Administration Updates:**

Director Bond provided an update on The Departments ARPA Projects. The Department is going to distribute the funds to 5 entities to work on opioid awareness.

The Department's current operating budget is \$35 million in grants and \$5.9 million in General Funds. The Department has requested 3 new Senior Sanitarian positions. The department is working on setting up a partnership with IRIS to provide vaccines and physicals to immigrants and refugees arriving in CT.

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The Department is working on filling vacant positions, 2 navigators and 2 Public Health nurses have been recently hired. The Department is going to meet with Human Resources to discuss the possibility of offering bonuses to new staff as there are still several open positions.

Director Bond gave an overview of the outreach efforts conducted by the different programs withing The Department. The Health and Wellness Center has officially opened. It is currently open for STI and physicals 2 times a week, The Department is working to re-open 5 days a week. A new inventory management tool has been developed and is currently being implemented.

The March meeting will be cancelled to allow for time to onboard 2 new board members. The April meeting will be held in person at the Health Department office.

Commissioner Jackson-McArthur would like the Board to think about and discuss access youth in New Haven have to smoke shops and vapes. How can The Department assist with awareness in the community?

Commissioner Forrester moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM. Commission Chair Young seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled in person for April 10, 2024.

Attest:

Damaris Velez

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Office Manager

2/24/2024

Date

Approved:

Darnell Young

Darnell Young, Chair  
Board of Health Commissioners

4/10/2024

Date