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Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
City Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
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March 26, 2012 1

Re: Health & Human Services Department Monthly Report

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the City Council:

The December 2011 Health & Human Services Department monthly report is provided for your review. Detailed reports are attached for each Division, including the Housing, Food Service, Social Services, Women Infants & Children, School Based Health Centers and Environmental Health which identify specific inspections, tasks and hours provided by our staff. The Department also receives and responds to resident communications through the new *City Line* 311 customer service line and the electronic Q-Alert system. Should you have any questions regarding these issues, feel free to contact myself or each Division Head directly.

### Main Topics

On March 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, a total of 2,008 people received approximately \$1.3 million worth of free dental care during the Mission for Mercy clinic ( [http://cfdo.org/cfdo1\\_ctmom.html](http://cfdo.org/cfdo1_ctmom.html) ) held at the O'Neil Center at WCSU. More than 800 patients were from Danbury and about 1,600 volunteers worked for 4 days for set up, operations and breakdown to ensure the event was a success. The clinic was supported by the organizers of the City of Danbury's Project Homeless Connect Team, America's Dentists Care, the CT State Dental Association and the CT Foundation for Dental Outreach. The Danbury WIC Program is now located at 80 Main St., Danbury, CT. You are encouraged to review all the information for each Division, as it provides details concerning ongoing activities. Also, I thank you for giving the Health & Human Services Department the opportunity to serve the Citizens of Danbury and feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Scott T. LeRoy, MPH, MS  
Director of Health & Human Services

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TO: Danbury City Council

FROM: Daniel Baroody, Associate Director

RE: Monthly Status Report – Housing, Food Service & Environmental Health Division  
February, 2012

## FEBRUARY 2012

### Housing, Food Service & Environmental Division Combined Stats Report

Inspection / Hours	February 2012	Year to Date (fiscal)
Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness (hours)	159	1,548
Wetlands / Water Resources (hours)	104	1,036
# Land Use Evaluations (Septic Systems and Well Water Supply)	72	678
# Housing Inspections	73	558
# Food Service Inspections	86	1,109
# General Nuisance / Miscellaneous Inspections	190	1,508

See attached narrative

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## ***Environmental Health Division Narrative Report***

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The status of major project and program activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for February, 2012 can be summarized as follows.

### **Wetlands / Water Resource Management:**

The EHD continued to provide technical support staff to the Environmental Impact Commission (EIC). EHD staff has conducted review of permit documentation and site plans, site inspection of on going construction of EIC Permitted Projects, attended EIC Meeting and discussed environmental issues related to future projects by organizing pre-application meetings with developers and their consultants.

The EHD continued its management of water resource projects, including Tarrywile Lake. The EHD continued to provide staff support and liaison to the Environmental Impact Commission. (EIC), conducting oversight, environmental monitoring and inspection of public and private construction projects.

The EHD conducted site investigations of complaints and construction activities along the shore front of Candlewood Lake in cooperation with The Candlewood Lake Authority (CLA). The EHD receives and processes complaints, service requests and inquiries through the 311 "City Line" and Q-Alert systems.

### **Program Planning and Administration:**

The Director of Health (DOH) and Associate Director continued to coordinate various environmental programs. New employees both full time and part time are attending training courses to obtain required certifications.

### **Subsurface Sewage Disposal & Private Water Supply Wells Compliance Program:**

The on-site sewage disposal and well permitting program staff continued to perform plan review, site soil suitability testing and inspection.

### **Land Use:**

The EHD continued administration of the Grading Permit Program, conducting permit application review, site inspection and enforcement.

### **Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness:**

The Environmental Health Division (EHD) continues in planning, training and preparedness activities for all hazard events as well as completion of annual contract deliverables required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Influenza Grants.

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## ***HOUSING AND FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM NARRATIVE***

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The statistical report reflects field activities conducted in connection with housing, public health and food service functions undertaken by the department. This narrative report is intended to summarize administrative activities and enforcement actions initiated by these sections. The narrative also highlights tasks and initiatives that may be of special interest.

The Office of the Corporation Counsel processed four housing/health code referrals in September. The inspectors were not required to make court appearances. Several other cases were resolved by the City's attorneys prior to court hearings being held. While every effort is made to encourage cooperation to correct violations, non-compliance with department orders leads to court action and possible penalties for contempt of court.

The department continues to participate in systematic and complaint inspections with the UNIT program as needed. Our Department inspectors serve as the liaison's to UNIT and participates in inspections as requested. The department also investigates complaints throughout the city referred through the Mayor's complaint line and from other departments in addition to complaints filed directly with the department. The department also receives complaints and service requests through the 311 system. Food service inspections for the month were affected by the extended leave of a full-time food service inspector.

The department's lead poisoning prevention efforts for the month included monitoring of laboratory reports regarding blood lead levels in children in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Staff made contacts with clients in need of follow up tests according to State testing protocols. Preparations were also made to deal with the increased activity expected to result from the implementation of Connecticut's new law that mandates universal blood lead testing of all children in Connecticut. The law went into effect on January 1, 2009 and has resulted in an increase in department activity in the monitoring and follow up of child blood lead test results. Increased testing may also result in the need for more mandatory environmental inspections by the department to address individual cases of elevated blood lead levels. The law also lowers the action level for triggering such investigations. The department also performed functions as a community partner in the LAMPP Program during the month. Participation makes Danbury property owners eligible to apply for grant funds to abate lead paint, replace windows and perform other repairs necessary to make units lead safe. One application involving a Danbury property is under consideration by LAMPP. In addition, the Health department has submitted program grant application to the HUD Healthy Homes Production and LAMPP. Danbury as a partner will be included in this exciting initiative!

Services to the Health Department and Danbury Home owners will include: Health Intervention providing, Rug replacement; Ventilating fan installation; Mold/mildew removal, etc. LAMPP will provide training the following: Training on healthy homes issues, Assessment tools (HUD Program & IPAD), Training on assessment process. LAMPP will also provide energy efficiency assessments of homes partnering with Northeast Utilities

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The half-time fair housing officer received two fair rent inquiries during February. The officer received one housing discrimination inquiry. The staff also serves to assist the Danbury Housing Partnership and staff their meetings as well as the Continuum of Care.

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TO: Mayor Boughton and City Council

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FR: Social Services

RE: Activities during February, 2012

## **Mission Statement:**

Our Social Services seek to provide the community and its residents with access to municipal and community social services in an expeditious, cost effective and comprehensive manner. Efforts are focused on improving access to housing and emergency shelters; improving access to medical care and coverage and improving social conditions for residents via collaboration and advocacy at the local, state and federal level by identifying and working to create systems of resources that are inclusive of all residents/clients in need.

The following are the highlights from our Social Services activities for February, 2012:

1. Our Housing Caseworker managed approximately 18 active cases.
2. The Day Center, located at the Emergency Shelter, had approximately 733 visits from homeless individuals or those at risk of becoming homeless (this includes weekend service meetings).
3. Social Service collaborations were continued for clients regarding health/medical/veteran status and any other required entitlements.
4. Our Emergency Shelter continues to provide homeless individuals with support services, case management and any other necessary mental and physical assistance.
5. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is continually updated on a monthly and quarterly basis to reflect current clients and activities in the Social Services section of the Health Department and through constant liaison with Dream Homes (ARC).
6. One (1) meeting was conducted with the Greater Danbury Continuum of Care.
7. Completed quarterly report for CDBG for the City Emergency Shelter and Day Center.
8. Follow-up participation and review work hours of intern working on the completion of her Master's in Social Work. Intern will be working at the Emergency Shelter on Saturdays and Sundays on Project Homeless Connect, and the Point in Time Count, until March, 2012.

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9. Participated and distributed gloves, hats and socks on February 14<sup>th</sup> for the homeless at Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen.
10. Participated in annual inspection of the Emergency Shelter by the Veterans Administration.
11. Attended quarterly meeting of Fair Housing Association of Connecticut. Preparing for annual Fair Housing Conference.
12. Attended CoC breakfast meeting to plan for May breakfast event at Tarrywile Park.
13. DSS Weatherization inspection for work conducted on the Emergency Shelter.
14. Attended City Council meeting regarding Fair Rent Commission.
15. Meeting held at the Welfare Office regarding pharmacy cards/organization to assist the uninsured and those who have high deductibles on medication.
16. Commercial refrigerator and freezer delivered to the City Emergency Shelter. New chairs for conference room/sitting room of Emergency Shelter delivered and installed.

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**TO: Danbury City Council** 7

**FROM: Patty Mascoli, WIC Program Director**

**RE: Monthly Status Report-WIC Program, March 19 , 2012**

**Description:** The City of Danbury's, Department of Health and Human Services has been the parent agency to our local Danbury WIC Program since its start up date of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1978. In October of 1978 the Program was expanded beyond Danbury to include the surrounding towns of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Sherman, Warren and Washington and still serves this geographical area today.

**Mission Statement:** The Danbury WIC Program is committed to improving the health of eligible pregnant women, new mothers, and children by providing nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and referrals to health and social programs during the critical stages of fetal and early childhood development. We do that by giving our most vulnerable children the best possible start by providing optimal nutrition during the critical stages of fetal and early childhood development phases.

**Site Operations:** The Danbury WIC Program is located at 80 Main St., Danbury, CT. A satellite operation is located at the Visiting Nurses Association Building, 68 Park Lane, New Milford, CT where we visit one time a month and serve approximately 100+ area residents.

Our current sites are in locations that insure accessibility for both the Danbury and New Milford area participants. Hours of service include extended hours of operation Monday –Thursday and on Saturdays these hours offer flexibility for the working client as well as the opportunities for walk-ins.

<b>Key Indicators</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>1/12</b>
Number of clients served in Danbury	2448	2343
Number of clients served in New Milford	134	116
Dollar Amount of Food Vouchers to be redeemed in the Greater Danbury Area	\$131,583.21	\$151,260.72