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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

August 24, 2010

Re: Health & Human Services Department Monthly Report

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the City Council:

The July 2010 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

Our new employees are being sent to training as soon as they are offered to ensure work coverage by certified individuals throughout the year. 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,

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



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August 23, 2010

TO : Danbury City Council

FROM: Daniel Baroody, Associate Director

RE: Monthly Status Report – Housing, Food Service & Environmental Health Division
July, 2010

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Housing, Food Service & Environmental Division Combined Stats Report

Inspection / Hours	July 2010	Year to Date (fiscal)
Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness (hours)	167	167
Wetlands / Water Resources (hours)	118	118
# Land Use Evaluations (Septic Systems and Well Water Supply)	125	125
# Housing Inspections	27	27
# Food Service Inspections	55	55
# General Nuisance / Miscellaneous Inspections	217	217

See attached narrative

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Environmental Health Division Narrative Report

The status of major project and program activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for July, 2010 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

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.

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: City Council & Mayor Boughton

From: Social Services

RE: Activities During August 2010

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 shelter; 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 needs and working to create systems of access that are inclusive of all residents in need.

The following are the highlights from our Social Services activities:

- Our Housing Caseworker managed approx. 74 active cases.
- The Day Center had approx. 350 visits from homeless individuals.
- Social service collaborations were continued for the clients at both the AmeriCares Free Clinic and the Wellness on Wheels van through existing services and referrals.
- Our Emergency Shelter provided 7 new homeless individuals with services and had approx. 350 stays from homeless individuals.
- Over 100 Housing Case Management services were provided by our Housing Case worker.
- The Homeless Management Information System was updated to reflect current clients and activities in the Welfare Department and through the collaboration with Dreamhomes.
- 1 Meeting was conducted with the Continuum of Care.
- 1 Meetings were conducted with the Housing Partnership.
- 1 Meeting was held for the Veterans Working Group on "Housing for Hero's."
- 5 Fair Rent & Affordable Housing cases were processed.

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TO: Honorable Members of the Danbury City Council
FROM: Melanie Bonjour, School Based Health Center (SBHC) Clinic Administrator
RE: **Monthly Status Report – August 2010**

SBHC Dental Improvement Initiative Program:

In July of 2009, the City of Danbury was awarded \$233,018.00 in funding under the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Dental Improvements Initiative to expand school based dental clinics through the City's three School Based Health Centers to increase access to dental care for the underserved and uninsured middle school and high school student populations.

Service locations for the proposed program are Danbury High School (DHS), Broadview Middle School (BMS) and Rogers Park Middle School (RPMS).

Activities funded by this initiative were conducted during the time period July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

While the DSS funding was awarded directly to the City of Danbury, program activities were accomplished through a coordinated partnership with the Danbury Public School and Community Oral Health Initiative. Dental staff, including Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist and Dentist were provided to the School-Based Health Centers through a sub contractual agreement with the Danbury Board of Education.

Current year productivity to 6/11/10:

Restorative: 202 students requiring an average of 3 visits

Preventative: 208 students, some requiring multiple visits for hygiene and/or sealants.

students utilizing oral health services: 405

**# students receiving dental exams
and age appropriate oral health education: 405**

students receiving protective sealants on occlusal surfaces of their permanent teeth: 99

students identified with untreated dental carries: 304

**# students with untreated dental carries who received and/or referrals for treatment to resolve
problem: 202**

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TO: Danbury City Council
FROM: Patty Mascoli, WIC Program Director
RE: Monthly Status Report-WIC Program, July 2010

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 1st, 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 13 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. A new satellite location launched 12/10/09 at the Women's Center at Danbury Hospital we will visit one time a month.

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.

We have received our Farmers Market Checks for fruits and vegetables and have begun distribution to our families.

We will be celebrating World Breastfeeding Week in the office and will be offering Breast feeding classes, support and give a ways throughout the month of August.

Key Indicators	07/10	06/10
Number of clients served in Danbury	2383	2511
Number of clients served in New Milford	115	134
Dollar Amount of Food Vouchers to be redeemed in the Greater Danbury Area	\$120,836.66	\$122,163.06

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