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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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May 27, 2008

Re: Department of Health, Housing & Welfare's Monthly Report

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The April 2008 Department of Health & Housing monthly report is provided for your review. Detailed reports are attached for each Division, including the Housing & Food Service, Welfare 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

The Food Service Inspection summary scores are continuously posted for public information on the City of Danbury web site. Current inspection results are available for public review, these results area added to the web site by City staff.

Significant progress has been made to open the City's third school-based health center at the Rogers Park Middle School. Staff recruitment has been completed. State funding was secured to provide summer hours and provide on-site dental care at SBHC sites. This enables staff to assist families enroll in HUSKY, conduct school entry physicals, provide mental health care, provide dental screening, sealants and restorative care utilizing portable

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dental equipment. These Dental services are provided through a current partnership with the Danbury Public School Systems' Oral Health Collaborative. Priority dental services will be granted to students with little or no dental health insurance and who have significant oral health care conditions.

A public Open House and Ribbon cutting is now anticipated to be scheduled in June. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ms. Melanie Bonjour, Health Promotion/School-Based Health Center Coordinator, at the Health, Housing & Welfare Department at 797-4625.

Additional Topics

Members of the Department attended a fund raising event for the Danbury Visiting Nurse Association (DVNA), which provides such services as the Wellness On Wheels (WOW) Van, Flu Vaccinations and multiple skilled nursing services in Danbury.

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 Department of Health, Housing & Welfare the opportunity to serve the Citizens of Danbury and feel free to contact the Division Supervisors or myself with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Scott T. LeRoy MPH, MS
Director of Health, Housing & Welfare

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HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE REPORT

April, 2008

INSPECTIONS

NUMBER

	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	% YTD	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.
A.	286	321	(35)	(11)	2936	3207	(271)	(8)
B.	38	51	(13)	(25)	516	999	(483)	(48)
C.	52	73	(21)	(29)	755	1191	(436)	(37)
D.	188	192	(4)	(2)	1618	987	631	64
E.	110	144	(34)	(24)	1329	1293	36	3
F.	29	18	11	61	282	310	(28)	(9)

- A. Total Housing Inspections
- B. Total Housing Inspections Common Areas
- C. Total Housing Inspections Dwelling Units
- D. Total Housing Inspections Nuisance
- E. Total Food Service Inspections
- F. Total General Nuisance/Miscellaneous Inspections

Paul Schierloh
Associate Director

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NARRATIVE FOR MONTHLY REPORT HOUSING AND FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM

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 fifteen housing/health code referrals in April. The department made court appearances on four cases. 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. Senior Housing Inspector Don Melillo serves as the department's liaison 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.

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. The department also performed functions as a community partner in the LAMPP Program. 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. Three applications involving Danbury properties are currently being processed by LAMPP. The department approved LAMPP's abatement plan for one of the Danbury properties in April.

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The part-time fair housing officer received three fair rent inquiries, conducted one site investigation and attended one formal hearing during April. The officer attended the annual State Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Fair Housing Association of Connecticut on April 10.

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To: City of Danbury Common Council
From: Caitlin Radano, M.S.W., Director of Welfare
Re: April 2008 Monthly Report

The following are the highlights of the division's activities:

- The attached report and data tables have been modified to include the previous month's statistics in addition to consolidating some of the information into a tabular format. The information also includes utilization, duplicated clients and unduplicated clients.
- Our division collected 183 lbs. of tuna and distributed the food to local pantries.
- Our housing caseworker managed 69 active cases with 15 new requests for services in April.
- The Day Center's caseworker managed 89 active cases at our Emergency Shelter for the month of April with 21 new cases added. 193 total units of service were provided at our Day Center.
- 30 individuals were assessed for social service needs at the AmeriCares Free Clinic, 122 Indignant Drug Program applications were completed and processed as well as 28 individuals on the Wellness on Wheels van received services from our medical caseworker.
- Our Emergency Shelter provided 17 new homeless individuals with services and our Day Center had 375 visits from homeless individuals.

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City of Danbury-Welfare Division

April 2008 Report

Service Activity Category	This Month	Last Month	% Difference
Medical Case Management	180	209	-13.88%
Housing Case Management	69	69	
<i>Total new cases</i>	15	22	-31.82%
Energy Assistance	0	0	0%
Emergency Prescriptions	8	1	700%
Evictions that occurred	2	2	0%
Food Assistance	183	319	-42.63%
Back rent assistance	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 granted • 2 denied • 0 pending • 0 referred 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 granted • 2 denied • 0 pending • 0 referred 	0%
Housing search assistance	4	7	-42.86%
Housing retention services	6	10	-40%
Assistance with admission appointments and/or lease signings	2	1	100%
Other housing assistance	1	5	-80%
Home Visits	1	4	-75%
Indigent Prescription applications	122	142	-14.08%
Medical assessments for WOW and Americares	58	67	-13.43%
Other	3	4	-25%



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Emergency Shelter

Day Center			
	This Month	Last Month	% Difference
Cases homeless people were active during the month	89	117	-23.93%
Initial assessments were completed	21	23	-8.7%
Persons found housing or were placed in housing programs	7	5	40%
Mental Health Referrals	23	13	76.92%
Persons found employment	15	5	200%
Substance Abuse Referrals	5	17	-70.59%
A total of different services were provided during this month	193	215	-10.23%
Total # of clients served at the day center	375	373	.54%
Total # of unduplicated persons receiving services	21	23	-8.7%

Night Shelter			
	This Month	Last Month	% difference
Total # of unduplicated persons receiving services	17	12	41.67%
People were turned away for reasons other than lack of bed space	5	3	66.67%
Persons turned away for lack of beds	0	0	0%
Total # of clients served at the night shelter	503	530	-5.09%

Shelter utilization (day+night)	This Month
Utilization (total # people for the month)	878

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April 22, 2008

TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Daniel Baroody, Senior Inspector, Environmental Health Division

RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division
April, 2008

Key Indicators	This Month	Last Month	# Difference	% Difference	YTD
<i>Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness (hours)</i>	178	172	5	3	536
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	135	143	(8)	(6)	552
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	48	46	2	4	189
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	111	137	(26)	(19)	430

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Program Status Report

Narrative

The status of major project and program activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for April, 2008 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 Senior Inspector continued to coordinate various environmental programs

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 required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Bioterrorism and Pandemic Influenza Grants.