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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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July 23, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The June 2009 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.

Additional Topics

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 us 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

June 2009

INSPECTIONS

NUMBER

	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	% YTD	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.
A.	242	258	(16)	(6)	3675	3604	71	2
B.	42	35	7	20	584	611	(27)	(4)
C.	71	41	30	73	864	923	(59)	(6)
D.	128	181	(53)	(29)	2187	2019	168	8
E.	33	44	(11)	(25)	1262	1626	(364)	(22)
F.	42	12	30	250	336	372	(36)	(10)

- 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 five new housing/health code referrals in June. The inspectors made court appearances on three cases. 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. 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. Food service inspections for the month were affected by the vacancy created by the resignation of the full-time food service inspector at the end of April.

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 conducted additional meetings to make arrangements for covering lead program responsibilities following the retirement of current staff members on July 1. Changes in staff assignments were made to ensure a smooth transition of environmental and case management functions. Three additional staff members received lead inspector training in early June from the State Department of Public Health to enable them to assume required lead inspection duties upon the retirement of existing staff. 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 new LAMPP Program application involving a Danbury property was initiated during June. One new family referral to LAMPP was also made.

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The part-time fair housing officer received three fair rent inquiries during June.

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July 16, 2009

TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Daniel Baroody, Senior Inspector, Environmental Health Division

RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division
June, 2009

Key Indicators	This Month	Last Month	# Difference	% Difference	YTD
<i>Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness (hours)</i>	171	137	34	25	938
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	118	139	(21)	(15)	833
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	44	43	1	2	294
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	87	119	(32)	(26)	470

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Narrative:

The status of major project and program activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for June, 2009 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 as well as completion of annual contract deliverables required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant.

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To: Common Council & Mayor Boughton
From: Welfare Division

RE: Activities during July 2009

Mission Statement:

The City of Danbury-Welfare Division seeks to provide the community and its residents with access to municipal and community social services in an expeditious, cost effective and comprehensive manner. The division's efforts at this time 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 of the Welfare Division's activities during July 2009

- Our Housing Caseworker managed 25 active cases.
- The Day Center Caseworker managed 136 unduplicated active cases at our Emergency Shelter for the month of May with 12 new cases added. 425 total units of service were provided at our Day Center. The Day Center had a total of 514 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 15 new homeless individuals with services and had 514 stays from homeless individuals.
- 24 homeless individuals were successful in finding employment and 27 were assisted with job searches.
- 7 homeless individual(s) were placed in permanent housing, and 6 homeless individual(s) were placed into transitional housing. 1 homeless individual(s) were placed into residential housing.
- 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.
- 8 Meetings were conducted with the Housing Partnership.
- 1 Meeting was held with the Veterans Working Group on "Housing for Hero's."

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TO: Honorable Members of the Danbury Common Council
FROM: Melanie Bonjour, School Based Health Center (SBHC) Clinic Administrator
RE: **Monthly Status Report – July 2009**

Mission:

The mission of the City of Danbury’s SBHC is to provide access to high quality comprehensive physical and mental health services while being accessible, confidential, culturally sensitive, and developmentally appropriate. The SBHC is built upon mutual respect and collaboration between the school and the health provider to promote the health and educational success of school-aged children and involves students as responsible participants in their care, while encouraging the role of parents and other family members.

Locations:

On-site medical, mental health, preventive care and oral health care services are available to any student attending Danbury High School, Broadview Middle School, and Rogers Park Middle School. Rogers Park Middle School is the most recently established SBHC, having opened in September 2008.

Combined Service/Utilization Data (for program period 09/01/08 – 06/30/09)*:

Total Number of Enrolled Students (signed parental permission forms on file):	3,441
Percent (%) of total Enrolled in SBHC vs. Total Student Population (for all schools combined):	71%
Total Number of Unduplicated Users:	1,249
Total Number of Patient Visits:	5,060
Unduplicated number of students receiving public health preventive and/or risk reduction education this quarter (cumulative)	4,891

*The data contained in the July report reflects services program FY 2008 – 2009 for all sites combined. Future reports will reflect program services/utilization data on a monthly basis.

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TO: Danbury Common Council
FROM: Patty Mascoli, WIC Program Director
RE: Monthly Status Report-WIC Program July 2009

The City of Danbury's, Department of Health, Housing, and Welfare 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

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.

Our two 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.

Additional Information

Danbury's WIC Program has the highest Breastfeeding initiation rate in the State of Connecticut of over 90%.

Key Indicators	6/09	5/09	# Difference
Number of clients served in Danbury	2193	2,209	-16
Number of clients served in New Milford	152	145	+7
Number of new applicants	30	25	+5
Dollar Amount of Food Vouchers to be redeemed in the Greater Danbury Area	\$131,319.83	\$133,809.42	-\$2,489.59

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