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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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September 29, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The August 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

Planning meetings were conducted with the State Department of Public Health, Danbury Visiting Nurse Association and the Danbury School System to prepare for the upcoming Flu season. 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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September 24, 2009

TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Daniel Baroody, Senior Inspector, Environmental Health Division

RE: Monthly Status Report – Housing, Food Service & Environmental Health Division
August, 2009

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Housing, Food Service & Environmental Division Combined Stats Report

Inspection / Hours	August 2009	Year to Date (fiscal)
Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness (hours)	170	337
Wetlands / Water Resources (hours)	133	254
# Land Use Evaluations (Septic Systems and Well Water Supply)	102	217
# Housing Inspections	53	80
# Food Service Inspections	33	92
# General Nuisance / Miscellaneous Inspections	49	70

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 August, 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 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 ten housing/health code referrals in February. 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. 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.

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To: Common Council & Mayor Boughton
From: Welfare Division

RE: Activities during August 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 August 2009

- Our Housing Caseworker managed 71 active cases.
- A total of 358 units of service were provided at our Day Center. The Day Center had a total of 349 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 3 new homeless individuals with services and had 358 stays from homeless individuals.
- 71 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.
- 2 Meetings were conducted with the Housing Partnership.
- 1 Meeting was held for 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: September 2009, City of Danbury School-Based Health Center Dental Services

Service locations:

Danbury High School, 43 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT 06811
Broadview Middle School, 72 Hospital Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810
Rogers Park Middle School, 21 Memorial Drive, Danbury, CT 06810

In August 2009, the City of Danbury was awarded \$233,018 from the State Department of Social Services under the *Dental Improvement Initiative Grant* to provide on-site services dental services at the City’s three SBHC sites.

Through a sub-contractual agreement with the Danbury Public Schools Oral Health Collaborative, dental staff including a registered hygienist, licensed general dentist and dental assistant, have initiated services at Danbury High School with the start of the 2009-01 school year.

Dental equipment, including a portable dental operator, has been ordered from Henry Schein Dental Suppliers. Upon receipt of the equipment, preventive and restorative services will be initiated at both Broadview Middle School and Rogers Park Middle Schools.

Data including patient visits and nature of care provided will be reported in upcoming monthly reports.

Key objectives and anticipated outcomes of the proposed program:

- To increase public awareness of oral health issues through outreach and education;
To implement best practices that integrates oral health with overall health;
- To implement population-based strategies for delivering effective oral health services to children who would otherwise not have access to care;
- To reduce missed days of school due to untreated dental decay and dental health conditions;
- To expand SBHC billing capacity to leverage resources to adequately fund and sustain oral health care services
- To assist eligible students and families to enroll in the HUSKY insurance program in an effort to remove lack of insurance as a barrier to receiving dental care services.

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

Description:

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 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. 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:

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

Key Indicators	8/09	7/09	# Difference
Number of clients served in Danbury	2277	2219	+58
Number of clients served in New Milford	138	145	-7
Number of new applicants	25	35	-10
Dollar Amount of Food Vouchers to be redeemed in the Greater Danbury Area	\$126,370	\$142,552	\$-16,182
Number of families who received farmer market coupons	650	839	-189
Dollar amount of farmer market coupons	\$9,750	\$12,585	\$-2835

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