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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
& City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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September 26, 2016

Re: Health & Human Services Department Monthly Report

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the City Council:

The August 2016 Health & Human Services Department monthly report is provided for your review. Detailed reports are attached for each Service, including the Housing, Food Service, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Social Services transition, TB/STD Clinic, Seasonal Work, Grant paperwork and winding down of School Based Health Centers operations, Meetings with the WCHN Community Care Team to help clients connect with services were conducted weekly and Environmental Health which identify specific inspections, tasks and hours provided by our staff.

Main Topics:

The Department also continues to work on the computer systems to test and update our inspector's programs to produce reports so the public may have access to inspection results and improve partnerships with the Hospital and other medical clinics to improve services have continued as well. Continued work and preparation for Grant Funding, Public Health Emergency Response plans, CTDP Epidemiology Program follow-up, Pool Inspections, Mosquito Control and the treatment of City catch basins for reduce bite activity were processed and conducted when appropriate, Water Sampling, Health Care facilities, Regional Partners and EMS.

Grants from the State were reviewed and meetings conducted to ensure some level of funding / carryover for our critical programs was completed. Research on Grant opportunities are being explored in light of decreases for our programs. Environmental outreach programs through the Still River Greenway program, Lake Kenosia and recreational paths improvement program.

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Pursuant to the current agreements with CIFIC to operate 3 City of Danbury Health Center Program and to provide SBHC dental services, CIFIC has requested distribution of the remaining \$125,000 funds collected by the City for SBHC fees to be used for the operations of the SBHC programs (including dental). These funds were earned by the SBHC program through insurance reimbursements prior to CIFIC contracting operations and can only be used to support and improve services for the patients and clients of the SBHC clinics. As of July 1, 2016, the City of Danbury is no longer the Grantor nor operator of the SBHC Clinics, as such cannot manage operations nor no longer spend these funds on eligible expenditures. Consequently, the Health Department has recommended to the Department of Finance that such SBHC fees held by the City be released to CIFIC to provide or improve services to clients in the 3 City of Danbury SBHC clinics in accordance with the SBHC Grant guidelines. The additional funding will also assist CIFIC in the transitional costs associated with planned improvements by CIFIC in providing future SBHC dental services at the clinics.

Housing inspections and nuisance complaints were processed through 311 and in the field as well with tenants and owners of housing units. Seasonal work took up a lot of time with Beach Sampling and water quality issues, Food Truck and Temporary Events produce more work related to plan reviews, owner education on food safety and then inspection in the field before and during the events.

You are encouraged to review all the information for each Division, as it provides details concerning ongoing activities. In addition, 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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TO: Mayor Boughton and City Council

FR: Social Services

RE: Activities during August, 2016

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 August, 2016:

1. Our Housing Caseworker managed approximately 71 active cases.
2. The Day Center, located at the Emergency Shelter, had approximately 434 visits from homeless individuals or those at risk of becoming homeless (this includes weekend service meetings). The breakdown of visits include the following:
 - a. Initial Assessments(new clients): 4
 - b. Action Plan Development: 0
 - c. Veteran Referrals: 5
 - d. Referrals to Cash Assistance: 0
 - e. Bus Tickets: 2
 - f. Housing Related Issues: 5
 - g. Housing Placement: 0
 - h. Job Searches: 4**
 - i. Employment inquiries: 1
 - j. Case Management Services: 15
 - k. Showers: 102
 - l. Lunch: 220
 - m. Mental Health Referrals/Case Management: 4*
 - n. Adult Medical Referrals: 5
 - o. Phone Usage: 3
 - p. Substance Abuse Referrals/Case Management: 31*
 - q. Clothing Vouchers: 1
 - r. Other (i.e. 211, work program, laundry, etc.): 47

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*MCCA counseling services have **RESUMED** on Saturday and Sunday from the hours of 9:00am – 3:00pm. In- house counseling referral and case management services at the Day Center are also provided Monday through Friday.

** Providing computer access in Emergency Shelter for job placement and availability.

1. Receiving weekly food donations from arrangement with Community Plates.
2. Attended one (1) meeting of the Community Food Collaborative meeting at United Way.
3. Updating VA Grant per diem for VA representative to discuss summary reports, discharge amendments and plan of action reports for each veteran stay regarding the per diem veterans grant.
4. Meeting with Shelter Coordinator to discuss changes and new required documentation intake forms, vulnerability reports/intakes for Coordinated Access and updating VA forms.
5. The local community CoC has gone “live” for Coordinated Access at the Health and Human Services Department on October 27, 2014. Multiple appointments are being conducted Monday-Wednesday at the Human Services Office at 254 Main Street from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Interviews with families will be conducted at 8:30am at the Association of Religious Communities (ARC). 211 Operators are instructed to make intake appointments within 24 hours of phone contact for interviews at the Human Services Department.
6. Attended one (1) meeting for local CAN committee.
7. Community Health Clinic has been conducting one clinic per week; medical and behavior clinics on Tuesday’s at the Emergency Shelter.
8. Attended two (2) meetings of the Community Care Team (CCT) of all community agencies, services and emergency services (Danbury Hospital, Danbury Police, Danbury EMT), to discuss chronic homeless clients in the community.
9. Attended Housing Placement Committee meeting. Catholic Charities has received 10 vouchers, CCR, for re-entry of chronic homeless individuals with long records of incarceration (the old FUSE program). Initiating meetings with landlords for housing opportunities for all housing vouchers received into the City’s CAN.
10. Attended Danbury Food Collaborative meeting. Preparations being made for the EFSP for United Way funding for social service agencies/shelters.
11. Attended one (1) meeting of the Housing First Committee.
12. Placed applications for additional funding sources for homeless shelter.
13. Meeting with contractors to provide renovation information/cost of two restrooms that will be submitted under DOH grant funding of Emergency Shelters only.
14. Attended meeting at United Way for approval of application for EFSP funding for the Emergency Shelter in the amount of \$2400.00
15. Domestic Violence webinar.
16. Press release for Lowe’s to volunteer labor and materials for exterior and interior work to be donated at the Emergency Shelter.
17. Attended workshop in New Haven Connecticut on the growing number of homeless youths in Connecticut.

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Office of Community Medicine / Disease Prevention & STD/TB Clinic

Mission:

Our division provides information and guidance on the prevention of communicable diseases. We also provide direct patient care to individuals diagnosed with Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Disease at the Main St Clinic in Cooperation with WCHN, CIFIC and all community partners in need of our services. The Public Health Nurse has the responsibility of implementing the discharge /treatment plans and providing assurance of patient care and treatment, such as patient education, directly observed therapy and contact investigation. Additional work with Lead poisoning Prevention and Communicable Disease follow-up in cooperation with the State CTDPH is on-going.

Patients Seen in August

TB patients	40
PPD/ TB testing	13
STD patients	30
Total Services:	93

Environmental / Food Inspections / Housing Compliance /

Mission:

The Department provides plan review and inspections for land use and permitting of Food Services Establishments (Permanent and Temporary), on-site septic systems, well water supplies, public swimming pools, Housing Code, Pools, recreational / beach sampling, hazardous material storage and provides staffing for the Environmental Impact Commission. The Land Use projects include the expansion and completion of the Ives Trail; the maintenance of the Lake Kenosia Garden Buffer; The maintenance of the Still River Trail.

Type of work	August	YTD
Food Service Inspection	54	604
Food Plan Review	7	77
Grading Permits	5	61
Septic Systems Plans	4	118
Well Permits	4	14
Temp Events / Trucks	48	228
Housing / Hotel	10	90
Public Pools	8	49
Health Code Violations	10	77
Sewage Complaints	3	13

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