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## Meeting Minutes Human Services Committee

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Thursday, September 24, 2020

6:30 PM

via videoconference at [bit.ly/2RPYqIK](https://bit.ly/2RPYqIK)

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## Minutes

Human Services Committee

7-15-20

Chair Brackeen called the public hearing to order at 6:31 p.m. via video conference. A recording of the meeting is online at <https://bit.ly/2GcfBv1> Passcode: tXj3pS&N

Present were Alder Winter, Hurt, Sabin, and Cupo.

Board of Alders staff present were Albert Lucas and Michael Mercier.

(1) From the Director of Health submitting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City Of New Haven to accept an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Cooperative Agreement Funding application for the enhanced detection, response, surveillance and prevention of Covid-19 in the amount of \$1,269,567 from the Connecticut Department of Public Health and to execute, acknowledge, implement and deliver any and all documents as may be considered necessary or appropriate with respect thereto. (Submitted 9/8/20).

Appearing on behalf was Maritza Bond, director of the city Health Department, Quinnipiac Avenue. She said this 2.5 year grant will pay for three full-time and two part-time epidemiologists, nurses, and contact tracers, as well as equipment like cell phones and laptops.

The chair asked why a grant with a funding period beginning in May was not submitted to the Board of Alders until September. Bond said the deadline was tight and the time period will be adjusted. She said the city will work on this program with some regional partners. There was a discussion of future vaccines and their possible risks.

(2) From the Director of Health submitting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept a COVID and Flu Community Health Worker grant award of \$217,030 from the CT Health Foundation and to execute, acknowledge, implement and deliver any and all documents as may be considered necessary or appropriate with respect thereto for the period October 15, 2020 to March 15, 2021. (Submitted 9/21/20).

Appearing on behalf was Maritza Bond, director of the city Health Department. She said this 6-month grant will pay for six workers to do contact tracing and marketing during flu season.

## ITEMS FOR "COMMITTEE ACTION ONLY"

(3) From Alder Sabin submitting a request for a workshop on the city's pandemic response. (Submitted 5/18/20)

Alder Sabin said he filed this item early in the Covid epidemic. Though it was never heard, he feels the Alders were kept well informed by the city on an ongoing basis.

(4) From Alder Roth, Sabin submitting an Order calling for a workshop on local colleges and

universities return to school COVID-19 related planning and protocols. (Submitted 7/6/20; no action July 15, 2020).

The chair noted that this item was heard on July 15. They may revisit the issue at some point, Public portion of the meeting was closed at 6:56.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

On a motion by Alder Winter, seconded by Alder Sabin, the committee voted unanimously by voice to issue favorable reports for items 1 and 2 (the Covid grants)

On a motion by Alder Sabin, seconded by Alder Hurt, the committee voted unanimously by voice to recommend Read, Print, and File for items 3 and 4 (the Covid workshops)

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Mercier  
Legislative Aide  
Office of Legislative Services

**BOARD OF ALDERS NOTICE - NEW HAVEN**

The Health & Human Services Committee of the New Haven Board of Alders will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 24 via video conference at <https://bit.ly/2RPYqIK> and by phone at (888) 475-4499 and enter Webinar ID: 92125037915 and passcode 54356445 to hear and act on the following legislative items (for required password contact [publictestimony@newhavenct.gov](mailto:publictestimony@newhavenct.gov)):

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY ENHANCING DETECTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE ENHANCED DETECTION, RESPONSE, SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19 FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FROM MAY 19, 2020 TO NOVEMBER 17, 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE COVID AND FLU COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER GRANT FROM THE CT HEALTH FOUNDATION FROM OCTOBER 15, 2020 TO MARCH 15, 2021.

In addition, the following legislative items are posted For Committee Action Only:

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO READ, PRINT AND FILE THE LEGISLATIVE ITEM TITLED "FROM ALDER ROTH,

SABIN SUBMITTING AN ORDER CALLING FOR A WORKSHOP ON LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RETURN TO SCHOOL COVID-19 RELATED PLANNING AND PROTOCOLS.”

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO READ, PRINT AND FILE THE LEGISLATIVE ITEM TITLED “ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING ON THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE HOLD A WORKSHOP ON THE STRATEGY THE CITY IS PURSUING TO CONFRONT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.”

These items are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 202, 200 Orange Street, New Haven. Per order: Hon. Darryl J. Brackeen, Jr., Chair; attest: Hon. Michael B. Smart, City Clerk.

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