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Darien Health Director to Do Similar Job in Stamford for 3 to 4 Months

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Darien Health Director David Knauf will be interim health director for Stamford as that city searches for a new director, the Stamford mayor's office announced.

With the agreement of First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Knauf will remain as Darien's health director while he takes on duties in Stamford, starting Dec. 7, according to a news release from Mayor David Martin.

Ann Fountain, Stamford's director of health and social services, is leaving that job after seven years to take a position in the private sector, according to the news release. She has worked for Stamford for a total of 11 years.

Knauf, whose official title will be "Acting Director of Health" for Stamford, will be in charge of the parts of her job dealing with health "until a permanent director is chosen," according to the statement.

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"He will work closely with the Director [of Public Safety, Health and Welfare Thaddeus] Jankowski who will oversee daily operations and Dr. Henry Yoon the Medical Director for the City of Stamford," according to the news release. The search is expected to take about three or four months.

"This is a perfect example of good collaboration with communities working together as needed," the mayor said in the news release. "I would like to personally thank First Selectman Jayme Stevenson for this collaboration and Health Director, David Knauf, for his dedication to public health in assisting Stamford's need on an interim basis."