

**LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 4, 2019**

Voting Members Present: Dr. Karen Cost, Margaret Handmaker, Heidi Margulis, Dr. Maria Nota, Dr. Dwayne Compton, Dr. Kate Probst, Dr. Erin Frazier, Dr. Tony Zipple

Advisory Board Members Present: Bill Wagner, Sean Dennis, Dr. Monalisa Taylor, Dr. Sarah Moyer, Dr. Craig Blakely

Others Present: Taylor Ingram, Matt Rhodes, Dr. Paula Grisanti

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am
An orientation binder was distributed to all members.

Vote on Mission Statement

- **MOTION:** *To approve the Board of Health mission statement with the following corrections:
Spell out Board of Health
Change “mental” to “behavioral” health*
- **MOTION APPROVED**

The new mission statement is “The Board of Health acts as a champion of equitable, physical, behavioral and environmental health.”

Approval of Previous Month’s Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION:** *To approve the July 2019 meeting minutes*
- **MOTION APPROVED**
- **MOTION:** *To approve the August 2019 meeting minutes*
- **MOTION APPROVED**

Vote on FHC Board Members

The Family Health Centers (FHC) has a fifteen-member Board of Governors. Each member serves a three-year term and there are no term limits. Four members in good standing have terms expiring and all four have applied to be re-appointed. The Board reviewed the applications of the four members, Charles Broadus, Robert Reh, Solomon James Parker and V. Faye Jones.

- **MOTION:** *To reappoint the four FHC Board members under consideration*
- **MOTION APPROVED**

Vote on the KALBOH Membership Renewal

The Board of Health's Kentucky Association of Local Boards of Health (KALBOH) membership has expired. The \$500 renewal fee would come from LMPHW's budget and includes National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) membership. Dr. Moyer recommended renewing the membership.

- ***MOTION:*** *To renew KALBOH membership*
- ***MOTION APPROVED***

Family Health Centers Update and Financial Audit: Bill Wagner

Bill Wagner presented the Financial Statement for the Family Health Centers. The statement is for one year due to changes in governmental accounting standards. FHC participates in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) as does Louisville Metro Government (LMG). New state requirements for funding CERS heavily impacts the balance sheet of FHC. The report includes a three-year historical perspective written by FHC staff. The audit was conducted by BKD, a firm which has worked with similar entities in the past. There were no irregularities found in the audit.

- ***MOTION:*** *To approve the FHC Financial Audit*
- ***MOTION APPROVED***

LMPHW Director's Report Highlights: Dr. Moyer (full report attached)

The Health Services Division has been split off from the Health Operations Division. Dr. Lori Caloia will be the Director of Health Services and Matt Rhodes will retain the other functions of Health Operations. Dr. Caloia will now manage all the clinics, Communicable Disease, WIC, Healthy Start, HIV Prevention and the Syringe Exchange.

The Environmental Division has been busy with the State Fair, inspecting 150 food vendors a day. Six positive West Nile samples were found in Louisville and mosquito fogging is occurring in those areas. The number of tattoo studios in Louisville has doubled since 2017 due to the popularity of a new technique called microblading, which is a form of permanent makeup.

LMPHW hosted the Detroit CDC Quarantine Station (which has jurisdiction over Kentucky) for a public health preparedness planning meeting. Partners from around the region who participated included KDPH, Kentucky TB Program and LMPHW TB Clinic staff, SDF Airport Authority personnel, Customs and Border Protection, Louisville Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT), and key LMPHW management. All parties are engaged in updating our action plan for communicable disease response at international ports of entry such as UPS's cargo facilities and the airport.

The MORE Center patient census has increased and the Center is now accepting Medicaid.

Healthy Babies Louisville's Birth Equity Work Group will host Ed Ehlinger, MD, of the National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health, at the September 5th Birth Equity Town Hall meeting. Co-sponsored by the Healthy Start Program, the event includes a panel of parents and health care providers who will talk about their experiences during childbearing and birth, as well as with the health system. The goal is to identify system changes that will improve equity in experience and outcomes for Black women, infants and families.

The Healthy Louisville 2025 community health improvement plan is in final edits and will be presented to the Board next month. The team has previewed the dashboard site that will track health outcomes related to our plan, our strategy, and our accomplishments along the way. The plan will be presented to Louisville Metro Government leadership in September for their approval and feedback.

All LMPHW staff participated in a program evaluation and logic model training, which will enable the department to better engage in meaningful quality improvement.

On August 22, Metro Council overwhelming passed the Complete Streets ordinance (O-267-19) by a 22-1 vote. The ordinance updates the 2008 policy to meet national standards by including transparency, public input, and a focus on equity to ensure complete streets in every neighborhood. In addition to the health, safety, and economic benefits of the policy, it will also earn Louisville a gold medal from CityHealth.

The next LMPHW Health Impact Assessment will be on expungement. The first stakeholder meeting was held with individuals who work in the criminal justice field and/or with issues around expungement. Input of stakeholders will help inform the HIA process, review data, and make recommendations to help strengthen Kentucky's expungement policy.

The state has a new Health Commissioner, Dr. Angela Tackett Dearing, whom Dr. Moyer hopes to meet soon. All indications are that she will continue Dr. Howard's public health transformation plans.

Advocacy Agenda—Taylor Ingram

Taylor Ingram presented a draft of the LMPHW three-year policy agenda, which aligns with Healthy Louisville 2025. The process of developing this evidence-based list began in March of this year. The LMPHW Policy Skillset Lab collected over 50 policies which our Root Cause Teams or partners were tracking and narrowed the list using criteria such as staff capacity, alignment with our strategic plan and potential impact. One policy goal has been achieved (Complete Streets) and another is in progress (accreditation of recovery residences). Other policies include housing security, paid parental leave, tobacco prevention and cessation and universal pre-K. The next step is to identify staff to work on these areas. LMPHW is seeking partnership opportunities and hopes to have the Board's support through letters of support, co-signing public facing documents and individual Board members getting involved in policy areas in which they are interested.

Vaccination Work Group: Kate Probst

No state meetings have been established yet, but she plans to attend when they are scheduled.

ACA Committee: Bill Wagner

There has been a decline of 3-4% in the number of insured in Kentucky since April of 2018. There is a Federal court challenge to KY Health Waiver, and oral arguments will be in October. The case will most likely go to the Supreme Court.

The State has rolled out a new insurance premium assistance program, KIHIP program, which is voluntary.

The committee is monitoring the insurance exchange. Anthem and CareSource will have offerings in 2020.

The committee is also monitoring the Public Charge Rule. At FHC, about 25% of patients have limited English proficiency. There are many Green Card holders in Louisville, and there are concerns about using benefits and much confusion in the community. Utilizing the FHC does not count as a Public Charge. The Public Charge Rule applies mostly to federal benefits such as housing, SNAP and Medicaid.

Chair Update: Dr. Cost

In the Board's operating rules, it states that the Mayor's representative cannot vote in his place. Sean Dennis has done research and believes that the Metro Council could pass an ordinance that would allow the Mayor's designee to vote on his behalf. He has drafted an ordinance which would need a Council member to sponsor. The Mayor's office is reviewing it.

Information Sharing

Matt Rhodes: As public health practitioners, we need to convene work around community surveillance on active shooter events. FBI data suggest that the aggressors often come into contact with the system before carrying out an attack. The FBI has created a video called "Echoes of Columbine". Kentucky rates high on social connectedness, which can prevent these attacks. As a community we need to further develop the ability to intervene, for example using the "see something say something" model. This is an opportunity for the Board to engage. Matt will make sure to extend invitations to meetings as the work goes forward.

Margulis: Suggested that the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) invite a member of Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI) to participate in the work in this area.

Board: The state has sent out information to providers about an e-cig-related death (which occurred outside of Kentucky). Norton's Children's Hospital has treated some children with a presentation of acute respiratory issues in otherwise healthy teens. There is currently no consensus around whether the problem stems from the added chemicals, the nicotine, or something else. Many of the cases have involved THC oil. LMPHW worked hard to add e-cigs to the Louisville smoking ban. Kate Probst is currently doing outreach on e-cigs.

Tony Zipple: Over the next 15 months, UofL hospital will be training all staff about adverse childhood experiences with the goal of helping staff understand why kids exhibit troublesome behaviors in the clinic.

The next BOH meeting is October 2nd.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Cost, PhD", written over a horizontal line.

Karen Cost, PhD
Chairperson

