

LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 1, 2019

Voting Members Present: Dr. Karen Cost, Dr. Gerald Temes, Margaret Handmaker, Heidi Margulis, Dr. Kate Probst, Dr. Maria Nota, Dr. Dwayne Compton

Advisory Board Members Present: Bill Wagner, Dr. Anthony Zipple, Sean Dennis, Dr. Craig Blakely

Others Present: Dr. Lori Caloia, Matt Rhodes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting

- ***MOTION:*** *To approve the March 2019 meeting minutes*
- ***MOTION APPROVED***
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- ***MOTION APPROVED***

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

We have been able to hire some grant funded positions, including at MORE Center. We have also received grants for lead testing and HIV surveillance.

Dr. Caloia has been on the news often talking about measles and the Healthy Start grant. We were awarded \$4.6 million.

Health IT has been working on several initiatives, including the UniteUs referral program. The system will streamline direct referrals between community providers, track external outcomes, and provide visibility into patients' health journey through real time Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) reporting. Louisville Lead and Healthy Homes program are using UniteUs referral program.

The food safety team conducted 91 inspections of temporary food operations and mobile food units at Thunder Over Louisville on Saturday April 13th to ensure safe and sanitary food service operations along with ensuring that vendors were properly permitted and adequate hand washing facilities were available for food service workers and event attendees. Only minor violations

were reported and no food quarantines were necessary. The food safety team will be inspecting over 100 temporary food operations for the Kentucky Derby Festival Parade, in and around Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby, May 3rd & 4th.

Mosquito control pretreatment activities have begun. Most pretreatment sites contain more water compared to previous years due to the record amount of rain in 2018. Temporary summer worker positions have been posted on the Metro HR website and three of the four employees from last season have applied to return. The ability to hire former workers allows our catch basin treatment program, which is fully funded by MSD, to become operational faster because the staff are properly trained and have obtained their required KY pesticide applicator's licenses/certifications. The newly launched "Skeeter School" was hosted by Audubon Traditional Elementary. Mosquito Control Environmentalists spent a week teaching each class about mosquitoes, how to protect themselves from mosquito bites, and how to eliminate mosquito breeding sites in and around their yards.

The laboratory received one of two grant awards to support the Blood Lead testing program at LMPHW. The award is for \$60,000 and will replace one analytical instrument that is over 10 years old. The laboratory is prepared to support the Mosquito Control Program at LMPHW with testing. The laboratory is prepared to offer HCV RNA testing to support the Gilead grant that addresses linkage to care for clients with positive HIV and HCV rapid test results.

E Coli and salmonella have been in the news, but there are no local cases reported yet. Investigations pointed to ground beef.

We have 13 active TB cases. Many patients were recently cured. We have had an increase in latent TB treatment completion since we switched to the new medication regimen.

Our WIC enrollment numbers are low, so we are changing one of the locations to make it more accessible.

The Kentucky Pregnant Workers' Rights act (for which we completed a Health Impact Assessment) passed. CHE is working on the new data standardization policy at Metro. All departments have been tasked to include gender identity data on all forms that collect demographic data.

City Health (www.cityhealthdashboard.com) is featuring Louisville for the month of May, particularly how we use data to improve health and equity. There will be a series of tweets/social media posts, a blog piece written by T Gonzales, and custom data visualizations.

Staff presented LMPHW's inaugural legal epidemiology project at the 71st annual Kentucky Public Health Association conference on April 11, 2019. On April 23, 2019 the project was

featured in a national webinar co-hosted by the CDC and Temple University. The webinar is posted here: <https://youtu.be/et4uiwdfkEE>

Staff are working with Public Works, Advanced Planning, Develop Louisville, Office for Innovation, Kentucky Youth Advocates and American Heart Association, in addition to other Metro Departments to improve Louisville Metro's Complete Streets Policy.

Cost: This is a health issue and we need to do a better job of advocating for this.

Handmaker: We appreciate everyone who puts together this report monthly.

Budget Update: Dr. Caloia

LMPHW fared better than we originally thought. We will suffer \$700,000 in cuts. Leadership tried to reduce impact on staffing. The Mayor's original proposal included 22 cuts and it is now nine (seven from attrition, and two from filled positions). The two positions are a lab tech and a nurse practitioner at Specialty. Grant funding may help to fill in gaps, particularly in HIV prevention. Specialty has one nurse practitioner remaining and is transitioning to an express clinic policy—meaning that only positive test patients will see a provider. Dr. Caloia will fill in for the nurse practitioner for vacation/sick days etc. An expedited partner therapy law has passed in Kentucky, meaning that an individual can be treated for any STD if their partner is positive without having to see a provider.

LMPHW did not have to eliminate our immunization program. Greater Louisville Medical Society (GLMS) has reached out to partner if necessary. We are waiting to see what Metro Council does with the proposal.

We did not have to change the FHC portion of our budget, however The Living Room is proposed to be cut completely. The Living Room has really helped ER staff, so this may be an area where GLMS can help.

Zipple: Not sure if there is a business case to be made.

Margulis: We need to look at community partnerships, use of technology, efficiencies—have process improvements been considered?

Caloia: This is an opportunity to rethink our processes and make changes.

Rhodes: The primary concern was staff impact, and we looked at how we could contract vs. eliminate. We have a process improvement program with OPI/LouieStat, and we have looked at process improvement in every program we have. Over the last 15 years we have trimmed all the fat, now we are cutting bone. We will need to find new partnerships or increase wait times.

Blakely: This will happen again next year and worse.

Zipple: It's time to start thinking about the impact of economic development to the city. That would put us in a better position next year.

Caloia: Expanding Academic Health Department allows us to have students doing work that we may not have the capacity to do with staff. We are continuing to build on strategic partnerships and we compare well to peer cities in this area.

Cost: How much can council change this?

Handmaker: Completely.

Dennis: If council does not approve the budget then next year's budget is in effect (there would not be a government shutdown).

Rhodes: Line item control could be extremely disruptive to the organization.

Blakely: What proportion of the community that utilizes our services voted in the last election? Groups that want to get out the vote should target the communities that utilize the services that are being cut. Should we invite a council member to each BOH meeting?

Rhodes: Our plan is to start meeting with them individually or in groups to educate them about what we do.

Zipple: The Board could be really helpful here.

Cost: We should plan to start meeting with them around July and start laying the groundwork for next year.

Zipple: Every other department will be doing the same, how do we frame this as economic development?

Rhodes: We provided report of direct services and indirect services to District 17 and are preparing to do it with all districts.

Margulis: We should show how we address the needs expressed by constituents.

Rhodes: We completed a Community Health Needs Assessment which drives our work.

Margulis: Data analytics key.

Cost: We will start in summer/fall. We could really have a good impact.

Chair Update: Dr Cost

Dr. Riley has resigned. Dr. Nota and Dr. Frazier would like to be reappointed. Dr. Temes is term limited and must rotate off the board. The Board would like to appoint a dentist to replace Dr. Riley and would like to make sure that the Board best represents the community. Dr. Zipple has applied to become a member and the Board is very supportive.

Family Health Centers Update: Bill Wagner

FHC has an "external agency contract" within the LMPHW budget. FHC will present its budget to Metro Council the same day as LMPHW. They currently receive \$786,000 from city, and have not been the subject of proposed cuts, however they once had a budget of \$2mil. They are challenged by the CERS increase in the same way as the city, and also have experienced cuts in Medicaid reimbursement. There has been a decline in Medicaid enrollment which has led to a drop in reimbursement, which they believe is caused by administrative rules and barriers imposed by the state. Over 80,000 Kentuckians have lost coverage since last spring and there has been a 3% drop in covered patients at the clinic. FHC is researching the barriers and whether they are legal. Passport has made cuts as well in order to maintain their statutorily required reserves. Passport will hopefully keep their head above water but they are challenged now to

rebuild reserves and still be competitive. They are requesting proposals for acquisition or merger, which will probably happen quickly. FHC's budget will see a lot of red ink going forward and they are looking at an 8-10% reduction. This will affect a significant number of employees and people in the community.

ACA workgroup update: Bill Wagner

The next ACA Committee meeting is scheduled for May 13th. They will decide whether there is enough new info to have a meeting beforehand. The Kentucky waiver is still moving through the court system and is expected to go to the Supreme Court. There will not be any news until after the gubernatorial election.

Marine Hospital Update: Bill Wagner

There will be a meeting Tuesday at 9:30 and the consultants will present their proposal. The consultants feel that there is a way to move forward with tax incentives and renting out part of the building which would not require a significant outlay of money up front. Instead of paying rent they can pay the loan. The proposal will have to be approved by FHC, LMPHW, Metro Council and the heritage board (since it's a historic building). If completed, this project will help bring back jobs to the community and save money.

Vaccines Work Group Update: Kate Probst

Amanda did research on what sort of registries other states have. Dr. Probst reached out to our state registry and they are convening a work group. There are two efforts, one with pharmacists and one with providers. The provider group will look at problems with providers not being able to connect due to technological limitations. Dr. Connie White will lead the provider group. Susie Francis is heading the pharmacy group. If members of our group are interested in joining, Dr. Probst will join pharmacy group. The vaccine work group would overlap with the state work group. The Board could join the group as one seat and rotate which member attends. She does not know what the time commitment will be, possibly a quarterly meeting. Dr. Nota is interested in the provider group.

Information Sharing:

Zipple: The quarterly meeting of the Bounce Coalition on adverse childhood experiences is coming up if anyone is interested.

Next BOH meeting June 5th.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Karen Cost, PhD
Chairperson

