

**LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 8, 2020**

Voting Members Present: Dr. Karen Cost, Margaret Handmaker, Heidi Margulis, Dr. Tony Zipple, Dr. Erin Frazier, Dr. Dwayne Compton, Dr. Paula Grisanti

Advisory Board Members Present: Bill Wagner, Dr. Sarah Moyer (via phone), Dr. Craig Blakely

Others Present: Dr. Lori Caloia, Nick Hart, Bart Irwin, Andrew Bledsoe, Teresa Poff

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION:** *To approve the December 2019 meeting minutes with correction of adding Heidi Margulis*
- **MOTION APPROVED**

LMPHW Director's Report Highlights: Dr. Caloia

The Office of Addiction Services and Syringe Exchange Program received a grant which will allow for the purchase of (1) one mobile harm reduction unit at \$136,243.40 and continued expansion of opioid/substance use disorder plan. There may be some HIV funding in the future.

Doula legislation is possible this year and we will be watching the state legislative session closely. There is now a state registry for certified narcotic treatment programs (making it easier to for clients to continue treatment when moving to another city). The Lead program is now testing for lead in pregnant women.

We are participating in an Air Pollution Control District (APCD) stakeholder group. Louisville is out of ozone attainment and due to the application cycle, we will be out of attainment for at least 3 years. Several work groups are meeting to develop recommendations. Louisville will likely need to restructure the permitting process.

LMPHW is continuing work on our Business Continuity Plan, focusing on ransomware and IT impacts. Preparedness is also engaged in extreme weather planning.

CHE has been conducting Racial Equity Training Part 2 for all senior leadership throughout Louisville Metro Government. CHE is also analyzing state legislation such as SB1 (which contains language

around government officials enforcing immigration). The Healthy Louisville 2025 launch is planned for Feb 11.

Health Services is grappling with a bad flu season, however TB numbers are similar to last year. Bill Wagner is interested in collaborating more closely with LMPHW's Office of Addiction Services.

Louisville Tree Ordinance-Nick Hart

The Board was interested in local legislation affecting the tree canopy, so LMPHW researched the legislation. The legislation concerns revisions to the Land Development Code (zoning) which are currently being considered in committee. The committee will likely deliberate until February.

Changes to code would be applicable to private property to be developed on suburban land (not applicable downtown). There would be a two-year waiting period to remove trees if a certain amount of trees had been removed from a property previously. Developers would be required to preserve more trees, and tree removal permits would be required for non-residential and multi-family sites where a landscape plan is required. The revisions would simplify the code and prioritize preserving the existing tree canopy. Supporting the ordinance will align with years of community outreach efforts and preservation work in Metro. We have lost 37% of the tree canopy as of 2012, and we lose 50,000 trees every year. Continued loss will negatively affect health.

The Board reviewed a draft letter to Metro Council supporting the proposed changes. Suggestions were made to move the "ask" to the first paragraph and shorten it to one page.

- ***MOTION:*** *To send a letter to Metro Council supporting the proposed changes to the Land Development Code. Dr. Cost will update the draft letter with suggested changes.*
- ***MOTION APPROVED***

ACA Committee: Bill Wagner

Mr. Wagner introduced Bart Irwin, Chief Administrative Officer of FHC.

The ACA Committee met last month. The new Governor is withdrawing the Medicaid Waiver application. Jefferson County saw a 6% drop in enrollment in the last quarter of 2019, with 11,000 fewer enrollees than the same period in 2018. Many people who have lost coverage report that it is due to the increased administrative burden. Lisa Lee has been named the new Medicaid Commissioner. She is committed to reducing the number of uninsured people in Kentucky.

There has been a change in Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracts. An RFP will be released, decisions will likely be made in April and the selected contractors will likely take over in July. Passport will reapply. Passport sold a 70% ownership stake to Evolent, the remaining 30% was retained by original sponsor organizations. Funds were distributed to all the sponsor organizations.

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE)

Deputy Executive Director, Andrew Bledsoe, and Region 2 Outreach Coordinator, Teresa Poff, presented to the Board. KHIE is housed in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and collaborates with other state agencies. They are able to take advantage of federal funds so they do not have to charge for their services (unlike in other states). They operate a “push and pull” of information (both receiving and providing clinical data). KHIE is the Public Health reporting authority, which allows clinicians to use one portal to report rather than reporting to multiple agencies. They work with hospitals, federally qualified health centers, labs, radiology departments, emergency departments, dentists, pharmacies, behavioral health services, and Emergency Medical Services.

Their data can be viewed through an e-viewer portal, which is a web-based mechanism where anyone with HIPPA clearance can log on and view it. They are working with Electronic Health Records (EHR) vendors on the ability to send data directly to EHRs rather than providers having to log in to their website. They also offer direct secure messaging (through a HIPPA compliant email system).

In Kentucky, the only way to report immunizations is through the KHIE interface. This saves individuals from having to pay the registry fees associated with multiple vendors. Information flows both ways through EHRs. They also have the capability to extract data on a monthly basis from orgs that don't have an EHR capable of communicating with their system. They are also working with pharmacy groups having issues with vendors which charge per query (causing the fees to add up quickly).

KHIE is one of the few HIEs in nation that exchanges substance treatment information, but patients must opt in. They also have access to information from neighboring states and are working with the Department of Defense and the VA. More capabilities will roll out in April, including an advance directive registry.

They received a grant to implement a provider assistance program. They can offer up to \$8000 per business to help facilities to attach to the KHIE. The funding is flexible and can be used for technology, ERH fees, etc.

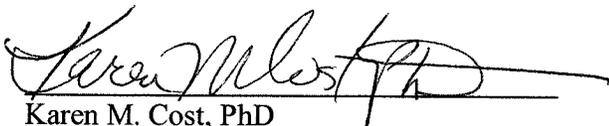
Information Sharing

Heidi Margulis recommended an article on a Knott county opioid addiction program which trains people to be luthiers (guitar makers).

The next BOH meeting will be February 5th.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Karen M. Cost, PhD
Chairperson

