

**LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 2, 2019**

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

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Bill Wagner, Sean Dennis, Dr. Sarah Moyer

**Others Present:** Alyson Humphries, Dave Langdon, T Gonzales, Angela Graham, Matt Rhodes, Dr. Lori Caloia, Dr. Paula Grisanti

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

**Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes**

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

**Vote on Actuarial Analysis**

- **MOTION:** *To approve an actuarial analysis of the Board of Health Self Insurance Trust Fund to be conducted by an independent qualified professional to be chosen by Board Chair.*
- **MOTION APPROVED**
- *The Board requests that the completed project be presented for review and acceptance/approval.*

**Vaping Update: Dr. Moyer**

LMPHW hosted a press conference about the outbreak of serious lung injury across the country caused by vaping on September 30th. Mayor Fischer, Ben Chandler of Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, JCPS Superintendent Marty Polio, Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar and Dr. Moyer each spoke about this crisis. The message was that vaping is not safe. LMPHW is working with JCPS to implement programs in schools. The Kentucky chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is providing education to providers. There is currently no approved nicotine replacement therapy for teens. When one becomes available LMPHW will educate about it.

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

Louisville has observed a rise in the number of positive rabies cases in bats in recent months. Bats submitted have tested positive for rabies in each of the last three months (July, August and

September) with a current total of four for the year. Louisville typically averages one rabid bat per year. The latest rabid bat was found on a pedestrian path at the Louisville Zoo which prompted the issuance of a press release to advise patrons who may have had an exposure. The remaining three rabid bats were found in residential structures located in the 40243, 40212, and 40208 zip codes. We are beginning to see an increasing number of bats in residential structures, prompting a rise in individuals seeking rabies post exposure prophylaxes. Recent data from the CDC suggest that transmission of rabies virus can occur from minor, seemingly unimportant, or unrecognized bites from bats.

As of 9/23/2019, West Nile virus has been detected in mosquitoes collected throughout Louisville Metro, and there has been one (1) confirmed human case. Staff members have completed 14 fogging events in response to the mosquito surveillance data. Staff is also close to completing the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of catch basin larvacide treatments, 9 of the 14 treatment areas have been completed.

Dr. Moyer passed out a list of all the LMPHW Root Cause teams/committees and encouraged Board members to get involved with one or more teams/committees.

HBL's Birth Equity work group hosted Ed Ehlinger, MD (National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health) at the September 5 Birth Equity Town Hall meeting, at which Healthy Babies Louisville members, partners and advocates shared stories and discussion to lift up the importance of reducing implicit bias and improving access to doulas to reduce racial disparities in birth outcomes.

Staff continues to connect with new partners to help define the scope of the health impact assessment (HIA) on Kentucky's expungement policy. The next major step in the project is to obtain IRB approval to collect information from individuals with a criminal record. This data will help us better understand the various impacts a criminal record has on one's health (i.e. barriers to employment, housing, etc.) and will inform the HIA's recommendations to help strengthen Kentucky's expungement policy as a measure to improve health outcomes.

The equity assessment survey has been sent to all Metro departments. While the team is awaiting survey results, they will be analyzing qualitative data found in previously conducted community engagement documents to identify priority themes for upcoming budget decisions.

Despite the reduction of staff at the Specialty Clinic, we have been able to increase the number of patients tested using the Express model ("fast tracks") which includes testing most individuals and referring those with symptoms, certain high risk criteria, or positive test results to the single provider.

The CD program is in the process of hiring for a Communicable Disease RN and an Immunizations RN. The TB program is in transition. We have welcomed Susie Clark as our new TB Clinic Supervisor. We are in the process of hiring for one RN and one LPN position in the clinic.

### **Healthy Louisville 2025 Plan: Angela Graham and Alyson Humphrey**

The HL2025 team has done extensive work building a health dashboard on a website called MySidewalk. The dashboard will be completed and made public in January, but the Board was given a preview. Our partners chose the areas of focus for HL2025, which align very well with our Root Cause Teams, and we are providing public health guidance to the project. The areas of focus are built environment, environmental equity, increasing access to fair and affordable housing and connecting health to education. The main difference between HL2020 and HL2025 is that the previous version described health outcomes whereas the current one addresses root causes that contribute to those outcomes. This year is a building year during which the team will be gathering partners, getting access to new data sets and creating teams.

### **Vaccination Work Group: Kate Probst**

No state meetings have been established yet, but she plans to attend when they are scheduled. Dr. Probst is working on a smoking cessation protocol at Sullivan and will be presenting a Round Table discussion about it.

### **ACA Committee: Bill Wagner**

Bill Wagner distributed a handout on ACA enrollment which the committee has created (in English and Spanish). Medicaid can be applied for year-round, but people can only change plans at open enrollment, which is coming up.

### **Information Sharing**

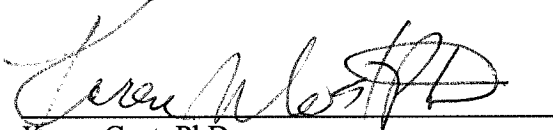
- Dr. Cost: The city is working to make sure vulnerable populations are counted in the census. They have created a committee and the first meeting is today at 12:30 in the Mayor's Gallery. The meeting is open to the public, however if the Board wishes to have official representation, Dr. Moyer will need to send the name of the representative to the Mayor's office. The census is important because Kentucky gets \$15B per year allocated based on census data, and we stand to lose \$2,000 per year for each person who is not counted. Should the Board be represented? Bill Wagner will send a member of his team since this is an important issue for FHC. Dr. Nota is interested in participating on an immigrant subcommittee if one is formed. Dr. Cost would like to look for opportunities for the Board to put out communications about the census.
- Dr. Cost: MUW and Ohio Valley Education Cooperative getting \$10M funding for Head Start in Jefferson County. Family and Children's Place was awarded \$6M. Family support and engagement will be part of the program.
- Dr. Nota can work with KY Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to distribute information (such as education about vaping) to pediatric professionals working with immigrant populations.
- Board: The Board would like to explore a potential resolution on vaping. The Board asks Sean Dennis to do some research.

- Dr. Zipple: Attended a meeting on legalizing marijuana attended by 350 people. The takeaway was that legalization is inevitable and Kentucky should start developing a regulatory structure, especially around use by children.

The next BOH meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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