

LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 3, 2019

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

Advisory Board Members Present: Bill Wagner, Dr. Anthony Zipple, Sean Dennis, Dr. Craig Blakely, Dr. Monalisa Tailor, Chief Vincent James

Others Present: Connie Mendel, Dave Langdon

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- ***MOTION:*** To approve the June 2019 meeting minutes with correction.
- ***MOTION APPROVED***

Celebration of Dr. Temes

As this was Dr. Temes' last Board meeting, Dr. Cost and Dr. Moyer presented him with a Proclamation from Mayor Fischer declaring July 3rd, 2019 to be Dr. Gerald Temes Day.

Vote on the FY20 Board Members

- ***MOTION:*** Dr. Temes nominated Dr. Cost to remain Chair and Margaret Handmaker to remain Vice Chair. Dr. Frazier seconds.
- ***MOTION APPROVED***
- There being no additional discussion or nominations, the Board voted.
- ***VOTE:*** The members present voted unanimously for Dr. Karen Cost as Chair and Margaret Handmaker as Vice Chair.

The Board will explore leadership development for next year.

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

Dr. Moyer thanked all LMPHW staff who covered for her while she was out, especially Matt Rhodes, T. Gonzales, and Dr. Lori Caloia.

In the budget that just passed, LMPHW had 8 attritted positions, as well as one Full Time Employee and one contractor who were laid off. Approval has been granted to begin hiring for the 28 positions that are currently open. Funding was cut for the 2020 Health Equity Report, however LMPHW is applying for a Humana grant which could fund it. Mosquitos have been in the news due to cuts to the mosquito program and the particularly wet weather Louisville has had. Dr. Caloia participated in a panel at the Louisville Forum on vaccinations. The TB clinic has a new x-ray machine. The new Children's Meal ordinance is in effect and most establishments are in compliance. The LMPHW Lead team is getting national recognition and presenting a NACCHO webinar. The WIC participation numbers are down but we will be filling WIC positions soon and hope to get the numbers back up. The Syringe Exchange Program is struggling with staff reductions, there are currently only two staff running all six days. The HIV prevention program currently has no staff. CHE is moving the new Complete Streets policy forward, which is updated to have more equity, transparency, and accountability measures.

Probst: TB skin testing guidance was updated recently. Healthcare workers don't need annual TB tests unless there is a risk. Could we send something out to encourage clinical sites to change policy?

Moyer: Dr. Caloia is writing an article for GMLS. Dr. Moyer will share it when it is published.

Temes: What has happened with Cure Violence?

James: The FY20 budget did not fund Violence Interrupter work. Metro government has applied for grants and are looking at crowd-funding. He expects violence to increase this summer because local gangs are organizing. Louisville is experiencing violence over drugs and territory. Gangs are developing kids as young as 12 to be the shooters. LMPD has identified 75 at-risk young men and are providing services including knocking on doors and providing linkage services like employment opportunities. They are also running a pilot program called Thrive Initiative. This is a 24-month program with wrap-around services, housing, education and therapy. It addresses root causes of violence.

Margulis: What can the Board do besides become educated?

James: The Board could invite Youth Detention Services Director Dr. Ursula Mullins to come and talk about solutions.

Cost: The Board needs to formulate a response.

Moyer: If anyone knows a great physician that can get connected to Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods, that would be helpful.

Family Health Centers Update: Bill Wagner

Family Health Centers is experiencing a \$4 million shortfall, which is 10% of its operational budget. They are currently operating at a deficit and looking for new sources of revenue. The state cuts to Passport are negatively impacting them, as Passport is their largest funding source. Their annual audit is in July and he will present the audit results to the Board in August. At the August meeting he will present FHC Board Members for the Board to vote on.

ACA Committee Update: Bill Wagner

The July meeting of the ACA Committee was postponed to August 12th at 4:00. He will be serving as one of three citizen members on task force for public assistance reform. The task force is convening because of a bill which was introduced in the state legislature which would institute drug testing, work requirements, and other requirements on Medicaid participants.

Vaccination Work Group: Kate Probst

She plans to participate in the next quarterly meeting of the state task force which is working on the vaccine registry.

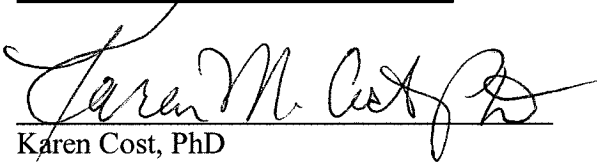
Chair Update: Dr. Cost

The Mayor's office is planning to put forth Dr. Zipple's name for one of the two Board vacancies. There are currently three other applicants for the second vacant position. Metro Council will vote on Dr. Zipple's appointment as well as the reappointment of Dr. Nota and Dr. Frazier on July 22nd.

The next BOH meeting is August 7th.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen M. Cost PhD", written over a horizontal line.

Karen Cost, PhD
Chairperson

