# LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES OF MEETING November 6, 2019

**Voting Members Present:** Dr. Karen Cost, Margaret Handmaker, Dr. Maria Nota, Dr. Kate Probst, Dr. Tony Zipple, Dr. Erin Frazier

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

Others Present: Dave Langdon, Dr. Lori Caloia, Leanne French, Jennifer Bowman, Mary Jolly, Kathy Turner, Yolanda Carnessali Powell, Susan Clark, Jerry Kaforski, Robin Gillespie, Nick Hart, Latoyia Leverette, Terrel Young

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

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

- MOTION: To approve the October 2019 meeting minutes
- MOTION APPROVED

#### Vaping Update: Sean Dennis

The Mayor's office has a draft vaping ordinance almost ready to send to Metro Council. The language has not yet been finalized, however it aims to significantly change the way tobacco can be sold to minors. The following measures are under discussion:

- 1. Close the loophole allowing electronic cigarettes to be used in electronic smoking retail stores.
- 2. Raise the age for someone to possess/consume tobacco products to 21.
- 3. Prohibit retailers from selling flavored e-cigarettes.
- 4. Require licenses in order to sell tobacco products.

Regarding concerns around preemption, the Kentucky Supreme Court has stated that there is a preemption against local bodies changing the law to make it easier to purchase tobacco, but there is no precedent or suggestion of a preemption on making it harder to purchase tobacco.

Regarding concerns over regulation, there are already several types of establishments regulated locally including food trucks, pawn shops and massage parlors. Additionally, other states and municipalities have already banned the sale of flavored tobacco products, including e-cigarettes.

The vaping ordinance would likely go to the Health and Education Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Dorsey. The next date to file legislation is November 18 and the first opportunity to for Council to vote would be December 12.

- MOTION Resolution that the Board of Health will support the ordinance presented above
- MOTION APPROVED unanimously

Sean Dennis will send the final ordinance and the contact info for all council members, with the members of the Health and Education Committee members indicated, so that Board Members may contact them. He will also send any information on similar ordinances in other cities.

There are currently two pre-filed bills in State Legislature on tobacco. Dr. Moyer will send out information about them as well.

#### **United Community Presentation: Keni Brown**

Keni Brown is Senior Project Manager overseeing the United Community project at Metro United Way. United Community is a one-stop-shop for referral services. Louisville is the only community using it in multiple sectors (school, healthcare, social services etc.). JCPS will be first school district to be on the system. This will allow us to impact social determinants of health by intervening early in a child's life.

Case managers at organizations can refer their clients to other agencies electronically. For example, Dare to Care can refer a client to housing providers electronically, and a housing provider will follow up with the client and Dare to Care. This closes the loop on referrals and improves the process for all parties.

Anyone can use the United Community platform. It launched on April 1 with 50 organizations, and now has over 80 organizations in 20 services categories. United Way can provide free licenses to organizations that provide services as they are trying to expand.

On the platform, you can search for services and filter by language, zip code, type of service, etc. The system will tell the case manager what documents clients will need to bring to an appointment, whether their language needs can be accommodated or they will need a translator, the hours the provider is open, etc. Organizations will enter data into the system on whether or not they were able to help the client, which will yield data on what service needs are not being addressed in the community.

The system allows the tracking of data without sacrificing privacy. It is compliant with all privacy regulations such as HIPPA. United Community has served 632 unique clients in the first

six months (whereas other cities may take a year to reach that many clients). United Way can filter the data by gender, race, age, location, etc. That data can be used to determine which areas need which services the most and target those services to those areas.

The data shows that housing, utilities and food assistance are the top three needs. For housing, a third of all housing needs were not met by the community. United Way can take this data to Louisville Metro Government and grantors to show the community's needs.

### LMPHW Director's Report Highlights: Dr. Moyer

Dr. Moyer encouraged the Board to attend a panel on vaping at duPont Manual High School this afternoon. Mayor Fischer and several experts will also be on the panel, the emcee is a middle schooler and the event is targeted at young people.

Dr. Moyer also encouraged the Board to join an LMPHW Root Cause Team and she discussed the various teams which Board members can join.

In an ecosystem scan of over 900 environmental health agencies and aquatic data, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) has identified LMPHW's swimming pool inspection program as a top five government program and invited LMPHW to participate in NEHA's Aquatic Data Standard Accelerator. The invitation includes a grant of up to \$20,000 for costs associated with participating in the accelerator, as well as the opportunity for a small team to share their learnings at NEHA's annual conference in July 2020.

Childhood lead Program Coordinator Gabriell Gassaway hosted a roundtable at the All In Data for Community Health National Meeting. This included a summary of our Health in All Policies (HiAP) work and guided discussion with participants. CLPPP will be continuing their HiAP work with National Center for Healthy Housing over the course of the next year and will be receiving further funding and technical assistance resources. Finalized details will be provided in December.

A Letter of Intent was signed for new MORE Center location, pending a signed contract. We are working to finalize renovation and IT plans. The current patient census stands at 159 clients. We had a reduction in numbers from last month due to losing a counselor but we should be interviewing for replacement soon. We are continuing to work on issues with NetSmart as they occur. We met with Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) to discuss grant requirements. The KORE contract is still pending finalization, so we are experiencing a delay in the hiring process for the grant.

Several Kentucky Income Reinvestment Program (KIRP) positions will be filled in the near future to help expand Syringe Exchange Program services. We also expect to receive funding for a new Syringe Exchange Vehicle from Opioid Crisis Funds. As can occur with unexpected grant funds, these will require a quick turnaround to obtain the vehicle within the expenditure timeframe.

### Vaccination Work Group: Dr. Probst

Dr. Probst attended a meeting in Frankfort hosted by the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE). Other attendees included representatives from the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KIR), physicians and pharmacists. The Board of Health is now officially on the pharmacy workgroup and Dr. Probst has invited the workgroup to present at a future Board meeting.

The workgroup discussed barriers to pharmacies joining the immunization registry. Some of the main issues are software compatibility and cost. KHIE is offering mini grants of up to \$8,000 to small independent pharmacies to join the registry.

# **ACA Committee: Bill Wagner**

ACA open enrollment is happening now. The ACA committee continues to monitor the Medicaid court cases. Governor-elect Andy Beshear has stated that he will drop the Medicaid Waiver as soon as his term begins.

#### **Information Sharing**

The FHC breakfast with the Board has been cancelled for this year.

The next BOH meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Karen Cost, PhD

Chairperson