

LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 4, 2020

Voting Members Present: Dr. Karen Cost, Dr. Kate Probst, Dr. Maria Nota, Dr. Tony Zipple, Dr. Erin Frazier, Dr. Paula Grisanti, Dr. Dwayne Compton, Margaret Handmaker

Advisory Board Members Present: Dr. Sarah Moyer, Natalie Johnson, Dr. Craig Blakely, Monalisa Taylor

Others Present: Angela Graham, Dr. Lori Caloia, T Gonzales, Dave Langdon, Sean Muldoon,

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *To approve the February 2020 meeting minutes*

MOTION APPROVED

Date for April Meeting

Because the first Wednesday in April falls during the public schools' spring break, the meeting will be moved to April 8, 2020.

KyHRC Liability Coverage—Dr. Lori Caloia

The Board of Health, through its Self-Insurance Trust Fund, currently provides liability insurance to certain contractors, such as Dr. Jorrich in the MORE Center, and to the Family Health Centers.

Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition (KyHRC) has volunteered to assist LMPHW with syringe exchange services, HIV prevention and testing, and other services for which we currently contract through Volunteers of America. They would provide these services at no cost to LMPHW because they are grant funded. We would like to have them in place by next fiscal year (July 1). However, they are having difficulty obtaining liability insurance to provide the services. They have been great partners in the past, including providing LMPHW with Naloxone and assisting with syringe exchange services. This would enable us to expand our services. There are not a lot of incidents in our syringe exchange and their staff will get safety training and attend all LMPHW staff meetings. Organizations are required by statute to work with a local health department when providing syringe exchange services, so they are prohibited from providing services on their own.

Natalie Johnson, Assistant County Attorney, provided an opinion that under the rules of the Trust, the Board of Health may offer liability insurance to KyHRC, but is not required to do so.

The Board members would like to see a risk assessment before making a decision. They would like to know which insurance carriers were approached and whether KyHRC was refused coverage or were offered a policy that was cost prohibitive. The Board would like to know how other syringe exchange

programs handle this issue. A suggestion was made to investigate the Mental Health Risk Retention Group as an option. It was specialty created for programs like this. The Board urges them to find other coverage and if they can't then the Board could reconsider.

Healthy Louisville 2025--Angela Graham

The Healthy Louisville 2025 website, www.healthylouisville2025.com, was launched in February. It is the result of several years of work and LMPHW requests Board members' participation in the project.

Angela gave a tour of the site to the Board. There is a main page and additional pages for each of the four goals. Each page has a narrative followed by interactive data. The HL2025 plan is fully supported by data and allows the public to engage in their area of interest. Each page drills down to the level of either Metro Council district or neighborhood. Each of the four goals has a baseline, which will be updated each year. Within each goal there are strategies such as strategic partnerships, enhancing local projects, etc. It details what measurements will be used to track progress. We will add more detail to the narrative and data sections. If there is a dataset or metric you'd like to see added, let Angela know.

Each goal has a CHE Root Cause Team associated with it, along with a community goal owner. We would like to add additional partners. Please help link us to community resources which may be interested. We will onboard partners based on interest. Right now, each group is meeting as needed, however as the plan gets more momentum, there will be standing meetings.

Our ask is more involvement from the Board. Each Root Cause Team can present to the Board, providing more detail and connecting to other work around the city. The Board agreed to have one presentation per month, with a Q&A, starting in April. The team can choose the order.

One Board member suggested adding cases of child abuse using data from the Child Fatality Review Board.

LMPHW Director's Report Highlights: Dr. Moyer

The Policy and Innovation team is hiring for a Policy Analyst. This analyst will primarily develop policy briefs on various topics, help to coordinate Health Impact Assessment work, and join the Food & Built Environment root cause team. Please encourage good candidates to apply at:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisvilleky/jobs/2645056/policy-analyst?keywords=policy&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>.

Work on the next installment of the Health Equity Report continues. The Health Equity Report is estimated to have a late fall 2020/early spring 2021 release. In February, CHE submitted a grant proposal to the Humana Foundation for \$100,000 to fund the development of the report, administrative assistance, and communication strategies. Initial data metrics have also been identified to begin analysis. While data analysis is ongoing, the HER project teams will begin planning and organizing community engagement. Our next planning session is March 26.

HB129 has passed House and Senate Health Committee and we hope to see a vote in the full Senate this week.

The MORE Center will be moving to the new Churchman location on March 12 and 13. It will open to clients on March 16.

The Public Facilities program staff conducts 1,034 pool inspections each year for the 517 aquatic facilities in Louisville. The aquatic facilities vary from the therapy spa at Kort physical therapy to Kentucky Kingdoms Aquatic Park. All the facilities have different design concerns, flow rates, filtration processes, safety personnel, and maintenance and operation problems. The aquatic facilities over the last fifteen years have increased in complexity to meet the demands of the public and to promote swimming throughout the US. With new technologies like salt generators, UV lighting and spray parks, pool designs have evolved into more extravagant facilities including features such as sun pads and water features in pools. In order to keep pace with all the changes, new regulations are created. Our inspectors need continuing education to keep up with the trends.

The expanding COVID-19 outbreak in China and many other countries has reignited the interest in finalizing the draft Communicable Disease Response Plan (CDRP) to address the process and protocols for any potential events at international ports of entry such as UPS's cargo facilities and the SDF airport. PHP proactively re-engaged the Communicable Disease Incident Management Team (IMT) to begin monitoring the activity with a focus on US and KY/Louisville potential cases. At this time the IMT is evaluating our response capability and tracking CDC information releases related to community preparedness. Additional follow up meetings with the Airport Authority Public Safety Director, other community representatives (medical and law enforcement), and key LMPHW personnel continue to move the effort forward to complete final comments and revisions. The CDRP will be included in the LMPHW Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) either as a separate annex or an addition to the current Disease Outbreak Response Plan (DOSP).

Recommendations are to wash hands thoroughly, and when hand washing is not available, use hand sanitizer with 60% or greater alcohol. Please encourage employers to let employees stay home when sick.

A suggestion was made to contact GLI and other employer groups to discuss preparedness. LMPHW is completing materials to send out to groups and creating list serves for the business community, the healthcare community and the public. Our Communications team is working on one-pagers and graphics to share on social media. We have been inundated with media requests. If you know of anyone willing to help with media requests and presentations, please let us know. UofL and the Kentuckiana Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology have been helpful. A suggestion was made to contact local Schools of Nursing as they are a great resource.

[The HIA of Expungement Policy](#) in Kentucky was released February 28,2020. Here is a [link to the press release](#). The report provides data and recommendations, guided by a cross-section of stakeholders, to inform amendments to Kentucky's expungement policy as a means to improve health outcomes. A number of criminal justice reforms are being considered by Kentucky's General Assembly as part of the 2020 Legislative Session, and the HIA is intended to inform both current and future efforts to make expungement more accessible. Please share the report at www.HIA-Lou.com. We are looking for ideas for our next HIA, please let us know if you have a project which could benefit from an HIA.

Vaccinations Work Group Update: Dr. Probst

Since the state work group is only meeting quarterly, Dr. Probst and Dr. Nota are discussing meeting in between to discuss local issues. They would like to focus on coordinating with school clinics, working with community-based organizations and expanding volunteers at clinics. Amanda can send out a Doodle Poll of Friday mornings in late April/early May.

ACA Update—Karen Cost

The number of insured people in Kentucky has fallen by over 80,000. The committee is watching a House Bill 1 which makes changes to certain public assistance programs and would, among other things, “require that a Medicaid beneficiary who is convicted of a drug related felony offense seek substance use disorder treatment in order to remain eligible for benefits; amend KRS 205.725 to require the cabinet to upon receipt of an application for public assistance to take action to assure that the responsible parent or parents provides support to a child and to require that the custodial parent of a needy dependent child provide the cabinet with certain information to assist in assuring that child support is provided; and amend KRS 441.045 to require that a county jailer notify the cabinet when a county prisoner is incarcerated and when they are released.”

Information Sharing

- Dr. Cost decided, based on interest of the Board, to invite CHE Root Cause Teams to present one HL2025 goal per month to the Board.
- Dr. Cost would like to have a 2-hour meeting in June so that the Board can take Racial Equity training. This is a training which Louisville Metro Government Directors and Metro Council are getting from CHE.
- Bounce Coalition had Grand Rounds at Bellarmine. They discussed the intersection between Adverse Childhood Experiences and health. There is an upcoming series of two half-day trainings at Bellarmine, the first is next Friday and the second is the 27th. There are a couple of slots still open.
- Tomorrow at Atherton High School there is a gun violence policy town hall put on by Representative John Yarmuth from 6-8pm.
- This is a bad flu season. The same messaging which we are doing for Coronavirus is useful for preventing flu. There have been 8 flu deaths in Louisville so far and 16,000 nationwide. We have more flu A right now. Get a flu shot because it is possible to get flu and Coronavirus at the same time.

The next BOH meeting will be April 8, 2020.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Karen M. Cost, PhD
Chairperson