

LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 6, 2021

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

Advisory Board Members Present: Dr. Sarah Moyer, Dr. Valerie Briones-Pryor, Bill Wagner, Dr. Craig Blakely, Angela Hayes, Natalie Johnson

Others Present: Eva Stone, Gabriell Gassaway, Amanda Clark, Kathy Turner, Dr. SarahBeth Hartlage, Paul Kern, Connie Mendel, Karen Handmaker, Ozzy Gibson, T Gonzales, Deputy Mayor Ellen Hessen, State Senator Morgan McGarvey, State Senator Julie Raque Adams, Natalie Johnson, Nick Hart

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am. This was a virtual meeting as per an Executive Order for social distancing due to Covid-19. All voting members were visible and audible on WebEx. A quorum was reached.

As per open meetings requirements, the meeting information was posted 24 hours in advance, the public was able to call in or view on LMPHW's Facebook page.

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Approve the minutes of the December meeting as distributed*

MOTION APPROVED

Chair's Update: Heidi Margulis

Public Health Priorities:

State Senator Julie Raque Adams shared her priorities for the 2021 legislative session including passing a one-year budget, of which public health will be a big part, expanding access to healthcare and expanding advance-care practical nursing.

State Senator Morgan McGarvey shared his priorities including the budget, for which bi-partisan groundwork was laid last year, increasing access to care and addressing health inequities.

Deputy Louisville Mayor Ellen Hessen shared Louisville Metro Government's policy priorities including addressing violent crime and systemic racism, fighting for economic inclusion, obtaining subpoena power for Louisville's civilian review board, reimagining public safety to include non-police first responders and increasing transparency. Additionally, LMG supports state legislation such as a hate crime bill, banning no-knock warrants, addressing health disparities, expansion of non-police services (ex. mental health, substance abuse and homeless services) and a critical incident team to investigate police incidents.

The Board discussed the best way to support public health legislation. Senator Adams suggested the Board send a specific, itemized list of the Board's priorities and recommendations to their legislators as well as the chair of committees such as Appropriations. She also suggested that the Board think ahead to future years and building resilience.

The Board also discussed Senator Adams' proposed changes to Nurse Practitioner regulations designed to improve access to care, including access to mental health care.

Eva Stone JCPS Update:

Eva Stone noted that reversal of the free care act would allow JCPS to bill for services and expand access to care for children. Additionally, having access to the Kentucky Immunization Registry would help JCPS to increase immunization among children by bringing vaccines to where children already are.

LMPHW helped JCPS to plan vaccination for staff and JCPS hopes to start vaccinating school nurses this week and staff by the end of the month. JCPS will then begin bringing students back into the classroom, starting with the early grades. Angela Hayes has worked with local pharmacies and the Board of Pharmacy towards pairing every school with a pharmacy for in-school clinics. JCPS is now a VFC program provider and will target Louisville's immigrant and refugee population. JCPS is also working on setting up an Electronic Health Record for student health which will help with COVID.

JCPS's legislative priorities include school funding, pensions, culturally relevant curriculum in schools, and accountability. Among other school districts nationally, JCPS joined a federal lawsuit against JUUL. (Louisville Metro government also joined in this lawsuit.)

LMPHW Director's Report Highlights: Dr. Moyer

The Board received the Director's Report.

Allocations of vaccine from the federal and state governments are still small and LMPHW is working on vaccinating healthcare workers at a mass-vaccination site at Broadbent arena. LMPHW is leading the nation in mass-vaccination. LMPHW plans to complete Phase 1A (healthcare workers) by the end of the month and move to 1B, starting with JCPS employees and other educators.

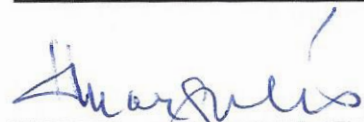
LMPHW is developing a new advocacy agenda which will include supporting tobacco preemption repeal, raising the CCAP childcare reimbursement rate, a vaccine registry mandate, housing security/eviction moratorium, paid sick leave, universal pre-K, decriminalization of harm reduction and non-police emergency response.

Nick Hart noted that LMPHW staff conducted late-night surveillance over New Year and LMPHW is transitioning to focus on facilities which are repeat offenders and making COVID compliance part of regular inspection assessments. Staff will also be supporting the vaccination program.

The next Board meeting will be at 8:00am.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Heidi Margulis
Chairperson