



MEETING MINUTES


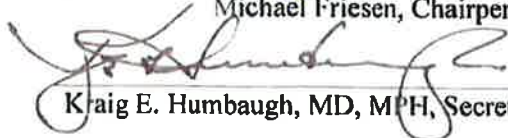
Board of Health Meeting
Video Teleconference
July 13, 2020
5:45 p.m.

	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Ms. Allen-Bryant, Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Commissioner Ford, Mr. Friesen, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Jasinski, Dr. Majmundar, Dr. Mason, Ms. Roberts Pierre, Councilmember Reynolds, Dr. Zimmerman. No absences.</p> <p>OTHERS PARTICIPATING: Dr. Humbaugh, LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Council.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Friesen called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.
Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Foley called the roll. All members were in attendance. • A quorum was declared.
Request for Approval of the June 8, 2020 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mason made a motion to approve the June 8, 2020 minutes. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Tax Rate Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cornett introduced Ms. Kay to present the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) tax rate resolution. Ms. Kay referenced the resolution document, which was provided to board members in advance of the meeting. If the resolution is approved, board members will be asked to sign a document, electronically, to confirm the resolution was approved. This document will be signed by Dr. Humbaugh and by the state Commissioner of Health. It will then be presented to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. • Mr. Cornett made the following motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>WHEREAS, by a vote of the electorate a public health taxing district for Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky, was established pursuant to the provisions of KRS 212.720 et seq. of the Kentucky Revised statutes and;</i> <i>WHEREAS, the members of the county or city-county board of health are by virtue of their office the governing body of the public health taxing district and are authorized to perform all duties attendant thereto in addition to their duties as members of the county or city-county board of health; and</i> <i>WHEREAS, the other tax levying authorities within the taxing district have not in the opinion of this Board of Health appropriated an amount sufficient to meet the public health needs of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Health Department nor an amount sufficient to meet the standards</i>

	<p><i>prescribed by the Cabinet for Health Services,</i></p> <p><i>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</i> that there is hereby levied a special ad valorem tax upon all property subject to taxation in Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky as provided by KRS 212.725 et seq. at the rate of 2.8 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all real property and at the rate of 2.8 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all personal property; and at the rate of 2.8 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all motor vehicles in Lexington-Fayette County as of January 1, 2020. The motor vehicle tax rate will be applicable to calendar year beginning January 1, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mason seconded the motion. • Ms. Allen-Bryant, Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Mr. Friesen, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Jasinski, Dr. Majmundar, Dr. Mason, Ms. Roberts Pierre, Councilmember Reynolds, and Dr. Zimmerman voted yea. Mr. Jabbour voted nay. The motion passed with eleven yeas and one nay.
<p>Commissioner’s Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Humbaugh presented the commissioner’s report. • COVID-19 continued as the top public health priority in the world. Staff are our biggest asset and have done a phenomenal job. Staff continue to work days, nights, and weekends. • There have been more than 2,100 cases of COVID-19 in Fayette County residents. Trends are toward cases in younger patients, more cases associated with work environments, restaurants, and in those returning from vacation. We are also beginning to see cases that may be related to holiday social activities. • We are monitoring 478 residents who have COVID-19. We contact each case daily until they are released from monitoring. Around 100 are Spanish-speakers. We have 19 bilingual staff assisting in pandemic response. Around half of our cases are in African-American and Hispanic residents. • The number of COVID-19 cases doubled in June, as did the number of deaths. The percentage hospitalized has lowered to 11%; however, due to the increased number of cases, the total number of patients hospitalized has risen. 32 are currently in hospital. 82 cases are residents of long-term care (LTC) facilities. Many LTCs are experiencing outbreaks at this time. Half of our deaths are cases from LTCs and the Federal Medical Center. Most deaths are in the older population. We are seeing more cases in child care centers. We are working with Fayette County Public Schools on school reopening and response plans. We also wish to prepare for reopening with our universities. • There is a new mandate to wear masks in public. The process for how the mandate will be enforced is being developed. Our environmental health (EH) staff are not only working on the response, but are also working on opening swimming pools. Restaurant reopenings also require the assistance of EH staff. • Testing is widely available. Our at-home testing program is expanding.

	<p>We anticipate demand for testing to increase. We have applied for a \$150 thousand grant to support at-home testing. We are also working on testing for LTCs. There is discussion of potential wastewater virus testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to monitor the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE). The price for PPE has increased during the pandemic. • Dr. Humbaugh spoke with the Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA), sharing successes and challenges during the pandemic. Dr. Humbaugh mentioned successes including re-purposing staff to meet response needs, using tech to make staff more efficient and effective, and strengthening community relationships to leverage resources and goodwill. Challenges have included keeping up with and adapting to rapid changes in science, best practices, and guidance, scaling up resources to meet response needs, balancing COVID-19 response with restarting essential services, supporting increased demand for harm reduction services, and outreach to minority residents disproportionately affect by the pandemic. • Mr. Cornett asked if LFCHD will enforce mask guidance with businesses we do not regulate. Dr. Humbaugh said inspectors will investigate public complaints. Law enforcement will investigate complaints regarding individuals. Mr. Ams has been working with the Department of Labor to discuss enforcement procedures. Dr. Mason said a temporary injunction against Governor Beshear’s executive orders regarding the pandemic is in place. Councilmember Reynolds asked which are the most effective types of masks. Dr. Humbaugh said the best masks are N95 respirators. N95s are most effective when the wearer has been fit-tested. The best option for the general public are regular surgical masks. Surgical masks were designed for one-time use. Cloth masks provide some protection and are washable. Those wearing masks are less likely to infect others. There is not as much data indicating masks protect the wearer. Mr. Jabbour said many people are experiencing anxiety and depression and have decreased exercise. He asked how LFCHD can address these comorbidities. Dr. Humbaugh said we will continue to promote education to encourage exercise and to connect those struggling with behavioral issues with available resources. Dr. Jasinski said we need to encourage residents to connect with health care and to utilize telehealth options. Ms. Allen-Bryant said testing at Shiloh Baptist Church was very successful. Dr. Humbaugh said more than 1,200 people were tested. Testing will continue for at least another week. The city may move their testing to other neighborhoods in the future.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Mr. Friesen presented the executive committee report. He expressed appreciation to LFCHD staff for the good work over long hours during the pandemic. He expressed thanks to Ms. Allen-Bryant for her years of leadership as Board of Health (BOH) chair and for continuing to serve on the board. He invited board members with terms expiring soon to contact him and Ms. Foley for assistance if they wish

	<p>to continue to serve, as well as any board members interested in serving on board committees. During its meeting, the executive committee focused on COVID-19 response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance: Mr. Cornett also invited board members to join the finance committee, if they wish to do so. Ms. Kay presented the finance report. In May, accounting and finance reported a year-to-date (YTD) surplus of \$5.5 million, compared to a budget of \$2.6 million. We should end the fiscal year ahead of budget. Current cash account balances are at \$22.5 million. LFHCD spent \$1.06 million on pandemic response and received \$494 thousand in COVID-19 reimbursements. We may receive additional support funding in the next few months. We may also be able to receive reimbursements from FEMA. We are utilizing state contracted contact tracers and disease investigators. Ms. Kay reported we just learned we were awarded the \$150 thousand grant Dr. Humbaugh referenced earlier in the meeting. • Marketing and Branding: Ms. Roberts Pierre said LFCHD's ability to share valid information and recommendations during the pandemic is one of our most important tools in the fight against the pandemic. Communication efforts are more important than ever. She appreciated that accurate and timely data is being shared with the community. • Nominating/Bylaws: No report. • Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. • Policy Policy/Protocol: No report.
Communications Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hall presented the communications report. He expressed appreciation for the hard work and cooperation of staff in assisting with education and outreach. There will be testing at Shiloh Baptist Church this weekend. Cardinal Valley is another neighborhood being considered for COVID-19 testing. A group of African-American pastors have been meeting with us to help us share information about COVID-19 with their congregants and community members. Around \$10 thousand of the \$150 thousand grant we just received will support COVID-19 outreach.
Open Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None presented.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Friesen requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. Allen-Bryant made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.


 Michael Friesen, Chairperson

 Kraig E. Humbaugh, MD, MPH, Secretary