



MEETING MINUTES

**Board of Health Meeting
Video Teleconference
September 14, 2020
5:45 p.m.**

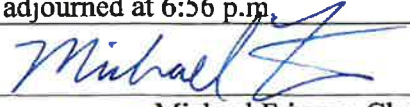
	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Ms. Allen-Bryant, Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Commissioner Ford, Mr. Friesen, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Jasinski, Dr. Majmundar, Dr. Mason, Councilmember Reynolds, Dr. Zimmerman.</p> <p>OTHERS PARTICIPATING: Dr. Humbaugh, LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Council.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Friesen called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.
Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Foley called the roll. • A quorum was declared.
Request for Approval of the August 10, 2020 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Allen-Bryant made a motion to approve the August 10, 2020 minutes. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Commissioner's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Humbaugh presented the Commissioner's Report. He welcomed board members and Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and University of Kentucky (UK) students who attended the meeting. • Dr. Humbaugh said staff have done an incredible job during the pandemic and he is immensely proud of them. We have passed 7,000 COVID-19 cases. • There is one at-large vacancy on the board. We are working with the Mayor's Office and City Council to fill the vacancy. • Julie Burwell was introduced as our interim Human Resources Officer (HRO). She has over 40 years of experience and is a nice fit as our bridge to filling the position permanently. She will assist us in finding additional staff to add to the pandemic response. We currently have more than 50 contractors working in the response. Ms. Burwell said she is happy to have joined us and invited everyone to reach out with any questions. The permanent HRO position has been posted. • Open enrollment for employee benefits is in October. Half of our staff have annual performance appraisals due in August. • We are transitioning to a new vendor for the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) badge security system. Renovations to the first-floor clinic area will begin later this month. A federal grant

award of \$248 thousand will help fund these infrastructure improvements. He congratulated Cristina Hiten and Katrina Howard for their work in applying for the grant.

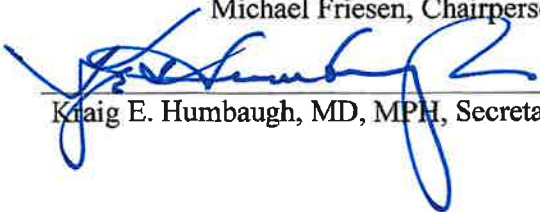
- Dr. Humbaugh reported sharing COVID-19 case data reports with the Fayette County Public Schools Board. University student cases are now making up 40-50% of our case counts. Our current incidence rate in Kentucky is around 15 cases per day per 100 thousand residents. 519 cases have been reported among 5-17 year old residents. Few children have been hospitalized and none have died. Those 65 and older make up nearly 50% of hospitalized cases and around 80% of deaths. There is a wide range of disease for COVID-19, from asymptomatic at the time of report to severe illness requiring hospitalization.
- Dr. Humbaugh said in the next six months we will have an emphasis on fighting the flu. COVID-19 and influenza have several common symptoms. If we have many cases of flu, it will likely mean greater demand for COVID-19 testing and increased hospitalizations. There will continue to be an emphasis on cases investigations and partnerships with schools, businesses, childcare facilities, and long-term care facilities regarding planning and contact investigations. If case counts increase, it may become necessary to modify contact tracing. We will seek to assure continued availability of testing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for first responders and healthcare workers, and to continue to support LFCHD staff. We continue to plan for administering COVID-19 vaccine, should it become available. We also continue to check compliance with “Healthy at Work” guidance. Our IT team are doing a great job. LFCHD staff are working on a plan to migrate to the state contact tracing and investigations electronic system. Flu shots will continue to be important. We will be conducting a drive-thru free flu shot clinic in October. The logistics and lessons learned will inform planning for potential COVID-19 vaccinations. We will offer free flu vaccine through the duration of the flu season, if vaccine is available, by appointment. The harm reduction program will likely continue to see record numbers of participants. We operate the only syringe exchange in Lexington. We continue to offer naloxone kits and other services, including referrals for recovery. We are developing plans for operating the syringe exchange during upcoming cold weather.
- Ms. Allen-Bryant asked if numbers of participants in mobile testing locations have increased. Dr. Humbaugh said mobile testing numbers have decreased. LFCHD continues to offer at-home testing for those unable to travel to a testing site or who are living with someone who has tested positive. Dr. Jackson asked about how we are counting University of Kentucky (UK) students. Dr. Humbaugh said we are counting and monitoring students who are Fayette County residents or who are isolating in Lexington. Mr. Jabbour asked what the plan is for UK if there are increases in cases. Dr. Humbaugh said they will continue to work with us. They are doing their own contact tracing for those on campus. LFCHD is doing contact tracing for those off campus

	<p>who are not affiliated with UK. UK is operating an isolation dorm. Commissioner Ford asked about concerns for parents and visitors who may be going on campus for sporting and other activities. Dr. Humbaugh said those of college age are less likely to have severe illness, but their older family members may be at higher risk. Dr. Mason asked if there is concern about less testing availability through laboratories. Dr. Humbaugh said we hope the number of labs conducting tests remains constant as we move into the flu and respiratory illness season. Katrina Howard said many labs are developing a dual panel to test for COVID-19 and influenza. Dr. Humbaugh said long-term care facilities will be provided federal point-of-care testing machines in coming months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The homeless population will face additional challenges when colder weather arrives. We are working with partners who are planning how to shelter this vulnerable population while protecting them against COVID-19.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Friesen presented the Executive Committee report. The committee discussed the pandemic response and related staff challenges. He welcomed Ms. Burwell to the interim HRO role and thanked LFCHD staff for continuing to do good work throughout the pandemic. He also thanked Dr. Humbaugh and all staff involved in making the Needle Exchange Program (NEP) successful as it reached its fifth anniversary. • Cara Kay presented the Finance Committee report for the period ending July 31. There are no allocations during July. We lost \$521 thousand for the month, which was less than the amount for which we budgeted. We spent \$407 thousand for the pandemic response, for a grand total of \$2 million to date. We have received \$884 thousand in reimbursements. We anticipate further reimbursements. We have added cost centers to track expenses related to COVID-19. The committee discussed comp and diff time and salary grades. The comp time cap will be increased from 750 hours to 1250 hours. The annual external audit is due to the city at the end of September. The audit will be presented to the Board of Health at the October meeting. • Marketing and Branding: No report. • 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. We had our busiest month ever for our Facebook page. Posts reached 728 thousand people. We are launching promotions for the upcoming free flu shot clinic next week. Materials will be available in English and Spanish. We will offer 400 vaccinations during the drive-thru clinic. Pre-registration will be

	required. Free flu shots in the clinic after the event will also require an appointment.
Open Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None presented.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Friesen requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mason made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jabbour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



 Michael Friesen, Chairperson



 Kraig E. Humbaugh, MD, MPH, Secretary