



MEETING MINUTES

**Board of Health Meeting
Video Teleconference
July 12, 2021
5:45 p.m.**

	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Mr. Friesen, Dr. Hood, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Mason, and Dr. Zimmerman.</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: 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 5:47 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Foley called the roll. A quorum was declared. Councilmember Reynolds was excused.
Request for Approval of the June 14, 2021 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Cornett made a motion to approve the June 14, 2021 minutes. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Request for Approval: FY2022 Tax Appropriation Rate and Finance Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Cornett reported the Finance Committee recommended keeping the tax appropriation rate unchanged for FY2022, at 2.8 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed property value in Fayette County. Mr. Cornett introduced Cara Kay to present the finance report and the request for approval. Ms. Kay reported the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) has a surplus of almost \$6.7 million year-to-date, which was \$5.7 million ahead of budget. COVID-19 response continued to have major impacts on the budget. We anticipate ending the year with a surplus. LFCHD received \$6.5 million year to date for the response and spent \$7.7 million. We anticipate recouping an additional \$1.2 million for COVID-19 response. The city is offering an industrial revenue bond for a hotel to be built in the distillery district. LFCHD council has spoken with the investment group constructing the hotel to contract with us to offset taxes lost due to the bond. A question has been raised as to whether or not House Bill 8 requires COVID-19 response contractors to be considered part of the retirement system. We are working with our epidemiology team, the Department for Public Health (DPH), and the retirement system to resolve the question. Local tax dollars received this time last year were \$9 million, while this year they are at \$9.2 million, on a budget of \$8.2 million. Tax revenues have continued to increase, as have property values in Fayette County. Ms. Kay recommended we stay at the current tax rate.

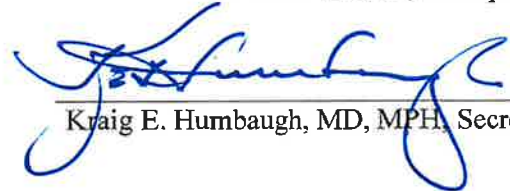
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cornett said the Finance Committee voted in its meeting earlier today to recommend adopting the following resolution: <p>WHEREAS, a public health taxing district for Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky, was established pursuant to the provisions of KRS 212.750 and;</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 County Health Department nor an amount sufficient to meet the standards prescribed by the Cabinet for Health Services,</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services summarily approves all instances where the amount of local appropriation support for the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department meets the standards prescribed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services pursuant to the provisions of 902 KAR 8:170 (3)(3),</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 212.755 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 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, 2021. The motor vehicle tax rate will be applicable to calendar year beginning January 1, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cornett requested a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Jabbour made a motion to approve the resolution. Dr. Dossett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Commissioner’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Humbaugh presented the commissioner’s report. Last week, COVID-19 case numbers increased to double what they had been the previous week. We reported 52 cases over the weekend. We believe the increase in cases was due to the delta variant circulating in Lexington. Holiday travel and gatherings may also have contributed to the increase in cases. “Breakthrough” cases, which are new infections in fully vaccinated people, are also increasing. Last week, we focused on vaccinating children ages 12-17 at Crawford and Southern middle schools. We will be conducting fewer off-site clinics. All three vaccines are now widely available in the community. We are offering vaccinations three days per week via same-day clinic appointments. Three-quarters of Lexington adults have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination, according to the CDC. Two-thirds are fully vaccinated.

	<p>Almost 90% of those age 65 and older are fully vaccinated. The Department for Public Health (DPH) has asked that local health departments become vaccine distribution hubs in their communities. Distribution is currently being done by DPH. We will have more information on this request soon. The CDC released updated COVID-19 school guidance last Friday. They continue to recommend masks be worn in groups that are largely unvaccinated. We continue to support that guidance. We have about fifty contractors assisting with the response. We are reviewing our operational needs over coming weeks and months. DPH is supporting the costs of these contractors at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The generator for the 650 Newtown Pike facility has been ordered and we are preparing for installation. The next project may be washing the building and sealing the windows. The mural has been completed and may be installed after washing and sealing has been completed. • In June, we had over 1,900 visits to the harm reduction program. This was the busiest month in the history of the program. We are looking at plans to use the mobile harm reduction unit in the community. The first mobile location will likely be selected in collaboration with AVOL. • The tuberculosis (TB) program is currently working eleven cases, which is about three times the usual case load. Each case requires daily observed therapy for medication compliance. Laura Collins, our TB program nurse coordinator, recently won the state “Super T” award, which is presented to a person who has made the most significant contributions controlling TB in the state. Dr. Humbaugh congratulated Ms. Collins. • HANDS is offering both in-home and virtual visits to families participating in the program. • Checks for WIC participants to use during farmers’ markets are expected from the state later this summer. We do not anticipate hosting farmers’ markets at our facilities this year. • Our environmental health team is trapping mosquitos and monitoring for mosquito-born illnesses in the community. We encourage everyone to remove standing water from their properties. • LFCHD leadership approved the telework, unplanned closure, and work schedule policies. Teleworking has occurred during the response. The telework policy will allow it to continue after the declared emergency is over. Lindsay Todd was promoted to clinic nurse manager. Molly Busseni was promoted to nurse team leader. Susana Vance was promoted to administrative specialist for the environmental health team. Jill Keys was appointed to the state nurse executive council. Jessica Cobb was selected for the Leadership Central Kentucky class. Dr. Humbaugh also congratulated Commissioner Ford and Commissioner Allen-Bryant on their new appointments.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: No report. • Finance: The finance report was presented earlier in the meeting. • Marketing and Branding: No report.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating/Bylaws: No report. • Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. • Policy Policy/Protocol: No report. • Ad Hoc: Commissioner Allen-Bryant reported the candidate for Commissioner of Health declined our offer. The committee will reopen the official search. The search firm is reviewing applicants. The committee will meet in the next few weeks to discuss next steps. Mr. Friesen thanked all involved for their work on the committee.
Communications Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hall presented the communications report. We continued to inform the community about the delta variant and reminded people of the importance of being vaccinated against COVID-19. We anticipate more questions about guidance for schools as reopening draws closer. We have started promoting regular back-to-school vaccinations. We are also promoting vaccinations when clients visit the clinic. • Our harm reduction program continued to set record numbers. The program received its largest one-time donation to the sharing shelf, generously donated by the All American Goddess Pageant. The shelf provides free clothing and hygiene items for harm reduction program participants. • LFCHD Communications announced Laura Collins won the Kentucky “Super T” award on our social media. It was also shared in internal and state newsletters. Mr. Hall also congratulated Ms. Collins. • The Employee Association held a successful all-staff picnic in June, which included food and games and time to celebrate with Dr. Humbaugh before his departure. Employee family members were also invited to attend this year.
Open Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None presented.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Friesen requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jabbour made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Michael Friesen, Chairperson



Kraig E. Humbaugh, MD, MPH, Secretary