




MEETING MINUTES

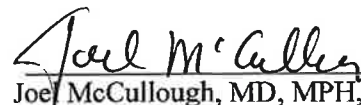
**Board of Health Meeting
Video Teleconference
March 14, 2022
5:45 p.m.**

	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Dr. Feld, Mr. Friesen, Dr. Gomez, Dr. Hood, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Mason, Councilmember Reynolds, and Dr. Riley.</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. McCullough, LFCHD Council, LFCHD Staff.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Friesen called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Foley called the roll. Dr. Zimmerman was absent. A quorum was declared.
Request for Approval of the February 14, 2022 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The February 14, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Mason made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Selection of the 2022 Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award Winner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Gomez presented two candidates for the 2022 Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero award. The selection committee met on March 8 and reviewed all submissions. It was difficult choice, with several fine candidates. Dr. Sharon Walsh of the University of Kentucky and Chief Marc Bramlage of the Lexington Fire Department were presented as nominees. Dr. Walsh and her team have done significant research in areas related to drug misuse and overdose. Chief Bramlage and his team were invaluable in assisting the health department with vaccination clinics. Dr. Walsh and Chief Bramlage were both recommended to receive the award this year. Mr. Jabbour made a motion to award Chief Bramlage and Dr. Walsh the 2022 Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero award. Dr. Hood seconded the motion. Dr. Mason abstained, due to a conflict. The motion passed. The winners will be recognized at the next Board of Health meeting and during a future city council meeting. Kevin Hall will share details with the board, as they become available. Mr. Friesen thanked Dr. Gomez and the committee for their work in helping us select the winners.
Interim Chief Administrative Officer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica Cobb presented the LFCHD Interim Chief Administrative Officer report. An issue with our battery backup was discovered during an electrical outage. New batteries have been installed while we await delivery of new Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) devices. The next

	<p>payroll reporting period will be recorded in ADP, our new payroll processing vendor. The clinic began new operating hours. The clinic is now open 8:00-5:00 Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 8:00-6:30 Wednesdays, and is closed Fridays. Communications helped inform the public of the new hours, and signage has been updated. The WIC program assisted clients impacted by the Similac infant formula recall. Environmental Health collected 2022 fees due from foodservice establishments. The late fee established by the board led to a decrease in late payments. We continue to evaluate our contact tracing program and will be ceasing the practice of calling cases individually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cobb thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as the LFCHD Interim Chief Administrative Officer during the transition period. Mr. Friesen thanked Ms. Cobb for her report and for her service. Dr. McCullough also thanked Ms. Cobb for the stellar job she has done.
<p>Commissioner of Health Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. McCullough presented the Commissioner of Health report. • The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced a community level system for understanding local levels of COVID-19 cases. Numbers have greatly improved over the last month. On March 11, we had 58 cases. For comparison, in January we were at 750 cases per day and 400 per day in February. There have been 572 COVID-related deaths over the course of the pandemic. Fayette County continues to be near the top of the list for vaccine coverage in Kentucky. About 77% of residents have received at least one dose; about 65% are fully vaccinated. 95% of those 65 and older have received one dose, while 92% are fully vaccinated. 48% of those age five and older are fully vaccinated and boosted. • Dr. McCullough shared information about the CDC community levels, which measure new COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population, the average number of inpatient beds occupied by COVID patients, and the number of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population, all measured over a 7-day period. Community level indicators vary based on whether the 7-day case average is over or under 200 cases per 100,000 population. After calculating metrics, the community level is assessed as either low, medium, or high. CDC recommendations vary based on the community level. Fayette County is currently at the medium level for most measurements, and near medium for the remaining. It is likely all metrics will be in the medium range soon. Board members requested more information on community levels be shared at the March 18 orientation and retreat. Dr. McCullough said we would add this topic to the retreat agenda. The CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO) say omicron and its sub-variants continue to be the leading COVID-19 variants in the United States and around the world. • We continued to see a relatively high number of tuberculosis (TB) cases. There are 15 TB cases at this time, up from 12 last month. There have been 146 lab-confirmed influenza cases. 144 of the cases were A strain, 2 were B strain. There have been over flu-related 3,000 cases and one death in Kentucky so far this season.

Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Mr. Friesen reported the committee discussed topics mentioned in Dr. McCullough's report. Some board member terms are nearing their end. Mr. Friesen encouraged those members to reapply. Ms. Foley is available to assist in the process. • Finance: Mr. Cornett introduced Cara Kay to present the finance report. Ms. Kay reported for January year-to-date a surplus of \$5.3 million compared to a budgeted surplus of \$2.9 million. Year-to-date, the COVID-19 response showed a surplus of \$82 thousand. Response-to date, we had a deficit of \$1.9 million. Current cash account balances were \$33 million. We have entered an agreement so the industrial revenue bond for local hotel construction will now include property taxes directed to the health department. We are negotiating with HealthFirst Bluegrass on renewing the lease for space on the first floor at 650 Newtown Pike, which is currently used for a dental clinic. Response-related comp time will expire June 30, 2022. We are increasing the mileage reimbursement rate to match the federal rate. The market salary survey will be implemented in the new budget. • Marketing and Branding: • Nominating/Bylaws: No report. • Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. • Policy Policy/Protocol: No report.
Communications Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
Open Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None presented.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Friesen noted the option to meet via video teleconference will expire April 15. The board agreed to meet in-person beginning with the April 11 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Friesen requested a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Reynolds made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jabbour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.


 Michael Friesen, Chairperson


 Joe McCullough, MD, MPH, MS, Secretary