



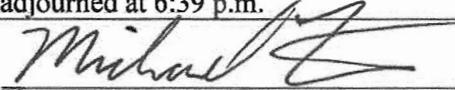
MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
650 Newtown Pike
June 13, 2022
5:45 p.m.

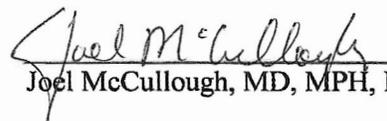
	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Dr. Feld, Mr. Friesen, Dr. Hood, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Mason, Councilmember Reynolds, Dr. Riley and Dr. Zimmerman.</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. McCullough, LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Council.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Friesen called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Foley called the roll. A quorum was declared. Commissioner Allen-Bryant and Dr. Gomez were excused.
Request for Approval of the May 9, 2022, Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The May 9, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Hood made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
FY2023 LFCHD Budget Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Cornett said we have been behind the curve in terms of staff pay for several years. This year we completed a salary survey and are budgeting staff salary increases based on the survey, as well as a cost of living increase, and an increase based on seniority. Mr. Cornett introduced Cara Kay to present the FY23 LFCHD budget. Ms. Kay shared a summary of finances through April. There was a \$6.6 million surplus on a budgeted surplus of \$2.2 million. We anticipate ending the year ahead of budget. COVID reimbursements continue to come in periodically. Year-to-date, the response shows a surplus of \$600 thousand. Response-to-date, the response is at a deficit of \$1.4 million. Through April, we held \$34.7 million in cash which will support the strategic plan going forward. The FY23 LFCHD budget is just under \$1.2 million, down \$463 thousand, year-over-year. The variance in federal revenue is due to decrease in COVID funding. The decrease in expenses is due to less COVID expenses, especially in terms of contract staff. There is a \$900 thousand budget increase in local revenue based on run rate. There is no year-over-year change in the retirement subsidy. Budgeted COVID-19 appropriations are down \$424 thousand year-over-year and the allocation budget is down \$4.7 million year-over-year. The FY23 capital budget is \$837 thousand and includes updating the conference room and PA system, as well as IT upgrades and device replacement. Floor replacement will continue and a new fire suppression system will be installed at 650 Newtown Pike. Salary increases include results from

	<p>the Hannah Resource Group salary market survey, a 6% cost of living increase, and adjustments based on tenure, resulting in a 15% year-over-year salary and benefits increase. An all-staff email and town hall will share results of the salary plan with LFCHD staff, as well as individual letters which will come from supervisors in the days that follow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cornett made a motion to approve the FY23 LFCHD budget, including the salary program presented. Dr. Mason seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
<p>Commissioner of Health Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. McCullough presented the Commissioner of Health report. COVID numbers remain high. Our 7-day new case average is 147 per day with a positivity rate of 13.6%. There have been 626 COVID-related deaths in Fayette County over the course of the pandemic and over 100,000 cases, though cases are likely underreported. We are now at a high level of community transmission, based on case rate, new admissions, and the number of hospital beds occupied by COVID patients. Our case rate is 282. Because the rate is above 200, community levels may only be rated medium or high. New admissions are at 12.7 per 100,000, and in-patient hospitalizations are at 3.2%. Around 57% of counties in the country are at the high level. Florida has the highest proportion of counties in the high level. Across the country, we are seeing around 100,000 cases per day. Most hospitalizations are in those age 70 and older. Omicron and its subvariants are the only strains being transmitted in the country. Numbers seem to be plateauing nationally. The good news is there are no signs of significant hospital strain at this time. • The CDC is reporting an outbreak of monkeypox in countries where it is rarely seen. Men who have sex with other men make up a significant number of cases. Anyone with close contact with a case is at risk of contracting monkeypox. Suspected cases should be isolated and the local or state health department should be contacted. Screening tests are available at the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) lab. The CDC has the only confirmatory testing in the United States. • The FDA and CDC are investigating a strain of salmonella which has been linked to peanut butter products manufactured in the Jif plant in Lexington. The company has voluntarily recalled the affected products. • The CDC is investigating an outbreak of hepatitis of unknown etiology in children. It was first investigated in late 2021. Initial testing showed an association with adenovirus type 41. It is not known at this point if the adenovirus is an association or cause of the disease. The CDC is investigating other factors that may play a role. 271 children in 39 jurisdictions are under investigation across the country. Kentucky has had at least one case under investigation. • The Human Resources Officer (HRO) position was posted. Ten applicants met minimum qualifications. We plan interviews starting this week.
<p>Finance Committee Request: Revising Regular Meeting Time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cornett said all board members who were present for the vote to approve the resolution moving the monthly finance committee meeting

	<p>start time from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. should sign the official document. Ms. Foley sent the document around the room to collect signatures of board members who voted.</p>
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Mr. Friesen said Dr. McCullough covered committee topics in his report. • Finance: The report was shared during the FY23 budget presentation. • Marketing/Branding: No report. • Nominating/Bylaws: Dr. Jackson presented the report. The committee met May 24 and voted to recommend the following slate of BOH officers for FY23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board Chair: Dr. Jackson ➤ Board Vice-Chair: Dr. Mason ➤ Committee Chairs: unchanged • New chairs will begin their tenure July 1, 2022. Mr. Friesen will continue as a Board of Health member. • Dr. Dossett made a motion to approve the recommended slate of officers. Dr. Feld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. • Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. • Policy/Protocol: No report.
Communications Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Hall presented the report. He will share the announcement of Dr. Jackson as new Board of Health chair with the public when his tenure begins. • LFCHD will be onsite for the Pride Festival for the first time since 2019 and will also be sharing information on staying safe in the heat forecast for this week. City pool admissions will be half off this week and LexTran is providing free rides to cooling centers. LFCHD will be closed June 20 for the Juneteenth holiday. • LFCHD Communications continues to share information about COVID-19. We have now surpassed 100,000 confirmed cases in Lexington. • We have shared information about the Jif peanut butter products recall and the infant formula shortage. The WIC program continues to receive many questions about the shortage. The program provides vouchers for formula for qualified program participants.
Open Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None presented.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Friesen requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hood made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Michael Friesen, Chairperson



Joel McCullough, MD, MPH, MS, Secretary