



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
 650 Newtown Pike
 September 12, 2022
 5:45 p.m.

	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Dr. Feld, Dr. Gomez, Dr. Hood, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Mason, Councilmember Reynolds, and Dr. Riley.</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Council.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Foley called the roll. A quorum was declared. Mr. Friesen and Dr. Zimmerman were excused.
Request for Approval: August 8, 2022, Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The August 8, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Mason made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Environmental Health and Low-Cost Rabies Shot Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Cobb introduced Luke Mathis, Environmental Health (EH) team leader, and Skip Castleman, EH coordinator, to present. • Mr. Mathis said rabies nearly always results in death after symptoms appear, but is preventable with vaccination. We encourage folks to get their animals vaccinated and to avoid exposure to wild animals. The vast majority of rabies cases occur in raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes. The typical cost of rabies post-exposure treatment is around \$4,000 dollars for adults. Since 1989, over 5,000 animals have been tested for rabies in Fayette County, with 104 testing positive. Over the years, Fayette County has been the top county in the state in terms of the number of specimen submissions. The big brown and little brown bats are the most common species of bat in Kentucky. The CDC recommends immediate medical treatment after bat contact, whether you can recall being bitten or not. Less than half of 1% of bats test positive for rabies, though they are the second most common animal that tests positive in Kentucky. Other animals that have tested positive for rabies in the state include skunks, horses, dogs, cattle, and foxes, as well as one cat and one raccoon. • Mr. Castleman shared information about the quarantine process. Animal bite reports are sent to the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD). EH staff complete the quarantine paperwork and serve a 10-day quarantine notice to animal owners. After the 10-day quarantine period is over, and if the animal appears healthy, EH staff will conduct a visual examination of the animal before release. Staff provide referrals for post-

	<p>exposure prophylaxis and also notify bite victims after the quarantine period has ended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFCHD partners with Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control (LFACC) to conduct an annual low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets. Shots are \$5 each. After an animal has received initial first-year vaccination, it may qualify for three-year booster shots. The number of vaccinations given in recent years were shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2016: 313 ○ 2017: 345 ○ 2018: 542 ○ 2019: 554 ○ 2020: No clinic ○ 2021: 227 ○ 2022: 193 • There was no low-cost rabies clinic in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and numbers in subsequent years have been lower.
Interim CAO Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Cobb presented the following interim CAO report: <p>Covid-19 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of Monday September 12th, we reported 571 new cases for September 3-9 and our 7-day average stands at 82 cases per day. This brings our total cases since the beginning of the pandemic to 113,152 and the number of deaths to 660 as of this morning. • Currently our Community Level is High and the recommendations for that level are to wear a mask indoors in public, stay up to date with covid-19 vaccines, get tested if you have symptoms, and those with high risk for severe illness may want to consider additional precautions. According to the CDC site last updated on Thursday, September 8th, Our county case rate per 100,000 population is 181.65, the new covid admissions per 100,000 population is 27, and the % of staffed inpatient beds in use by covid-19 patients is 7%. The positivity rate for covid-19 testing as of September 6, was 17.08% which represents a decrease of 1.99% change in the last 7 days. <p>EUA for Bivalent Booster Doses</p> <p>FDA and the ACIP have authorized both Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent boosters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine. • Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent if it has been at least

two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

- The monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are not authorized as booster doses for individuals 12 years of age and older.

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics

- Monkeypox vaccine: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 15, Central Baptist Church, 110 Wilson Down Road. Online registration begins Sept. 9 at www.lfchd.org/monkeypox.
- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster (ages 12 years+): 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 22, Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Road (pending vaccine availability). Online registration opens soon at www.lfchd.org/vaccine.
- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine booster (ages 18 years+): 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 29, Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Road (pending vaccine availability). Online registration opens soon at www.lfchd.org/vaccine.
- Flu vaccine: 3-7 p.m. Oct. 13, Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Road. Online registration opens soon at www.lfchd.org/flushots2022.
- The newly approved COVID-19 boosters will be available at the special clinics Sept. 22 and Sept. 29, with appointments available in our Public Health Clinic starting Oct. 3.

Monkeypox Update

The monkeypox outbreak is continuing to expand across the US, with 21,894 cases reported as of September 9. Kentucky stands currently at 36 cases while there are 57,527 cases globally. The monkeypox virus is spreading through close intimate contact with someone who has monkeypox. We currently have one suspect and 4 probable cases in Fayette County and the state is reporting the numbers by county on their website and updating each week on Thursday. There are currently 9 counties with at least 1 case. We have the most cases besides Jefferson (20) and most of the other counties reporting cases have one case. The cases in Kentucky are following similar patterns to the national data in that the cases are predominantly male (only one female; however, that person reported sexual contact with a bisexual partner); the cases are also disproportionately impacting African American and (47%) and Hispanic/Latino populations (12%).

WIC Receives Infrastructure Grant

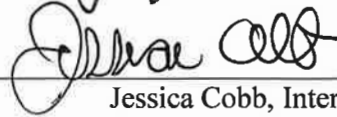
Kentucky WIC received notification from FNS that Lexington- Fayette County Health Department has been awarded \$98,835 for the 2022 WIC Infrastructure Grant. Please note, the award has a three-year performance period beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2024. FNS will approve pre-award activities and costs from October 1, 2021 until the date of award.

	<p>The project will address WIC clinic floor and ceiling tile replacement to address issues that have been identified that affect patient privacy and patient safety.</p>
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Dr. Jackson reported Jessica covered committee topics in the CAO report. • Finance: Mr. Cornett said we are close to getting the contract signed with the firm selected for the commissioner search. Cara Kay reported finances for the month of July. We typically do not receive allocations or much income in July. This is not concerning, as large allocations follow in November and December. We ended July with a deficit of a little over \$1 million dollars, \$3 thousand dollars below this time last year. The budget is a bit off, due to annualization. There was no revenue related to the response in July. Ending cash was \$32.8 million dollars. • Marketing/Branding: Dr. Gomez reported National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15 to October 15. There will be opportunities for board members and LFCHD to participate in celebrations. Heart disease, cancer, and diabetes rates are higher in the Hispanic community and they may be a focus of health education. LFCHD will participate in the Festival Latino de Lexington at the end of September. Kevin Hall reported LFCHD health equity staff are assisting with community outreach, including testing events. Ms. Cobb said we are hoping to expand health equity staff and to expand partnerships in the community. Mr. Hall said National Latino HIV Awareness Day is also in October. LFCHD is preparing a testing event at a local salon. We have increased our store of bi-lingual educational materials related to monkeypox. The Mexican Consulate of Indianapolis have shared some of our COVID-19 information. We have also shared monkeypox information with them. Eligibility criteria for monkeypox vaccination are listed in the registration materials. The free flu shot clinic is Thursday, October 13. Registration will begin on September 29. There will be a monkeypox vaccination clinic September 15 and additional clinics may follow on September 22 and 29. We plan to begin giving the new bivalent COVID-19 booster doses in the public health clinic on October 3. Flu shots will be available for board members at the October Board of Health meeting. We are partnering with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in a \$2 thousand dollar grant to provide vaccine awareness information and materials in communities including people of color. • Nominating/Bylaws: No report. • Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. • Policy/Protocol: No report. • Ad-Hoc committee: The committee will convene soon. Board members on the committee will include Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Dr. Hood, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Mason, and Councilmember Reynolds. Those members will receive meeting requests soon after the search firm contract is finalized.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None presented. • Commissioner Allen-Bryant and Councilmember Reynolds had birthdays this week. The board shared best wishes with them both and sang “Happy

	Birthday” to them, as well.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Jackson 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 7:06 p.m.



Rodney A. Jackson, Chairperson



Jessica Cobb, Interim Secretary