



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
650 Newtown Pike
October 10, 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, and Dr. Zimmerman.</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 5:59 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Foley called the roll. A quorum was declared. Councilmember Reynolds and Dr. Riley were excused.
Request for Approval: September 12, 2022, Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The September 12, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Mr. Jabbour made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Audit Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cornett introduced Brad Hayes to present the FY22 Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) financial audit. Mr. Hayes said there were no audit adjustments. He summarized the three reports included in the audit. LFCHD saw an increase in fund balance of around \$7 million, year over year, and cash increased by \$6.5 million. The pension system changed how we are paying our contributions. The contribution rate had been artificially lowered to around 50%. The contribution rate was projected to increase significantly, but the pension system is now going to annuitize over the next twenty years, which will decrease the balance in coming years.
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 October 10th, we reported 198 new cases for October 1-7 and our 7-day average stands at 28 cases per day. This brings our total cases since the beginning of the pandemic to 114,723 and the number of deaths to 674 as of Monday. • Currently our Community Level is Medium and the recommendations for that level are to 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 such as wearing a mask in indoor settings. According to the CDC site last updated on Thursday, October 6th, Our county case rate per 100,000 population is 81.08, the

new covid admissions per 100,000 population is 17.6, and the % of staffed inpatient beds in use by covid-19 patients is 4.4%. The positivity rate for covid-19 testing as of October 2, was 8.75% which represents a decrease of 1.12% change in the last 7 days.

- Fayette County remains the top county in Kentucky for vaccinated individuals as 80% of our population has had at least 1 dose. When looking at vaccination data, the 0-4 age category has only 10% having received their first dose. In looking at the 5-11 age group, there is a smaller uptake than in older children with only 45% of the population vaccinated with their first dose. The 12-15 and 16-17yo age groups are doing well with 75 and 79% respectively receiving their first dose. The second dose numbers for those 2 age groups are 63 and 67% respectively; however, there is a large drop off with only 20 and 27% receiving their booster. The 5-11yo age group was approved back in May to receive a booster 5 months after completing their initial series.

EUA for Bivalent Booster Doses

FDA and ACIP has authorized both Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent boosters:


- 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.
- Both Pfizer and Moderna have indicated that they plan to submit data to the FDA for approval of pediatric bivalent boosters. There is no information available on approval yet and the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP) would have to recommend approval as well. ACIP meets next on October 25-26. We did have the opportunity to place a pre-order for the Pfizer product and once the FDA issues approval that product will be shipped out; however, we cannot administer until ACIP recommends approval and the state protocol has been signed by our medical director.

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics

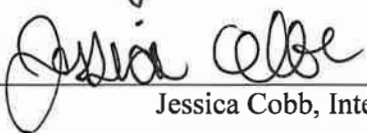
- Flu vaccine: 3-7 p.m. Oct. 13, Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Road. Online registration opens soon at www.lfchd.org/flushots2022.
 - Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster (ages 18 years+): 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. October 20, Lexington Senior Center. Online registration is open at www.lfchd.org/vaccine.
 - Giving away \$25 Kroger gift cards for those who receive a vaccine
- The newly approved COVID-19 boosters and flu shots are available in our Public Health Clinic with same day appointments offered Monday-Thursday.

	<p>Monkeypox Update The monkeypox outbreak is continuing to expand across the US, with 26,049 cases reported as of September 26. Kentucky stands currently at 59 cases while there are 71,096 cases globally. The monkeypox virus is spreading through close intimate contact with someone who has monkeypox. We currently have one suspect and 9 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 13 counties with at least 1 case. We have the most cases besides Jefferson (33) 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 (32%) and Multiracial populations (22%).</p> <p>Benefits Kentucky Employees’ Health Plan (KEHP) increased the total cost of insurance premiums for 2023 by 8% (on average), but LFCHD continues to keep the premiums the same for employees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LFCHD <i>has not</i> increased the medical premiums paid by employees since contracting with KEHP in 2018. • Total dental premiums for members of KEHP also increased, yet LFCHD did not pass this increase through to our employees. Dental rates stayed the same. • The cost to the department to cover the increase was around \$100,000. <p>Election Day To better align with the schedule of our largest group of employees, School Health, we have added the state-wide November election as an additional holiday beginning with the election occurring November 8th. This also decreases the operational planning challenges with employee voting leave as staff are able to request up to 4 hours of leave for voting purposes.</p> <p>Facilities We had an issue with a sewage smell during a repair that caused us to have to cancel clinic appointments for the majority of the day on Thursday 10/6. We are working on seeking assistance from an outside contractor and facilities staff to identify the issues related to the waste and vent pipes in the back hallway. If the repairs required are too extensive to complete over the course of a weekend then we may have to work on alternate plans for clinic to allow for repair work to be done.</p>
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Dr. Jackson reported J. Cobb covered committee topics in the CAO report. • Finance: Mr. Cornett introduced Cara Kay to provide financials. C. Kay reported, for the month of August, a deficit of \$1.8 million on budget of \$1.6 million. There were no significant revenues in August. Year-to-date, we have received more than we have spent on the COVID-19 response.

	<p>Response-to-date, we have a \$1.5 million deficit. The ending cash balance was \$32 million. C. Kay reported LFCHD is reviewing policies related to the hourly rate for on-call staff who have to respond on-site, an annual leave cash out, and a staff a sick leave bank/pool. The finance committee will review these in detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing/Branding: Dr. Gomez reported October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and recommends sharing information about breast cancer this month, which disproportionately affects some populations. One area of concern is the delay in breast cancer screenings some have faced during the pandemic. issues about delay in screening for breast cancer, because of the pandemic. LFCHD Communications will share information. • Nominating/Bylaws: No report. • Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. • Policy/Protocol: No report. • Ad-Hoc committee: Dr. Jackson sent an email to the committee today, following a phone call with the commissioner search firm.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None presented.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hood made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jabbour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



 Rodney A. Jackson, Chairperson



 Jessica Cobb, Interim Secretary