

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting 650 Newtown Pike March 11, 2024 5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kacy Allen-Bryant, Ms. Phyllis Cooper, Dr. Lee Dossett, Dr. Hartley Feld, Mr. Mike Friesen, Dr. Maria Gomez, Dr. Gregory Hood, Mr. Majd Jabbour, Dr. Rodney Jackson, Dr. Christine Ko, Dr. Leah Mason, Councilmember Reynolds, and Dr. Elizabeth Riley. OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Jack Cornett, LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Counsel.
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	• Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.
Roll Call	 Ms. Foley called roll. Attendance was as recorded above.
Request for Approval: February 12, 2024 Minutes	• The February 12, 2024 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Mason made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Dossett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
TB Prevention and Control	 Jill Keys introduced Laura Collins, Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) Public Health Nurse Coordinator, to present on the LFCHD Tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control program. Ms. Collins said our program comports with the Essential Public Health Services as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Program services include TB screening, follow-ups to positive screenings in the community, and surveillance and management of TB disease cases. She defined TB infection and TB disease. Ms. Collins detailed risks factors that can lead to TB infection, as well as risk factors associated with developing TB disease after infection. The patient population for the program include patients diagnosed with TB in hospital and individuals with a positive Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) or Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) result. Immigrants with positive results have been referred to the program through the Kentucky Refugee Ministry and Bluegrass Community Health Center. The program enjoys partnerships with infection control and prevention nurses, nurses for local healthcare agencies, local pulmonology practices, congregate facilities, and school health nurses. Ms. Collins shared TB incidence rates for those born in and outside the United States. In Fayette County, TB disease cases have ranged in number from a low of eight cases in 2017 to a high of 13 cases in 2023. Ms. Collins shared challenges the program encounters, including a disbelief that TB still exists today, language barriers, homelessness, chronic

	diseases, and surveillance of patients who may travel frequently out of the
	county. She also shared an overview of the budget for the program.
Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report	 Mr. Cornett reported the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated guidance on how long patients diagnosed with COVID-19 should isolate at home. We continue to see a decrease in new COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths. The CDC is providing general guidance for all respiratory illnesses. Around 17 states have reported measles cases, with Florida seeing the most cases. LFCHD staff participated in training and drills for how to respond to an active shooter last week. The training was led by staff from the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH). We are closing in on a vendor for an LFCHD Electronic Health Record (EHR). We should name a vendor in March. The number of families participating in the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS). Since last summer, the number of families grew from around fifty to around eighty. The Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) held its annual conference last week. Dr. Feld and LFCHD staff shared presentations at the conference:
Committee Reports	 Executive: Dr. Jackson reported Mr. Cornett covered committed items in his report. Finance: Cara Kay reported January 2024 financials, including a year-to-date report a surplus of \$6.07M compared to a budgeted surplus of \$4.02M. Year-to-date revenues were 100% of plan, while operating expenses were 86% of plan. Current cash and investment account balances of \$44.62M were up from \$39.46M. As of January 31, \$21.94M of unrestricted cash had been invested in treasuries and CDs. Marketing and Branding: Dr. Gomez announced the nomination by the Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award selection committee of Vivian Lasley-Bibbs for the 2024 award. Ms. Lasley-Bibbs passed away in December. The award will be presented in her memory to her family. Ms. Lasley-Bibbs is well-known across Kentucky for more than twenty years good work in public health, particularly in the area of health equity. The award selection committee made a motion to present the award in the memory of Vivian Lasley-Bibbs. Dr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The award will be presented to the family of Ms. Lasley-Bibbs family at the April 8 Board of Health meeting. Kevin Hall said the winner will be celebrated at the April 25 city council meeting. He also noted the LFCHD public website has been updated and announced

	 that a diabetes expo will be held again this year on April 27. We continue to run public health messaging ads in movie theaters. Nominating and Bylaws: No report. Policy and Protocol: Dr. Mason the committee met and is working on the LFCHD dispute resolution policy. They are working with the executive committee to address issues, as well. Program Outcomes and Evaluation: No report. Ad Hoc Search Committee: Dr. Jackson reported a candidate will participate in a site visit next Monday and Tuesday.
Public Comment	Dr. Jackson opened the floor for public comments. Dr. Mason shared Laura Foley was appointed to the Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) Board of Directors and also serves as co-chair of the KPHA Advocacy Committee. Ms. Foley also represents Kentucky of the American Public Health Association Governing Council. Board members congratulated Ms. Foley.
Adjournment	• Dr. Jackson requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mason made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Rodney A. Jackson, DMD, Chairperson

Jack Cornett, Interim Secretary