



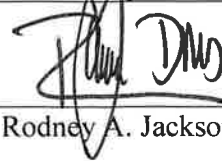
MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
 650 Newtown Pike
 April 8, 2024
 5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Lee Dossett, Dr. Hartley Feld, Mr. Mike Friesen, Dr. Maria Gomez, Dr. Gregory Hood, Mr. Majd Jabbour, Dr. Rodney Jackson, Dr. Christine Ko, and Dr. Elizabeth Riley. OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Jack Cornett, LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Counsel. Minutes produced by Linda Maturo in the absence of Laura Foley.
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maturo called the roll and produced the minutes. Attendance was as recorded above. Commissioner Allen-Bryant and Ms. Cooper were excused.
Request for Approval: March 11, 2024 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The March 11, 2024 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Dossett made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jabbour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson announced the winner of this year's Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award is Vivian Lasley-Bibbs, who passed away in December of last year. He then read some background information and the nomination submission for this year's winner. The award was presented to Ms. Lasley-Bibbs' husband, Phillip Bibbs.
Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cornett reported that both influenza and COVID-19 cases were trending downward in Fayette County. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported that it intends to stop tracking COVID-19 hospitalizations at the end of April. Thus far there have been no measles cases reported in Kentucky although practically all of the surrounding states have reported cases. • The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program has been selected as a pilot site to issue benefits during local farmer's markets. While benefits for shopping at farmer's markets have been available for some time, participation has been low. The pilot program brings the WIC program to the farmer's markets in an effort to help increase participation and thus double the benefits to the participants. • Mr. Cornett introduced the new LFCHD Compliance Officer, Jessica Brown.

<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Dr. Jackson reported that Mr. Cornett covered committee items in his report. He encouraged all board members to respond to the doodle poll sent out by Ms. Foley recently regarding the July 19 Board retreat. • Finance: Cara Kay reported February 2024 financials, including a year-to-date surplus \$5.4M compared to a budgeted surplus of \$5M. Year-to-date revenues were 105% of plan, while operating expenses were 105% of plan. Current cash and investment account balances of \$43.6M were up from \$39.2M. As of February 29, \$20.9M of unrestricted cash had been invested in treasuries and CDs. We have executed a contract with Jarboe Construction for the capitol project. A meeting will be scheduled for later this week to start discussions on next steps. She will keep the board informed on how this project will impact upcoming board meetings. We are in the final stages of executing a contract with a vendor for an Electronic Health Records (EHR) system. We plan to increase the number of full-time employees in the HANDS area to keep up with program demands and to remain in compliance with state guidelines for this program. We are working on the parameters for upcoming COLA and performance increases for staff. We have received a proposal for a new Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) for the Midland Station Project and are working on the details of that proposal. The FY25 budget will be brought to the board at the June meeting. • Marketing and Branding: Dr. Gomez reminded the Board of the upcoming Diabetes Expo on April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Kevin Hall indicated that information on registration was forthcoming. He also indicated that the city council will honor the family of this year's Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award at the council meeting on April 25. • Nominating and Bylaws: Dr. Feld indicated that although she had no formal report, she asked that Ms. Foley work with her to schedule a meeting between herself and Dr. Jackson in the near future. She further indicated that she would be reaching out to all board members regarding board positions for the coming year. • Policy and Protocol: Mr. Jabbour reported that work continues on separating Board of Health policies from LFCHD policies and to remove unneeded policies. • Program Outcomes and Evaluation: No report. • Ad Hoc Search Committee: Dr. Jackson reported that a meeting to evaluate the candidates for LFCHD Commissioner of Health is currently scheduled for April 24. Ms. Foley will be reaching out to committee members to determine if an earlier date is possible.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Jabbour asked if there was any role LFCHD could play in getting disaster information out to the city. He cited the confusion that ensued from last week's severe weather warnings and how disparate reactions were across the city. Discussion ensued that while it was acknowledged that a more consistent and reliable source of information was needed, Mayor Gorton's office should be the hub from which all such information flowed.

Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Jackson requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hood made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Friesen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
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Rodney A. Jackson, DMD, Chairperson



Jack Cornett, Interim Secretary