

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting 900 S Limestone September 9, 2024 5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kacy Allen-Bryant, Dr. Lee Dossett, Dr. Hartley Feld, Dr. Maria Gomez, Dr. Gregory Hood, Mr. Majd Jabbour, Dr. Ko, Councilmember Reynolds, and Dr. Basel Touchan. OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Jack Cornett, legal counsel, LFCHD Staff.
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Mr. Jabbour called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
Roll Call	 Ms. Foley called the roll. Attendance was as recorded above. Drs. Jackson, Mason, and Riley were excused. A quorum was declared. Nursing students from Eastern Kentucky University were welcomed as meeting guests. Jill Keys, Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) Clinical Services Officer encouraged the students to consider job opportunities for nurses at LFCHD.
Request for Approval: August 12, 2024 Minutes	The August 12, 2024 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Commissioner Allen-Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Thirty Years LaterA New Framework for Public Health	• Laura Foley presented a summarized version of her program to replace the foundational framework of public health. She presented this information at the 2024 Kentucky Public Health Association statewide conference.
Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report	 Mr. Cornett reported the University of Kentucky has been doing waste water testing, in a contract with the Kentucky Department for Public Health. The results will be shared with us and may indicate COVID-19 virus levels. While cases numbers have risen, hospitalizations remain low. We continue in outbreak status for pertussis. Mr. Cornett proposed a reorganization to the executive committee this month, which was approved. Billing and medical records will be moved to the clinical services division, while payroll will be moved to the facilities and finance division. Concerns around the topic of firearm violence are being discussed at LFCHD. A response proposal will be shared with the board, when available. Mr. Cornett noted the board put together good priorities for the strategic plan. Laura Foley is coordinating the process to directly tie these priorities to LFCHD programs and services. He noted this plan is important because we are post-pandemic and have resources now to advance the priorities. He requested board members send him an email with their thoughts about expanding and enriching current work and ideas about things we aren't doing today that we could start doing and also to identify important organizations with which we should connect. The site is fully engaged in developing the plan.

Committee Reports	 Executive: Mr. Jabbour reported Mr. Cornett covered committee topics in the interim CAO report. Finance: Cara Kay reported for July 2024. We don't much in terms of revenue or allocations in July. We haven't paid out merit increase and we haven't filled the commissioner position, so we are under for expenses. Our actual deficit was 599K dollars. We still have 42M dollars in cash and investments. We will continue to invest more. Third floor building renovations should be completed by early October. A finance committee retreat will be held September 24. Marketing and Branding: Kevin Hall reported on behalf of Dr. Gomez. September 15-October 15 is Hispanic Heritage month. We will highlight health disparities. We are highlighting our October 3 free flu shot clinic with multilingual promotions. Vaccine has arrived. September is food safety education month. Mosquito spraying has continued across multiple ZIP codes. Nominating and Bylaws: No report. Policy and Protocol: Mr. Jabbour has stepped down from this committee as he begins his tenure as Board of Health chair. Dr. Touchan has joined the committee. Program Outcomes and Evaluation: No Report. Ad Hoc Search: Mr. Jabbour reported we are currently interviewing candidates. The search is still ongoing.
Public Comment	Mr. Jabbour opened the floor for public comments. None were received.
Adjournment	• Mr. Jabbour requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Allen-Bryant made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Touchan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Majd Jabbour, Chairperson

ST Jack Cornett, Interim Secretary