



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
650 Newtown Pike
February 10, 2025
5:45 p.m.


ATTENDANCE	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kacy Allen-Bryant, Dr. Lee Dossett, Dr. Hartley Feld, Dr. Maria Gomez, Dr. Gregory Hood, Mr. Majd Jabbour, Dr. Rodney Jackson, Dr. Leah Mason, Councilmember Jennifer Reynolds, and Dr. Basel Touchan.</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steve Davis, legal counsel, LFCHD Staff.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jabbour called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Foley called the roll. Attendance was as recorded above. Dr. Ko was excused. Commissioner Allen-Bryant made a motion to have a flexible agenda for the meeting. Dr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jabbour noted that the Board of Health did not hold a meeting in January 2025, due to inclement weather.
Request for Approval: December 9, 2024 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The December 9, 2024 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Mason made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
A Day in the Life of a Health Educator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coreise Johnson, Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) Health Educator, presented on “a day in the life” of her role. She joined LFCHD in 2016 and became a health educator because she has a passion for improving the well-being of individuals and communities. She enjoys serving as a member of the LFCHD Community Education team. On an average day, she reviews goals and priorities, checks and responds to emails and other communications, and reviews educational materials as she plans program activities. Ms. Johnson researches health trends, evaluated program impacts, and collaborates and networks with a large number of community members to offer health promotion information, materials, and activities. Ms. Johnson shared a favorite story about working with a group of expecting mothers at a local community baby shower. She presented to the group with a holistic approach to support both physical and emotional well-being. She helped these mothers feel empowered and confident in their abilities to care for themselves and their children. Mr. Jabbour and the board expressed appreciation to Ms. Johnson for her presentation.
Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Davis reported he is talking with an organization about some space on this end of town in which we could possibly offer dental services. HealthFirst is ending their lease for dental services at 650 Newtown Pike. Following concerns raised by board members last year about losing dental services in this

	<p>part of Lexington, Dr. Davis met with the HealthFirst CEO. They will cease dental operations at 650 Newtown Pike soon and will be completely vacated in April. We are looking at a vacant building in another part of town in which we may be able to use to offer services if we lease or purchase it. Dr. Jackson asked what we are doing with the space that was being used to offer dental services. Dr. Davis said we are discussing potentially expanding some clinical services into the area. Some of the school health team may use the space during the building renovation period. He said Jessica Cobb and Jill Keys are going to develop ideas on how to use the space after renovations are complete. CM Reynolds asked how this happened. Cara Kay said we told HealthFirst Bluegrass last summer that we could use the space. Dr. Davis said our diabetes prevention team received a grant of a little over \$100K and our preparedness team received about \$20K in grant funding. FCPS decided not to extend our school health services contract. They will release an RFP to seek bids for the contract. Dr. Davis said we are hoping FCPS will lift up our nurses and make them direct hires of the school system. He noted it is not in the best interest of our children to have temp nurses with so many children in the system with complex medical needs. Board members expressed their desire to see our nurses continue to serve in FCPS. Dr. Davis noted we put about \$3M in funding into the program every year to ensure we can offer a high level of service. Dr. Davis said he is asking officers to “think crazy” to find innovative ways to move the health needle. These goals will be woven into the strategic plan. He asked them to “dream big” and not to focus on current resources or capacities, but to find initiatives that would move the health needle in a positive direction. Dr. Davis thanked the board for understanding about the number of recent closures due to inclement weather. He is excited for the board to see an excellent presentation Jessica Browns developed regarding the internal audit process. He said we have all five members of our merit council. We are waiting for one more background check to come in. When we have the slate, he will present it to the board for approval. He said we are reviewing every LFCHD policy. When we have tweaked them all, they will be presented to the board Policy and Protocol committee for review. We are going to develop a “van plan” to define how we will use our new mobile vehicle. Dr. Davis said we are keeping a close watch on federal and state legislative and governance changes that may impact public health. Dr. Davis said he would like the board to consider how we structure our regular board of health meetings. We want to tap into the expertise of board members. One idea is to alternate between full board meeting one month and a full board meeting with committee break-outs the following month. This would potentially allow Board of Health members to participate on committees without adding separate meetings to their calendars. Dr. Davis said the board chair would lead the effort to see if the board is interested in this proposal. He said officers have developed objectives for the first two or four strategic priorities defined by the board last June. Officers will be meeting for six-hours on Thursday to work on objectives for the other two priorities.</p>
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Mr. Jabbour said Dr. Davis covered committee topics. He reminded staff to think outside the box and to think innovatively. • Finance: Cara Kay reported for November 2024. We had a \$2.16M surplus on a budgeted surplus of \$3.32M. Revenues were 85% of plan, while expenses were 91% of plan. Our cash and investments balance of \$44.24M was down

	<p>from \$44.49M this time last year. \$27.88M of unrestricted cash was invested in treasuries and CDs. The health department pension liability was \$61M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing and Branding: Kevin Hall said he met with Coreise Johnson as she prepared for her presentation and discussed how her work connects directly with our strategic priorities. He noted she has dozens of stories about the work of her and her team in the community. Last week was the highest single week of flu cases this season with over 600 lab-confirmed cases reported. We recommend everyone receive flu shots, wear masks, and stay home when sick. The Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero award will be selected soon, with the award to be announced in April. Drs. Feld, Riley, and Touchan volunteered to serve on the selection committee. The 2025 Diabetes Expo will operate from 9:00 a.m. to noon on April 6. Mr. Hall said this will be the last year we have “covid money” to support the expo. He encouraged all to help us get the word out about the expo. Dr. Gomez thanked Dr. Davis and Mr. Hall for the messages we’ve been sharing with the media and the community. • Nominating and Bylaws: No report. • Policy and Protocol: No report. • Program Outcomes and Evaluation: No Report. • Ad Hoc Search: Mr. Jabbour reported candidates are being interviewed and that we a number of great candidates.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jabbour opened the floor for public comments. None were received.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jabbour requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



 Majd Jabbour, Chairperson



 Steve Davis, Interim Secretary