



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
 650 Newtown Pike
 January 12, 2026
 5:45 p.m.

<p>ATTENDANCE</p>	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kacy Allen-Bryant, Dr. Andrea Banks, Dr. Amanda Fallin-Bennett, Dr. Maria Gomez, Mr. Majd Jabbour, Dr. Leah Mason, Councilmember Jennifer Reynolds, Dr. Basil Touchan, and Mr. Joseph Warren. OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Crystal Miller, LFCHD Staff.</p>
<p>TOPIC</p>	<p>DISCUSSION</p>
<p>Call to Order</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jabbour called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.
<p>Roll Call</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maturo called the roll. Attendance was as recorded above. Dr. Jackson and Dr. Riley were excused.
<p>Request for Approval: December 8, 2025 Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The December 8, 2025 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Touchan made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Gomez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes were approved.
<p>Program Overview Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Miller explained that this presentation was a follow-up to prior discussions on LFCHD programs and services, with an emphasis on how we can improve and expand what we currently offer and how we plan to do more. She added that it was her intent to make LFCHD the standard of excellence in every measurable category. A spreadsheet of all services to be discussed was provided in the Board packets and was displayed on the screen. Jill Keys, Clinical Services Officer, presented information on the clinical program and services which she oversees. Her department has 102 employees which include the public health clinic, harm reduction, medical billing/medical records and school health. There are 63 school health nurses that are provided in accordance with our contract with Fayette County Public Schools. Most of that staff are RNs, but there are 2 LPNs and PRNs that fill in as needed. Some of the services that nurses perform in the school include diabetic care, immunizations, nutrition/wellness and fluoride varnish. A big change that took place with the current contract is that LFCHD no longer bills Medicaid for services, the schools have taken on that responsibility. There are 32 staff in the public health clinic. Services provided include registration, nutrition, immunizations, testing and treatment for TB, STIs, and WIC services. They are working to cross-train between programs so that, for example, a client coming in for a WIC visit could have other needs taken care of while they are there. Clinic staff, including customer service representatives, are being trained on the Connect benefits exchange so that they too can offer more assistance to our clients. In addition, WIC staff have

undergone training and are now assisting WIC clients on how to grocery shop to use their WIC benefits more effectively. They will meet the client at the store if that is requested. One nurse focuses on employee health, making sure that our employees comply with immunization and TB guidelines. CPR training is available for all staff as well.

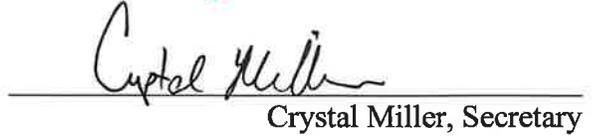
- Harm reduction has 3 staff with services focusing on syringe exchange, offering Naloxone and referrals for food and housing assistance. Staff are being trained as community health workers as well as training in Hep C and HIV testing in order to provide education classes with community partners. Harm reduction is currently using a mobile unit to provide limited community outreach but we want to expand that significantly.
- We recently applied for two grants – we just learned that we did not receive one of the grants. However, we also applied for a \$1 million grant over two years through the state Opioid Abatement program. If we receive this grant, we will expand outreach in harm reduction, Hep C and HIV testing and counseling. We would also be able to purchase the equipment to perform Hep C diagnostic testing and treatment on site as well as HIV prep. We will not learn of the results of that grant submission until April.
- In response to a question, Ms. Keys responded that WIC visits were down, TB visits were up and that STI visits were on par with previous years. There is room to grow in all areas.
- Jessica Cobb, Community Health officer explained the programs and services included in her department. There are 8 staff in community education. Those staff are becoming more involved in community outreach as well as CHA and CHIP. They have created a monthly newsletter which lists upcoming programs. We have received interest from other community partners about listing their programs in the newsletter. Recent events have been very successful. The community baby shower held in December received so many donations from community partners that we will be able to hold diaper drives throughout the community. We did not apply for the diabetic grant this year as the requirements for that grant include more data collection and data entry rather than actual diabetic education. All staff are also being trained as community health workers to give them more skills in community outreach. In addition, we may be able to bill Medicaid for services that our community health workers provide. We did not receive funding for our tobacco cessation program but used internal funds for ad campaigns and billboards. Staff are working with Fayette County Public Schools to provide education on vaping. We have also partnered with one business, Gray Construction, to offer tobacco cessation education in the workplace. We would like to expand that outreach to other local companies.
- We have recently increased staff in the CHA/CHIP area. We also just learned that in order to remain accredited, we didn't need to go through the reaccreditation process until 2028. That frees up staff time to focus on other areas. We have agreements with several universities, including UK and Eastern, to provide student public health experiences. CHA/CHIP received a \$15,000 grant to provide financial assistance to smaller programs that need help. We will offer two \$5,000 grants and have received two applications thus far.
- There are 16 staff in the Environmental Health area. As a lot of those staff are new. All EH staff are undergoing training with an emphasis on being consistent in our approach to inspections so that one health inspector does not

	<p>appear to be more strict than others. The recent addition of two assistant team leaders has helped with supervision and more one on one time with each inspector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HANDS program has 7 staff. They are currently focused on visits that can be completed. HANDS staff are working more out in the community and received 5 referrals while participating in the most recent diaper drive with community education. • Infectious disease has 8 staff and are responsible for reportable diseases and data requests. Currently they have been centered on a measles exposure that has the potential to be a significant outbreak. They have been in communication with all parties involved in this situation. We are currently in the waiting period to see if that exposure evolves into something more. • One staff person works preparedness which mainly involves staff training. The required trainings are affected by federal guidelines so we are monitoring that to adjust as necessary. • Mr. Jabbour asked if we had ever heard back from UK about our inclusion in their One UK network? Dr. Davis responded that while they had shown interest in including us in previous discussions, he had not yet received a definitive answer from them.
<p>Commissioner of Health Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Miller presented the Commissioner of Health (COH) report for November, 2025. She reiterated that her overall theme was that LFCHD was excellence in whatever we are doing, that we are working across departments to provide the absolute best experience for our clients and the community. She wants LFCHD to be a hub for students, to host trainings and be a resource for other health departments – to be a well-oiled machine in all the services we provide. Her goal is to achieve this level of excellence by 2030. • At the recent all staff meeting the focus was on knowing and working well with each other; to find staff strengths and use them where most appropriate and to develop our staff. Staff participated in an Emergenetics exercise which helped with this. We also had a safety training for staff. • In addition, Dr. Langefeld, the new state health commissioner spoke to staff about state plans for public health. • She thanked Dr. Davis for helping her with media requests to free up her time to focus on making LFCHD the best it can be.
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: No report. • Finance: Cara Kay reported for November, 2025. We saw a \$3.74 surplus on a budgeted surplus of \$2.69M. Revenues were 98% of plan, while expenses were 88% of plan. Cash and investments totaled \$47.55M, compared to \$45.21M this time last year. Unrestricted cash investments in treasuries and CDs totaled \$25.96M. The LFCHD \$60M pension liability is not reflected in the numbers above. We received our large tax check in November, which will be reflected in next month’s report. Building renovations have begun in the old dental area. Once completed, this area will be the new location for harm reduction and HANDS . • Strategic Planning and Operations: No report.

Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No public comments.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Majd Jabbour, Chair



Crystal Miller, Secretary