




MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
650 Newtown Pike
May 11, 2026
5:45 p.m.

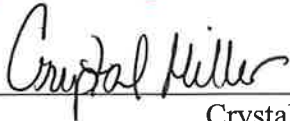
ATTENDANCE	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Andrea Banks, Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Dr. Amanda Fallin-Bennett, Dr. Maria Gomez, Mr. Majd Jabbour, Dr. Ko, Dr. Leah Mason, Councilmember Reynolds, Dr. Elizabeth Riley, Dr. Basil Touchan, and Mr. Joseph Warren.</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Crystal Miller, LFCHD Staff.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman Jabbour called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maturo called the roll. Attendance was as recorded above. Dr. Jackson was excused.
Request for Approval: April 13, 2026 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The April 13 2026 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Commissioner Allen-Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.
Presentation of 2026 Public Health Hero Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman Jabbour introduced the winner of the 2026 Public Health Hero Award and presented the award to Dr. Nicholas J. Van Sickels. Dr. Van Sickels expressed his appreciation for the honor and noted how much he had enjoyed working with the Health Department's Epidemiology team and how invaluable their contributions had been.
Commissioner of Health Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Miller presented the Commissioner of Health (COH) report for April, 2026: She informed the Board that, due to J. Keys' diligence in finding grant opportunities, we had recently been awarded a grant from Recovery Corp for two positions that will assist our harm reduction program. The program will provide two individuals who are one year out of recovery and will subsidize their salaries for one year. As it is so important that those working in this area are aware of the specialized needs that this work entails, the addition of two individuals will help us provide better service. She reported that her meeting with the leadership of Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) had gone very well. She reminded them that LFCHD had contributed \$3 million to this contract in order to maintain continuity of service for Fayette County school children. Debbie Boian of FCPS asked that, in the interest of finding ways to reduce costs, if it would be possible to fill the four current nurse positions with LPNs instead? Our response was that we were not willing to do that as LPNs require more administrative oversight and we were not able to provide that. We were told that we would keep the contract for the next year. Dr. Miller plans to communicate more frequently with FCPS leadership moving forward.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She stated that there continues to be community interest in our Stop the Bleed training conducted by Monicia Barnoud. M. Barnoud will conduct Stop the Bleed trainings in locations other than the health department, but due to the equipment requirements of the full CPR training, she prefers to do that one on site. In addition, all LFCHD staff that interact with the public are being trained in both Stop the Bleed and CPR. • HANDS staff moved to the renovated first floor space today. This relocation will greatly assist with WIC referrals. • We are rolling out a new initiative on gun locks, called Lex Lock It Lex, geared at gun safety. Dr. Miller will be recording a public service announcement (PSA) on this and we have other community partners participating as well in PSAs. Dr. Riley indicated that she would love to help with this effort and Dr. Miller stated she would link her up with our team. • She also reported that we are preparing for an initiative to educate on gun safety and distribute gun locks throughout the community. They are available in our lobby and will be distributed at various community events. There was discussion on methods for obtaining more should we need to do so. • She mentioned that there are potential funding changes and decreases that will require us to think differently and potentially change the way we operate in some programs. • The Communications department is working to push out as much information as possible each month. We have recently engaged a company with prior experience working with other health departments to revamp our website. Councilmember Reynolds wondered how many different languages would be available on the website as, currently over 100 different languages are spoken in Lexington. Dr. Miller indicated that she would check with the vendor to make sure as many languages as possible are available on the new website. • She stated that her one-year anniversary is coming up next month and that she encourages any Board member to give any feedback on her performance to Chairman Jabbour.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Dr. Mason indicated that she would be sending out proposed revised Board of Health By-laws for the members' review. Current By-laws provide that members have 30 days to review any proposed changes before voting, with the goal to vote at the June meeting. In order to revise the greatly outdated Merit Council By-laws, changes first need to be made to the Board's By-laws. • Chairman Jabbour noted that, with the June meeting, Joseph Warren will act as Chair for the Finance Committee. He thanked Dr. Riley for serving in that capacity for the last few months. He also noted that Dr. Ko's term on the Board will end with the June meeting. • Finance: Cara Kay reported for March 2026. At the end of March we saw a \$490K surplus on a budgeted deficit of \$771K. Revenues were 102% of plan, while expenses were 96% of plan. Cash and investments totaled \$45.27M, compared to \$45.68M this time last year. Unrestricted cash

	<p>investments in treasuries and CDs totaled \$22.81M. The LFCHD \$60M pension liability is not reflected in the numbers above. C. Kay indicated that she would be bringing the FY26 budget to the Board for review and approval at the June meeting. She also reported that we have been looking to engage a new audit firm as RFH resigned after the last audit. An RFP has been in place for over 5 weeks with the deadline for responses Friday, May 15. We have entered into a contract with Workday to bring all HRIS and finance functions under one umbrella. We are excited about the efficiencies that this will bring. Renovations in the dental area have been completed with harm reduction occupying their new space for the past couple of weeks and HANDS moving into the space today. Work has already begun in the RCL and should take approximately 5 months to complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning and Operations: Chairman Jabbour reminded members to complete the doodle poll if they have not and update it as their schedule changes. A reminder with the link to the poll will be sent out this week. It is important that we get a date on the books so that planning can begin.
Other Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gomez asked for an update on the hantavirus as it is getting a lot of play in the media. Dr. Davis was asked to respond and indicated that, due to three factors, the threat was very, very low: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) It is very difficult to transmit this disease (2) To transfer ratio is very low, and (3) The strain that is being reported is found in an animal population that is not in the U.S.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None were presented.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having no further business, Chairman Jabbour asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Touchan moved to adjourn, Commissioner Allen-Bryant seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Majd Jabbour, Chair



Crystal Miller, Secretary