



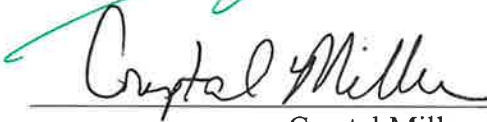
MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
650 Newtown Pike
August 10, 2026
5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Andrea Banks, Dr. Amanda Fallin-Bennett, Dr. Maria Gomez, Dr. Rodney Jackson, Dr. Elizabeth Riley, and Dr. Basel Touchan. OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Crystal Miller, LFCHD Staff.
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Vice Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.
Roll Call	Ms. Maturo called the roll. Attendance was as recorded above. Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Mr. Jabbour, Councilmember Reynolds and Mr. Warren were excused.
Request for Approval: July 13, 2026 Minutes	The July 13, 2026 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Touchan made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.
Commissioner of Health Report	- Dr. Miller indicated that she had planned to give a presentation on the status on the strategic initiatives set forth by the Board before she joined the Health Department. However, due to the absence of several members, she will delay that presentation until the next Board meeting. - We are working to increase our media coverage and pinpoint that coverage more on us, rather than our commenting on coverage on someone else. Part of that media spotlight has focused on the "Let's Lock it" campaign. Over 1,000 gun locks have been distributed thus far and we are continuing to work with community partners to highlight this program. - The cyclosporiasis issue seems to have calmed down with 58 total cases documented in the Fayette County area. - We are coordinating with the community-based program, Project Ricochet, on drug free community programs funded by the CDC. We are working to identify specific area codes where we can assist with getting out this message. - Dr. Miller has been working with the UK Pharmacy on a collaboration to expand HIV TelePrep. The Health Department will act as a "connector" with patients in an effort to get the word out on this program. This program is different in that patients can now "self-refer", the kit will be sent through the mail to reduce any embarrassment and/or stigma and there is no cost to the patient. Dr. Touchan asked if any prep work was being offered here at the Health Department. Currently it is not. He also asked if minors were eligible for the UK program to which she replied that she was not sure. At

	this time, only the prep pill is available but UK hopes that injections are on the horizon for their program. • She reported that she, as well as other local department heads across the state, have been having lunches with state legislators in an effort to share what public health is doing in Kentucky. • Dr. Miller indicated that she has been working with UK as they reinstitute their doctor of public health program, as UK has indicated that they want to be sure that the local health department perspective is included in this program. • She suggested to Board members that they might be interested in attending the National Association of Local Board of Health (NALBOH) conference in October. This year it will be held in Savannah, GA. If not this year, then perhaps they would be interested in attending a future meeting. • Dr. Miller reminded the Board that there are currently three vacancies on the Merit Council. She is submitting a candidate for one of the positions for the Board's review and approval. The candidate is Jonathan Vorbeck. Dr. Vorbeck is an Assistant Professor at Eastern Kentucky University and has experience with merit councils while previously working at the Jessamine County and Northern Kentucky health departments. She asked for the Board to approve this appointment to the Merit Council. Dr. Jackson moved to approve; Dr. Riley seconded. The motion was approved. • There was discussion regarding the open positions on the Merit Council and the application process. Dr. Miller welcomed any suggestions from Board members on candidates to fill the remaining two seats. Applications should be submitted to HR. • Dr. Mason asked what services we provided to those with unstable housing. Dr. Miller explained that staff would link them with various community resources and could also help with signing them up with Medicaid. She indicated that there was a forum on homelessness on August 11 at the Senior Center. • A question was posed on our Narcan distribution plans. Dr. Miller responded that other than being available in our lobby, we are distributing at the community events we attend. We would also be interested in partnering with the city on distribution if that opportunity became available.
Public Comment	• None were presented.
Adjournment	• Having no further business, Vice Chair Mason asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Touchan moved to adjourn, Dr. Riley seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.


 Majd Jabbour, Chair


 Crystal Miller, Secretary