

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The Lexington-Fayette County Board of Health convened for a regular meeting Monday, March 13, 2017 at 5:45p.m. at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department.

		PRESENT	ABSENT
MEMBERS	Paula Anderson, Chair	X	
PRESENT:	Kacy Allen-Bryant, RN, MSN, Vice Chair	X	
	James Cecil, DMD, MPH	X	
	Chris Ford	X	
	Michael Friesen	X	
	Jake Gibbs	X	
	Mayor Jim Gray		X
	Jason Lee	X	
	Mamata Majmundar, MD	X	
	David Martorano	X	
	John Riley, MD	X	
	Sherelle Roberts Pierre		X
	Dianet Valencia		X
 OTHERS			
PRESENT:	Health Department Staff		
	LFCHD Council		

The meeting was called to order at 5:49p.m. A quorum was present. Dr. Riley made a motion to approve the January minutes. Dr. Majmundar seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ms. Allen-Bryant made a motion to approve the February minutes. Dr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMBATING THE ZIKA VIRUS: Luke Mathis

Luke Mathis shared a presentation detailing efforts of the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) to combat the Zika virus (ZVD) in our community. He showed our incident command structure. This operational structure applies not only to mosquito spraying, but is similar to the structure we use for any public health emergency. He reported Zika is spread through a day-biter mosquito known as *Aedes*. ZVD may be passed from a pregnant woman to her fetus. Gestational infection can cause certain birth defects. Zika may also be transmitted through sex and blood transfusion. Local mosquito-borne transmission has been reported in the United States. In Kentucky 35 cases have been confirmed as of March 8, 2017. There have been no viremic blood donor detections. Currently, all cases in the state have been in travelers who were infected elsewhere. Our emphasis to prevent an outbreak will be larvicidal treatment of pre-emergent mosquitos. Stagnant water is a primary focus. For adult mosquitos, we will use our truck sprayers. The state is providing funds to support control efforts. This year, we are increasing surveying and trapping and will spray based on results gathered.

Ms. Anderson asked how we will communicate to the community the areas we will be spraying. Mr. Mathis said we will send a press release 48 hours prior. Our communications plan will include the Mayor's Office and Fire and Police. Dr. Majmundar asked about spraying in Jacobson Park. Mr. Mathis said we focus spraying in areas where people live. Dr. Riley asked if plans will be modified if ZVD is found locally. Mr. Mathis said we would immediately treat the area and would partner with vendors to assist in grid spraying. Mr. Gibbs asked if the larvacide is dangerous for animals and if neighborhood associations can be given this information. Mr. Mathis said that the treatments are safe for outdoor pets and that we do and will communicate with the community.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Kraig Humbaugh, MD, MPH

Dr. Humbaugh reported recent changes in board composition. Council member Gibbs is our newest member and an appointment to fill the position formerly held by Dr. Matar is expected soon. He also shared personnel changes at the department. Roanya Rice will be leaving in about a month. Dr. Humbaugh said it is hard to imagine the agency without Ms. Rice. He thanked her for her service and wished her the best. A transition plan is being developed. Roanya's managers, Jessica Cobb and Jill Keys will assist in operations. We have selected a HANDS team leaders who will begin working next week. Our new Chief Financial Officer, Cara Kay, has done a great job this past month. Jack Cornett will go back to standby status at the end of this week. He will return in the Summer to cover Ms. Kay's leave. We are reviewing market survey results for nursing salaries. We are working with a vendor to ensure our job descriptions closely match our business needs and similar positions in the community. We are developing a nursing recruiting plan using these new salary models and will have more information at the next BOH meeting. Dr. Humbaugh reported a successful drill for extreme weather was recently held. We have also contracted with a new security company. The new security guards will have duties inside and outside our facilities. In addition, we are securing upgraded and new security cameras for the 650 Newtown and Regency Road locations. Efforts are underway to modernize our public website, with a focus on making the site mobile-friendly. In addition to making the mobile experience on the website better, we will also streamline the process for updating content. The website may not look much different on May 1, 2017, but that is our target date for migrating to the new server. We were pleased to host Mayor Gray on February 18, 2017. We thank Commissioner Bastin for attending. The visit included a presentation on our needle exchange program (NEP) and the Mayor was able to meet with staff who operate the program. There were 510 clients to the program in February. It is logistically challenging to serve such a large number in the 5.5 hours per week the program is in operation. Seventy-six Naloxone kits were distributed. Dr. Humbaugh reported flu continues to be widespread with over 300 cases confirmed. The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) reports we have been at the widespread level for nine weeks in a row. It is not too late to get a flu shot. It takes two weeks to develop immunity. We continue to see cases of pertussis in Fayette County. Currently, there are 14 cases in 4 Elementary Schools and one Child Care Center. We recommend everyone be vaccinated. Pertussis symptoms are most sever in young children and adults with chronic illness. Ms. Anderson asked how recent actions to change the federal healthcare programs will impact us. Dr. Humbaugh said that fewer people enrolled in Medicaid may affect how we provide or assure a safety net in our community. In addition 10% of the budget for the CDC is provided by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). If the ACA is repealed, this funding may no longer be available.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Paula Anderson, Chair

No report.

NOMINATING/BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Paula Anderson, Chair

Ms. Anderson reviewed the terms of current Board of Health members. Several are scheduled to rotate off in coming months. She requests those whose terms are ending soon please let her know if they wish to continue. She will present a slate of new officers for the board in May.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Jason Lee, Finance Chair

Cara Kay presented a financial summary. Ms. Kay started four weeks ago. Her first day was the day of the last Board meeting. Jack Cornett has been mentoring her and will return when Ms. Kay is on maternity leave in the Summer. Ms. Kay reported we approved the mid-year budget last month and it has been uploaded to our system. The mid-year budget shows a surplus year-to-date (YTD). Expected variances occur when loading December actuals equal to December budget YTD and then adjusting the remaining months of the fiscal year. We expect lower revenues as the year proceeds, based on funding expectations. She reported the finance staff includes three new members who have been in place six months or less and that they are learning together. Ms. Kay also stated she was excited to be here.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES/EVALUATION: Kacy Allen-Bryant, RN, MSN

No report.

POLICY/PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Kacy Allen-Bryant, RN, MSN

No report.

MARKETING/COMMUNICATION: Kevin Hall

Mr. Hall said that Dr. Humbaugh will be presenting a brief presentation on mosquito control at the April 25, 2017 City Council Workgroup meeting. Dr. Humbaugh was interviewed on WKYT and will soon be interviewed on WTVQ regarding pertussis in Fayette County. Employees wore red clothing on Friday, February 3 to support National Wear Red Day to raise awareness of heart disease in women. The department posted several messages to social media highlighting the fight against heart disease. Mr. Hall reported new lettered signs have been posted to many outside doors at the 650 Newtown location. These signs are to aid first responders in accessing the building. The Employee Association celebrated Valentine's Day with desserts and delivery of carnations to employees. Dr. Humbaugh generously provide a flower for every member of the staff. Montgomery County staff visited the needle exchange program to learn how it operates. They are considering instituting a needle exchange in their county. Mr. Hall reported we have been engaged in an education campaign regarding pertussis, also known as whooping cough. The campaign includes multiple interviews, social media postings, and flyers for daycares, schools, and the YMCA. He said we have expanded the hours of operation of NEP to 11:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. every Friday at the 650 Newtown location. Healthy Times continues to air on

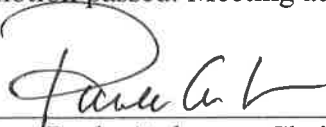
Lexington Community Radio. In addition to listening live, you may listen to rebroadcasts or download the podcast version. Debra Hensley will share a presentation with the board next month detailing our partnership. Mr. Martorano asked where we are in our three year commitment to the station. Mr. Hall responded that we are completing year two of this support. Mr. Hall presented the nomination of Senator Reginald Thomas for the 2017 Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award. The Senator has been a champion for public health and has sponsored legislation to improve the health and wellbeing of Kentuckians. Ms. Allen-Bryant made a motion to approve the nomination. Dr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval. Senator Thomas will be the first recipient of the newly-named Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award. Mr. Hall reported the Senator will be present to receive the award at the full City Council meeting to be held April 27, 2016 at 6:00p.m. In addition, the Senator will be present for the next Board of Health meeting.

Ms. Anderson shared that Ms. Roberts Pierre is reaching out to staff and fellow board members to start meetings of the Marketing Committee to discuss marketing opportunities and will work with Dr. Cecil.

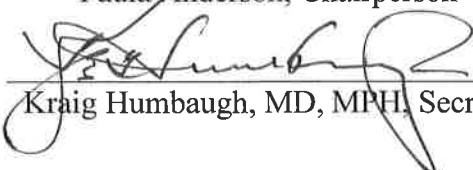
OPEN COMMENT:

Ms. Anderson thanked Ms. Rice on behalf of the board for all the work she has done for the department. We wished her all the best in her career. Ms. Rice thanked Ms. Anderson and the board and expressed appreciation for the opportunities she received here.

The motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:42p.m.



Paula Anderson, Chairperson



Kraig Humbaugh, MD, MPH, Secretary