

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

The Lexington-Fayette County Board of Health convened for a regular meeting Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:45p.m. at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department in Conference Room C.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
MEMBERS: Paula Anderson, Chair	X	
Kacy Allen-Bryant, RN, MSN, Vice Chair	X	
James Cecil, DMD, MPH	X	
Chris Ford	X	
Mayor Jim Gray		X
Peggy Henson	X	
Jason Lee		X
Mamata Majmundar, MD	X	
David Martorano	X	
Jacqueline Matar, MD	X	
John Riley, MD		X
Dianet Valencia		X

OTHERS

PRESENT: Health Department Staff
LFCHD Council

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. A quorum was present.

Dr. Matar made a motion to approve the August 8, 2016 Board of Health minutes. The motion was seconded by P. Henson. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Kraig Humbaugh, MD, MPH

Dr. Humbaugh presented a first year review of the Needle Exchange Program (NEP). This review will also be presented to the Urban County Council Work Session on September 13, 2016. Senate Bill 192 (2015) allows local health departments to distribute clean needles to injection drug users in exchange for used needles. The program was approved by the City Council and Board of Health in July, 2015. It began operation on Friday, September 4, 2015. The NEP is open every Friday from 1:30-4:00p.m. in the clinic facilities. Clients bring in used needles to receive new needles. Six health department staff have volunteered to receive training and facilitate the program. The NEP also offers clinic referrals, educational materials, condoms, and bleach kits. Dr. Humbaugh noted that injection drug use is the number one risk factor for Hepatitis C and is a major risk factor for HIV.

In 2013 and 2014, Kentucky ranked first in the nation in the rate of acute hepatitis C, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As of June 30, 2015, 900 people were identified in Fayette County as living with HIV. Nationwide, 1 in 5 people may not know they have HIV. Dr. Humbaugh stated that the average cost of treating one case of hepatitis C ranges from \$32,000 to \$56,000. The average cost of lifetime HIV treatment for one patient, according to the CDC, is \$379,000. The yearly cost of our needle exchange program is approximately \$46,000. One year of operating this preventative program can cost less than treating one case of hepatitis C. Needles are exchanged at nearly a one-to-one ratio. As of this date, six clients have been referred for treatment. Dr. Dan Wermeling, University of Kentucky (UK) pharmacist, is present during meetings to provide Naloxone kits. Recipients receive training on use of the kits.

Discussion is underway on ways to expand the program. Suggestions include expanding hours of operation, adding satellite locations, and introducing rapid Hepatitis C testing. Dr. Matar inquired as to the cost of the kits. Currently kits are being provided through a grant issued to UK by the state Office of Drug Control Policy. C. Ford stated that the department has done a great job implementing NEP with unanimous council support. He said we have met legislative intent. P. Anderson also offered kudos to the staff. Representatives from the White House and from Senator Rand Paul's staff have met with the department to discuss this program.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Kraig Humbaugh, MD, MPH

Dr. Humbaugh reported the fifteen vacant positions we had are now down to seven. We are actively recruiting for the remaining vacancies. We are continuing to work with our insurance provider to plan employee benefits for the new year. LFCHD will host a free flu clinic on October 20, 2016. The clinic has been moved to a Thursday this year in hopes of attracting more clients. The two sites for the clinic are Consolidated Baptist Church, 1625 Russell Cave Rd., and Southland Christian Church, 2349 Richmond Rd. in Lexington. Dr. Humbaugh wrote an essay for the Herald Leader annual health supplement regarding flu vaccinations. Board of Health members will be offered free flu shots at the next Board of Health meeting. Dr. Humbaugh reported that school nurses are excited to be back in the schools. Dr. Humbaugh and Jack Cornett visited our federally qualified health center (FQHC) partners in Lexington. There are three FQHCs in our community: Bluegrass Community Health Center, HealthFirst Bluegrass, and HealthPoint Family Care. Dr. Humbaugh also noted that Dr. Sandler sent a gracious note of thanks for the recognition of the Board at the August 8, 2016 meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Paula Anderson, Chair

P. Anderson and Dr. Humbaugh discussed issues surrounding the needle exchange program. No quorum was present and no action taken.

NOMINATING/BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Paula Anderson, Chair

We are waiting for final approval from the Mayor's office for our two Board of Health nominees, Ms. Sherelle Roberts Pierre and Dr. Bill Elder.

FACILITIES/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Jack Cornett

J. Cornett shared financials for the first month of the new fiscal year. He noted that the deficit in the first month is because city tax revenue will not be received until November and December. He stated that our balance sheet is in good shape. Asset values have increased. J. Cornett introduced our new accounting coordinator, Cory Rutledge. J. Cornett stated his last day with the agency will be September 30, 2016. He thanked the Board for the wonderful support over the last few years. He found the position challenging, personally rewarding, and full of surprises. He learned a lot from his experiences with Dr. Rice Leach. J. Cornett stated that he is grateful for all he learned and enjoyed his time here. On behalf of the Board, P. Anderson expressed gratitude to J. Cornett for his service.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES/EVALUATION:

No Report

POLICY/PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:

No Report


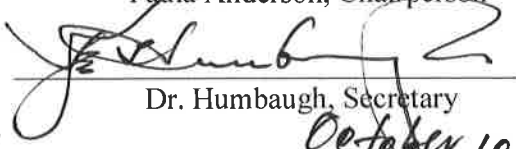
MARKETING/COMMUNICATION: Bailey Preston

B. Preston shared that the Healthy Times radio show continues on two radio stations. She stated the Communications team is working on developing a Spanish language segment. On the radio show in August, Doraine Bailey shared about Breastfeeding Month and Blake Flaughner and Lynnsey McGarrh discussed STDs. LFCHD staff participated at the Woodlands Arts Fair and Roots and Heritage Festival. The Pokémon GO promotion is being used to encourage people to walk more. Participants post on social media to enter a contest for prizes. This promotion provides us an opportunity to share tips on healthy and safe walking activities. In addition, a flyer which lists some of the programs available for the community at LFCHD is offered. Board members were given copies of the flyer and an electronic version will be made available.

OPEN COMMENT:

No Comment

K. Allen-Bryant made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by P. Henson. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:06p.m.


 Paula Anderson, Chairperson

 Dr. Humbaugh, Secretary
 October 10, 2016