




MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health
August 14, 2017

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 5:55p.m.
Attendance	<p>PRESENT: Ms. Allen-Bryant, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Blevins-Booth, Dr. Dossett, Dr. Elder, Commissioner Ford, Mr. Friesen, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Lee, Dr. Majmundar, Ms. Roberts Pierre.</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: Health Department Staff, LFCHD Council</p>
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P. Anderson made a motion to approve the May 8, 2017, June 12, 2017, June 26, 2017, and July 10, 2017 minutes. J. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Recognition of Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Allen-Bryant introduced Ms. Vicki Blevins-Booth and Dr. Bill Elder as our new Board of Health (BOH) members. V. Blevins-Booth and Dr. Elder were welcomed and expressed they were pleased to serve on the board. K. Allen-Bryant shared appreciation for Dr. Cecil, D. Martorano, and Dr. Riley, who have recently ended terms on the board. Plaques expressing our gratitude will be delivered to them.
Immunization Presentation – Jill Keys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yolanda Loveless was introduced as our School Health Manager. Y. Loveless said she was happy to be here. The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) offers immunizations to meet community needs, especially for the Vaccine for Children (VFC) eligible population and because it is the best way to decrease the spread of vaccine preventable diseases. We also offer some vaccines to adults, including Tdap and some private stock. Regulations were updated effective 7/1/2017. Due to confusion over the new regulations we are working with providers, school health, and the media to educate the community. The new immunization requirements go into effect July 1, 2018. Dr. Majmundar asked if we will be required to give the series of two immunizations for Hepatitis A. J. Keys said both will be required by July 1, 2018. A survey of immunization compliance is submitted by December 31 each year to the Kentucky Department for Public Health. This year, the survey will be for seventh and eleventh grades. HPV is being recommended, but not required. The religious exemption no longer requires education and can now be completed by the parent and notarized without the involvement of the health department or a physician. S. Roberts Pierre asked what precipitated the changes in religious exemption from immunization requirements. J. Keys said state legislators made the changes with input from the state immunization program.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any home schooled students who interact with public schools will be required to be in compliance. • Our compliance rates have risen to 97.7 for kindergarten, 87.3 for sixth grade, and 85.3 for ninth grade. For reference, in 2012 we were at 70% compliance in the sixth grade. • The school system uses Infinite Campus for compliance tracking. It will not be updated immediately to meet the new state requirements. In the meantime, we will identify a different way to track if children are compliant. • We will continue to educate the community on the changes in required immunizations and clarify the new regulations. • K. Hall said that, after conferring with J. Keys, Dr. Humbaugh was able to approach Dr. Polk at the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) which issued information about these changes to the public through press releases. LFCHD participated in media appearances. K. Allen-Bryant said the interviews were great and asked we anticipate additional staff LFCHD needs. J. Keys said the requirements will be fully implemented in mid-2018 and we will be looking at staffing needs as we approach that time.
<p>Request for Approval of FY18 Tax Rate – Jack Cornett</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Cornett presented financial results through June, 2017. He reported we have come through difficult financial times, but we are in stable position at this time. The surplus exceeded budget and expenses were under budget as the fiscal year closed. • P. Anderson asked if the aggressive moves on nursing salaries had an impact. J. Cornett said the increase in salaries was a small part of the salary overrun, but another factor was reducing overall salary budgets perhaps too aggressively when we prepared the mid-year budget. • J. Cornett presented the tax certification to the board. The request is to keep the rate the same. The rate has not changed since around 2004. • The request is to keep the rate at 2.8 cents per hundred dollars of assessed property value. • J. Lee made a motion to approve. Dr. Majmundar seconded the motion. The motion passed. • J. Cornett reported the yearly financial audit has begun and results will be published in September. • Cara Kay is back to work part-time for the next two weeks.
<p>Executive Committee Report – Kacy Allen-Bryant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee met last week. We are welcoming two new board members this evening and are working to fill our two remaining vacancies. • The department IT Manager, John Loudon, is retiring at the end of the month. J. Cornett will stay onboard part-time until we have hired our new IT Manager. • The department is working on methods to allow a continuation of Naloxone kit distribution during the needle exchange program (NEP). • The Farmers' Market was successful and we are planning to operate a market from May through September next year. K. Hall said some farmers are interested in returning also in fall 2017. • School Health nurses are back and we will be piloting billing services. • KDPH is encouraging us to look at vendors for electronic health records

	<p>(EHR).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Majmundar asked if we have spoken with schools who have successfully implemented billing. J. Keys has spoken with Dr. Stanhope from UK. Dr. Majmundar said she can help us get in contact with an organization that includes school clinics across nearly two dozen counties. • Implementation of the Kentucky 1115 Medicaid Waiver may impact the health department's services and business models.
Other Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Riley has been on the Board for thirty years and the board has a plaque to present to him to thank him. He has been a great resource on the BOH • K. Allen-Bryant shared appreciation for Paula Anderson for her leadership as BOH Chair. She presented a plaque expressing the gratitude of the board to P. Anderson. P. Anderson thanked the board for the recognition and said it has been an honor and privilege to serve on the board.
Communications Report – Kevin Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Roberts Pierre said the Marketing Committee has been working hard on branding and will be presenting to the board and officers a style guide that will help unify our presence on social media and in publications and in our documents. • K. Hall reported over \$5,200 worth of WIC vouchers were given out during the operation of our Farmer's Market this summer. K. Hall thanked the staff for their excellent work. • We are helping educate the public on the total solar eclipse, using information from NASA. The staff have expressed appreciation for our efforts in preparation for this event. • In July, we had a Diabetes Fun Camp with the WEDCO District and Jessamine County Health Department. Under the new leadership of Dave Peterson, CHEE is continuing to offer quality education and services. • Staff members Catherine Lowe, Sarah McMahan, Tara Mason, and John Moses were present for the House of God Health Fair on July 20, 2017. • Doraine Bailey has appeared on the <i>Healthy Times</i> radio show to discuss breastfeeding. The <i>Big Latch On</i> event for breastfeeding mothers was well-received. • Monthly media appearances focused on NEP, Summer safety, and back-to-school immunizations. • The free flu clinic will be held October 5th from 4-7p.m. at Consolidated Baptist Church. V. Blevins-Booth said we could also distribute colon cancer screening kits during the clinic.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Gibbs made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Majmundar seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:14p.m.


Kacy Allen-Bryant, Chairperson


Jack Cornett, Secretary Pro Tem