



## **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.**

**5th Floor Board Room**

**PRESENT:** Sylvie Stacy, MD, Hernando Carter, MD, Kenny Murray, MD, Susan Walley, MD, and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

**ABSENT:** Yocunda Clayton, MD

### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Mark Wilson, MD, David Hicks, DO, Senitra Blackburn, Bruce Braden, Haskey Bryant, Kim Cason, Sheree Head, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Morgan Rhodes, Robin Swain, Paula Tuck, and Denisa Pridmore

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stacy, Chair.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **Communal Living Facilities (CLF)**

Dr. Wilson introduced Paula Tuck and Robin Swain, representatives from the Jefferson, Blount, St. Clair Mental Health Authority, and Morgan Rhodes and Sheree Head, from Alabama's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (United Way Agency on Aging in Jefferson County) who were in attendance. JCDH partners with these agencies during the CLF inspections.

Haskey Bryant, MPH, MPA, Environmental Health Program Supervisor, provided an overview of the CLF Program at the JCDH. CLF is defined as a residential facility where more than three residents (not related to the owner or operator) pay them to occupy rooming units. They exclude other facilities that operate under another recognized governmental agency such as youth group homes, dormitories, or mental health facilities. JCDH's CLF Regulations set the minimum standards of the residents' environment to protect their health and safety. Ms. Bryant reviewed the regulatory history for CLFs, the proposed revisions to the regulations, and answered questions from the Board. Dr. Walley inquired about enforcing no smoking among the residents in the CLFs. This will be looked at before the regulations are finalized. Ms. Haskey noted that a copy of the revised regulations are included in the Board's package.

Ms. Bryant discussed the next steps for the CLF Regulations. She reviewed the schedule for the Public Notice and comment period for the proposed CLF Regulations. Letters will be sent to the CLF owners, the Public Notice will be posted on the JCDH website, and in the Birmingham News.

On the motion of Dr. Walley, and seconded by Dr. Carter, the following resolution was approved.

**Communal Living Facility Regulations**

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Health (Board) on September 8, 1976, adopted Transitional Home Regulations which were superseded by Communal Living Facility Regulations (CLF) adopted February 13, 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Board on September 13, 1989, under authority of Alabama Act 89-668, 1989 Regular Session, adopted Boarding Home Regulations (Regulations) which have undergone revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature in 2006 amended Alabama Act 89-668, and enacted Act 2006-591, Alabama Legislation 2006, authorizing the Board to assess civil fines for violation of the Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Department of Health (Department) as the operating arm of the Board under supervision of Mark E. Wilson, MD, Health Officer of Jefferson County, Alabama, proposes the attached revised Regulations (Proposed Regulations);

WHEREAS, the Department proposes this Schedule and Public Notice (Schedule and Notice) and for provisional adoption of the Proposed Regulations:

Schedule for CLF Regulations Adoption and Public Notice / Comment Period

February 12, 2020 – Board of Health Meeting (Approval of Schedule and Notice for public notice and Provisional adoption of Proposed Regulations).

February 19, 2020 (Wednesday) – Public Notice of adoption of Proposed Regulations provided to Birmingham News.

February 23, 2020 – March 8, 2020 – 15-day public comment period (Notice available on JCDH Website and in the local Newspaper).

March 11, 2020 – Board of Health Meeting – (Present for final approval the Regulations including any required revisions).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDAINED, ORDERED AND ENACTED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT:**

The Department is authorized to implement the Schedule and Notice for approval of the Proposed Regulations and take other action deemed appropriate by law and direction of the Health Officer.

### **December 2019 Financial Statements**

Dr. Stacy noted that the December 2019 Financial Statements were included in the Board package. Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance, reviewed the report and answered questions from the Board.

### **Contracts**

On the motion of Dr. Murray, and seconded by Dr. Carter, the following contracts were approved:

Renewal of a contract with Spain-Gillon, LLC (payee) to provide legal services to JCDH at a rate of \$160-\$215 per hour for legal services and \$95 per hour for paralegal services from March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.

A new contract with Clarus Consulting Group (payee) to work with University of Alabama at Birmingham, JCDH, and a coalition of safety net providers to develop a plan of action to help the partners improve collaboration, strengthen communication and more effectively and efficiently provide care to the most vulnerable citizens of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$32,500 from January 30, 2020 through January 30, 2022.

A new contract with University of Alabama Health Services Foundation, PC (payee) to provide fit testing of employees for use of respirators as protective personal equipment as required by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health due to the threat of exposure to the 2019 novel coronavirus; not to exceed \$10,000 from February 3, 2020 through February 2, 2023.

Renewal of a contract with AIDS Alabama (payor) for JCDH to accept external referrals for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) from the Game Changer Program. Participants will receive copay assistance or assistance with out-of-pocket cost for visit (up to \$20/visit). The number of referrals from the Game Changer Program shall not exceed 180 per year; not to exceed \$50,000 from September 30, 2019 through September 29, 2020.

Amendment to a contract with University of Alabama at Birmingham (payor) for Sexually Transmitted Disease/HIV Training Center; not to exceed \$99,374 award amount/\$18,644 amended budget amount from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

Amendment to a contract with University of Alabama Health Services Foundation and Board of Trustees of University of Alabama Hospital to provide family planning services to JCDH patients, more specifically, the insertion and removal of long-acting contraception methods and provide supervision, instruction and training to JCDH staff members. Amendment adds and removes UAB faculty members; no funds exchanged from February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

### **Health Officer Report**

### **Title X Audit**

Dr. Wilson stated the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is conducting an audit of the Title X Family Planning Program at ADPH. JCDH has been selected as one of the ADPH sub-recipients for the audit and this will take place on February 27-28, 2020.

### **Novel Coronavirus**

Dr. Wilson reported that JCDH has activated Incident Command System (ICS) for the novel Coronavirus (nCoV) that emerged in China in December 2019. The ICS staff monitors the situation closely with ADPH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). JCDH will screen patients seeking care for influenza-like illnesses with a history of travel to Wuhan, China and will follow appropriate steps as recommended by the CDC. Dr. Wilson discussed contingency plans for appropriate quarantine precautions in the event of suspected cases.

### **Legislative Session**

Dr. Wilson said the Alabama legislative session began February 4, 2020. JCDH has two bills related to substance use: the Syringe Service Program bill and the drug paraphernalia bill. Both bills have sponsors in the Senate and House. The drug paraphernalia bill, to amend the law to legalize the use of drug testing supplies as a harm reduction method, passed unanimously today in the Senate Health Committee.

### **Surgeon General**

Dr. Wilson provided an update on the Surgeon General's visit to Alabama. The new dates will be April 14-15, 2020. On April 14, visits are planned for Montgomery in the morning and Birmingham at UAB in the afternoon. On April 15, a visit is planned for Walker County to meet with Dr. Wilson and Paul Kennedy, CEO of the Walker Area Community Foundation, to discuss the Syringe Service Program legislation and work around the opioid crisis. The Surgeon General will also be discussing his new initiative called "Community Health and Economic Prosperity (CHEP)" which is a multipronged approach focused on:

- Engaging businesses to be community change-makers and forces for health in their communities
- Implementing solutions to help improve and sustain the health of communities, such as comprehensive smoke-free policies and affordable housing
- Strengthening communities to be places of opportunity for health and prosperity for all

### **End Heroin Birmingham Walk**

Dr. Wilson stated that JCDH will participate in the End Heroin Birmingham Walk on February 29, 2020. The event will be held at Veterans Park in Hoover. JCDH will provide Narcan training with kits provided by the Alabama Department of Mental Health's supply. JCDH will also be providing hepatitis A vaccines to high risk individuals who qualify for the CDC's vaccine supply.

### **Project Homeless Connect**

JCDH will participate in the Project Homeless Connect event organized by One Roof at the Boutwell Auditorium on February 29, 2020. Multiple services will be provided for the homeless population. JCDH will be offering dental vouchers for services at JCDH, tuberculosis and

sexually transmitted infection screenings, hepatitis A vaccines, and incentives previously approved by the Board of Health.

**Morris Health Center (MHC)**

Dr. Wilson reported that the target date for the final closure of MHC is April 1, 2020. MHC discontinued services in 2017 except for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. JCDH's new mobile unit will serve the area's WIC clients and be parked at the MHC location initially to help with the transition.

**Harvard Center for AIDS Research (CFAR)**

Dr. Wilson announced that a group from Harvard CFAR will be in Birmingham on February 24, 2020. The Harvard group will meet with JCDH and UAB CFAR staff to discuss implementing a predictive analytics program using our electronic medical record to help identify those at risk for HIV acquisition. Dr. David Hicks, Deputy Health Officer, has been very involved with this project.

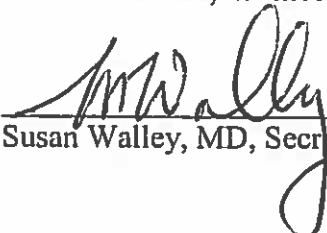
**Red Rock Trail System and Environmental Protection Project Fund**

Dr. Wilson provided an update on the Red Rock Trail System and Environmental Protection Project Fund approved by the Board of Health last year. JCDH has contracted with Freshwater Land Trust (FWLT) to provide proposals on projects that will be reviewed by a JCDH Advisory Committee. Currently there are four proposals under consideration and Dr. Wilson shared tentative plans. Dr. Wilson reminded the Board that JCDH would provide up to 10 percent of any one project to help leverage funds, plus some administrative costs.

**Sustainable Health Department**

Dr. Wilson discussed his plans to move towards an environmental sustainability plan for JCDH. A work group will be formed to look at ways to be more environmentally conscious. There were no objections from the Board.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

  
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Susan Walley, MD, Secretary

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Sylvie Stacy, MD, Chair