



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

**Guy M. Tate Building
Conference Room A/B**

Present: Sylvie Stacy, MD, Kenny Murray, MD, Susan Walley, MD, Iris Fancher, MD, and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

Absent: Hernando Carter, MD

Others Present: Mark Wilson, MD, David Hicks, DO, Rodney Holmes, Senitra Blackburn, Catherine Cannon, Kim Cason, Denorris Dickson, Jason Harpe, Karlisa Harris, Loretta Hicks, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Shaniqua Miles, Denisa Pridmore, Jonika Smith, Jonathan Stanton, and Terrie Hartley

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Report

Jason Harpe, CPA, Partner, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLP presented the Department's 2020 Fiscal Year audit report and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Harpe said for year ending September 30, 2020, the net pension liability for the Department is \$59.6 million for its unfunded pension obligation with the Retirement Systems of Alabama. He said the Department complied in all material aspects and they did not require any second opinions related to technical findings. Mr. Harpe stated that Carr, Riggs & Ingram was issuing an unmodified opinion on the Department's Fiscal Year 2020 financial statements. Mr. Harpe commended JCDH for the excellent report.

Mr. Harpe reviewed the required communication to the Board which is located at the end of the audit report. Dr. Walley asked if the Board could receive the auditor's report prior to next year's meeting. Mr. Harpe said this could be arranged. Board members stated it would be helpful to receive the summary letter in the back of the report or the Independent Auditor's Report. Mr. Harpe offered to come back to a future Board meeting if there were unanswered questions.

On a motion by Dr. Murray, and seconded by Commissioner Stephens, the Board accepted the 2020 Audit Report.

Watershed Protection Program

Jonathan Stanton, PE, Director, Environmental Health, provided a brief history of Environmental Health's Watershed Protection Program. He noted the Department contracted with the Stormwater Management Authority, Inc. (SWMA) to provide water monitoring and testing for twenty-two municipalities in Jefferson County. Mr. Stanton introduced Jonika Smith, Environmental Health Specialist, who provides education and outreach for the Watershed Protection Program.

Ms. Smith reported the Watershed Protection Program helps municipalities in Jefferson County by conducting water sampling to help assure that prohibited pollutant discharges do not enter storm drains, streams, and rivers. She stated along with water testing, the Department inspects construction sites for proper erosion control and businesses that have large amounts of water runoff. Ms. Smith said the Department has participated in many community clean-up programs to help encourage change within neighborhoods. She announced the next Household Hazardous Waste Day collection event is scheduled for April 24, 2021 at three locations throughout Jefferson County. Ms. Smith said the Department also participates in the Valley Creek Clean-up event which is held bi-annually.

March 2021 Financial Statements

Dr. Stacy noted that the March 2021 Financial Statements were included in the Board package. Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance, answered questions from the Board.

Contracts

On the motion of Dr. Walley, and seconded by Dr. Fancher, the following contracts were approved:

A new contract with Greenway Health, LLC (payee) to convert, export or copy Customer Patient Information and provide to JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$11,250 from March 1, 2021 and ongoing.

Renewal of a contract with Central Station, Inc. (payee) to provide alarm monitoring services, repair and maintenance services for security and fire/life safety systems for JCDH for a rate of \$2,010 annually and not to exceed \$6,500 from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

A new contract with Comfort Systems, USA – MidSouth (payee) to upgrade the software for the monitoring system for JCDH freezers and refrigerators which store vaccine and for JCDH control systems for heating and cooling of all JCDH facilities for a rate not to exceed \$28,000 from February 15, 2021 through February 15, 2022.

A new bid contract with Guardian Pest Services, Inc. d/b/a Knox Pest Control (payee) to provide pest control services for all JCDH facilities, including the air monitoring sites, for a rate of \$6,120 annually and not to exceed \$18,360 from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024.

An amendment to a contract with Enviro Management Company, Inc. (payee) to provide water treatment services to JCDH facilities and provide consultations when required. The amendment is to extend term dates from March 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021 for a rate of \$595 per month and not to exceed \$7,140 annually.

An amendment to a contract with iOn Integrated Solutions, LLC, d/b/a 1 Point USA (payee) to provide security system installation and network infrastructure installation. The

amendment is to change the term dates from November 11, 2020 through May 31, 2021 for a rate not to exceed \$231,430.37.

Renewal of a contract with Nationwide Power Solutions, Inc. (payee) to provide uninterrupted power supply and maintenance services at Western Health Center for a rate not to exceed \$4,512.17 annually and \$13,537 from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2024.

A new contract with Walker Tracker, Inc. (payee) to provide JCDH with an online platform for wellness activity challenges and tracking for a rate of \$440.80 per month and not to exceed \$6,000 from April 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022.

A new contract with Birmingham Barons, LLC (payee) to provide advertising services for JCDH on 2021 Safety Mask Sponsorship for a rate not to exceed \$18,000 from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

A new contract with Acclinate, Inc. (payee) to conduct and edit 20-25 short video shoots on location of Clergy United. Videos will be shareable for the clergy members to use on their sites as well as JCDH platforms and those authorized by JCDH. Amount is not to exceed \$15,000 from March 1, 2021 through May 1, 2021.

Renewal of a contract with Cision US, Inc. (payee) to provide media related products for JCDH for an amount not to exceed \$14,945 from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Renewal of a contract with BGrace Media, LLC (payee) to provide media campaign services related to COVID-19 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from April 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022.

A new contract with The Black Market, LLC d/b/a Birmingham Market Magazine (payee) to provide specific COVID-19 related public health information to Jefferson County residents featured in two full (color) pages of the publication for a rate not to exceed \$2,600 from March 19, 2021 through April 22, 2021.

Renewal of a contract with Rave Mobile Safety (payee) to provide mass emergency notification communication to JCDH staff for a rate not to exceed \$4,777.67 from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

An amendment to a contract with the University of Alabama, Health Services Foundation, Board of Trustees of University of Alabama Hospital (payee) to provide family planning services to JCDH, more specifically, the insertion and removal of long-acting contraception methods and provide supervision, instruction and training for JCDH staff members for a rate of \$500 per month; not to exceed \$6,000 per year, from March 1, 2021 through February 29, 2024.

Renewal of a contract with Camisha Williams Spencer (payee) to provide telephone support for breastfeeding Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants at a rate of \$10.19 per hour and not to exceed \$11,000 from March 1, 2021 through March 1, 2022. Dr. Walley asked how the hourly rate of \$10.19 is determined. Dr. Wilson said he would check with our Nutrition Services Coordinator and will follow up directly with Dr. Walley.

A new contract with UniFirst Corporation (payee) to provide lab coat rentals and laundering services to JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$12,000 from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2026.

An amendment to a contract with AMT Staffing (payee) to provide staffing for JCDH operations when demand exceeds our capacity. Staff are primarily used for COVID related activities. Hourly rate for RN \$69-76/hour; LPN \$52-60/hour; Medical Assistant \$28-36/hour; and Billing/Coding \$32/hour from March 4, 2021 through March 3, 2022.

A new contract with Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium d/b/a Clas Tran (payee) to provide transportation services to COVID-19 vaccination sites for JCDH for a rate of \$47 per actual service hour from March 17, 2021 through May 17, 2021.

A new contract with Greater Birmingham Transportation Services, LLC, d/b/a Birmingham Yellow Cab (payee) to provide transportation services to COVID-19 vaccination sites for JCDH at a rate of \$5 for the first mile and \$2 per mile thereafter. Once destination is reached a fee of \$24 per hour is charged if the driver must wait on passenger. Term of contract is March 17, 2021 through May 17, 2021.

A new contract with Bruno Event Team, LLC (payee) to provide logistics for Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport COVID-19 vaccination site for an amount not to exceed \$541,500 from March 19, 2021 through May 21, 2021.

A new contract with MedsPLUS Consulting, LLC (payee) to provide COVID-19 vaccination services during the COVID-19 pandemic for a rate not to exceed \$170,000 from March 30, 2021 through May 31, 2021.

A new contract with Kierstin Cates Kennedy, MD (payee) to provide educational COVID-19 public speaking services at a rate of \$250 per engagement from March 13, 2021 through March 12, 2022.

A new contract with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payee) to cover curriculum content development as part of the Overdose to Action (OD2A) grant. UAB will supply a PhD student who will work with subject matter experts to develop curriculum for a rate not to exceed \$32,000 from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

An amendment to a contract with Robert Half Government Staff (payee) to provide professional staffing for contact tracing for COVID-19 emergency services and vaccine support staff for a rate of \$23.50 per hour for vaccine support staff and \$20 per hour for contact tracing services remain the same from July 16, 2020 through July 16, 2021.

Renewal of a contract with Novarad South (payee) to provide an interface to facilitate data communication between JCDH's X-ray equipment, X-ray software, and electronic medical record for a rate of \$3,825 monthly and not to exceed \$45,900 from February 1, 2021 through February 1, 2024.

An amendment to a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) for an additional \$75,000 for the surveillance budget of the OD2A grant project to work with the Jefferson County Coroner/Medical Examiner's Office and ADPH to develop a blueprint for

statewide medicolegal death investigation system replicating the Jefferson County system throughout the state. Total grant amount will not exceed \$970,000 from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

An amendment to a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Family Health Services (payor) for JCDH to provide family planning services under the Title X Family Planning grant at a rate not to exceed \$681,422 from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Family Health Services (payor) to establish a supplemental nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program) in Jefferson County at Central, Eastern and Western Health Centers for a rate not to exceed \$2,934,320 from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

A new contract with the City of Birmingham (payor) who has agreed to donate funds to support the Household Hazardous Waste Day Event on April 24, 2021 sponsored by JCDH and Storm Water Management Authority, Inc. for a rate not to exceed \$1,000 from April 9, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Dr. Wilson said The City of Birmingham will donate \$1,000 for the Household Hazardous Waste Day event to be held on April 24, 2021 and is requesting the following resolution before the contract can be approved. It was noted that on the Agreement submitted by The City of Birmingham, the Mayor’s name was incorrect and a typographical error under the section, Obligations Of The Board, needs to be corrected.

On the motion of Dr. Walley, and seconded by Dr. Murray, the following resolution was approved pending corrections:

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Health, (the "Board") and the City of Birmingham, Alabama ("City") are desirous to enter into agreement for the purpose of collecting, disposing, and recycling household hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, the Board is a county board of health constituted under the laws of the State of Alabama with its administrative arm the Jefferson County Department of Health (the "Department") under the direction of the Jefferson County Health Officer ("Health Officer"); and,

WHEREAS, the Board, the Department, and the Health Officer are responsible under Alabama Code §§ 22-3-1–5 to exercise supervision over the sanitary conditions and interests and public health in Jefferson County, including the municipalities, therein, and,

WHEREAS, the City is duly constituted under the laws of Alabama, and,

WHEREAS, The City is authorized pursuant to §§ 11-47-130–131, Code of Alabama 1975 to maintain the health and cleanliness of the City and may adopt such ordinances and regulations as the Council may deem necessary to insure such sanitary conditions both in public places and in private premises in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the City are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Day event ("Event") on Saturday, April 24, 2021, for the purpose of collecting, disposing, and appropriately recycling household hazardous waste, and,

WHEREAS, this Event is offered to protect the local environment by providing citizens of the City and of Jefferson County an opportunity to dispose of household hazardous items safely, including electronics, paper for onsite shredding, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, household cooking grease, paint, tires, appliances, prescription drugs, ammunition, and batteries, and,

WHEREAS, Act 1969-916 of the Acts of Alabama authorizes the municipalities and other governmental entities within Jefferson County to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with the state, the federal government and with each other on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and developments of the county and municipalities and other governmental units and agencies therein; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Parties to cooperate in the implementation of the Event; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of entering into this Agreement whereby the City will donate funds in the sum of One Thousand Dollars to the Board to support the Household Hazardous Waste Event described herein and in the attached Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT MARK E. WILSON, M.D., HEALTH OFFICER, IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM ON BEHALF OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PERFORM ALL OTHER ACTS REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

Report of the Health Officer

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Wilson reported Jefferson County is seeing on average about forty-eight COVID-19 cases per day for a 7-day average, and the percent positivity rate is 4.5%, which is the lowest it has been in the past year. There were eighty-three hospitalizations in Jefferson County with no deaths reported on April 12, 2021. Vaccination numbers as of today show 18.6% of the population are fully vaccinated and 31% have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Thirty-nine percent have received at least one dose of the vaccine among the sixteen-year-old and over population.

JCDH Vaccination Efforts

Dr. Wilson stated although the Johnson & Johnson vaccine production has been halted there is enough Pfizer and Moderna vaccine available to meet demand. The Jefferson County Vaccine Call Center has contacted all people that were on the waiting list for vaccine appointments. Appointments are readily available at several JCDH-supported vaccination sites. He said several of our partners are using the TimeTap Online Scheduling System for scheduling appointments for their vaccination clinics.

Dr. Wilson said another mass vaccination site is planned to open next week in the Bessemer area. The site will be supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with some

staffing from the Alabama National Guard and JCDH staff. JCDH is coordinating those efforts. The Department will receive reimbursement from FEMA, through the Alabama Department of Public Health. The site will not only serve Jefferson County residents but also those throughout the region. Governor Kay Ivey's office is expected to make an official announcement on Friday, April 16, 2021.

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program

Dr. Wilson announced that on April 27 and April 29, JCDH is hosting a two-part workshop on the Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP). Invitations have been sent to local partners, advocates, and community representatives. The HVIP is an evidence-based program that identifies people hospitalized with violence-related injuries such as gunshot wounds, and links them with community-based resources aimed at addressing underlying risk factors for violence and reducing repeat acts of violence. This workshop is part of the groundwork toward potentially starting a HVIP in Jefferson County.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room A/B. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.


Iris Fancher, MD, Secretary

Approved:


Sylvie Stacy, MD, Acting Chair

ATTACHMENT:

