



**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room**

**Present:** Sylvie Stacy, MD, Hernando Carter, MD, Kenny Murray, MD, and Iris Fancher, MD,

**Absent:** Jeffrey Dobyns, DO, and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

**Others Present:** Mark Wilson, MD, David Maxey, Esq., Bryn Manzella, Kim Cason, David Hicks, DO, Senitra Blackburn, and Terrie Hartley

**Call to Order**

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

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

**Contracts**

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

An amendment to a contract with Kestrel Software, LLC (FlexScanMD) (payee) for Inventory Management Software bi-directional interface setup and monthly subscription fees. Amendment is to extend Term of Agreement; not to exceed \$8,162.64 annually from April 4, 2018 through April 5, 2024.

An amendment to a contract with Triage Logic Management and Consulting, LLC (payee) to provide software solution to assist nurses assigned to JCDH Call Center with telephone triage activities. Amendment is to extend Term of Agreement and amend the day protocol service agreement at a rate not to exceed \$7,000 from November 16, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

Renewal of a contract with The Children's Hospital of Alabama (payee) to provide on-call services to be handled by professional Registered Nurses at a rate of \$16.00 per call, approximately 4,000 calls annually; calls related to morning appointments paid at a reduced rate of \$4; not to exceed \$64,000 per year from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

A new bid contract with Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (payee) to provide reference laboratory testing services including Pap smears; per Bid # 21-09-15 from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

A new contract with Henry Schein Practice Solutions (payee) to provide onsite Dentrax training and reinforcement training to include role-based questions and review new features to recently upgraded Dentrax system at a rate of \$125 per hour; not to exceed \$4,250 from November 3, 2021 through November 3, 2022.

Renewal of a contract with Southern Benefit Group, LLC (Alliance Insurance Group) (payee) to Administer Flexible Spending and Dependent Care Account plans for JCDH per administrative cost agreement of \$4.50 per participant from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Renewal of a contract with American Behavioral EAP, LLC, a/k/a Uprise Health (payee) to extend the Term of Agreement date. Contractor provides employee assistance services for JCDH employees and their dependents at a cost of \$2.50 per employee from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

A new contact with Standard Heating & Air Conditioning Co. (payee) to provide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) services for JCDH at a rate of \$176 for each maintenance visit; not to exceed \$3,168 annually from December 20, 2021 through December 20, 2022.

Renewal of a contract with Lamar Outdoor Advertising-Birmingham (payee) to provide three poster billboards and production of promotion with relevant information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event scheduled for April 9, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$1,395 from March 28, 2022 through April 10, 2022.

A new contract with The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama on behalf of The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) (payor) for tenant to utilize the premises as a clinical teaching and research site for UAB Division of Infectious Diseases for an amount not to exceed \$19,400 from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to offset the cost of purchasing Family Planning non-surgical contraceptives to reduce unintended births among eligible, low-income women of child-bearing age; not to exceed \$27,232 from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

### **Credentialing**

Dr. Wilson presented the following credentialing report: Initial credentialing for Van Tran, DDS as a Clinical Dentist in the Dental Health Division. The Board unanimously approved the Credentials Report.

### **Appointment of 2022 Rabies Officer**

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

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Dawkins, D.V.M. has confirmed that he is desirous of being appointed the Rabies Officer for Jefferson County for the year 2022 as evidenced by his letter dated November 22, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Thomas P. Dawkins, D.V.M. be appointed as the Rabies Officer for Jefferson County for the year 2022.

### **Election of 2022 Officers**

Dr. Murray was elected as Chair of the Board. Dr. Dobyns was named to serve on the General Liability Claims & Investment Committee. The new Board of Health member elected by the Jefferson County Medical Society, Dr. Michele Kong, will serve as Secretary.

The Board unanimously approved the election of the officers for 2022.

### **Board of Health Self-Evaluation**

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Quality Improvement Officer, asked the Board members to complete the self-evaluations included in their meeting material. An electronic version of the survey was also provided in the Board materials emailed prior to the meeting. Ms. Manzella encouraged the Board to share any comments for improvements.

### **Report of the Health Officer**

#### **COVID-19 Update**

Dr. Wilson reported there has been a slight increase in the COVID numbers for Jefferson County. We hit a nadir of around the low thirties of new cases per day last week and are currently in the low forties of new cases per day. This slight increase could be attributed to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dr. Wilson said JCDH continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations four days a week at our Central Health Center location and one day a week at Eastern and Western Health Centers. Vaccinations have picked up after the Omicron variant news. Last week JCDH gave 356 vaccinations with the majority being booster shots. JCDH vaccinated forty children last week. Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reports show 5% of children age 5-11 and 40% age 11-17 have received the vaccine. JCDH is still sending out vaccination strike teams to certain special events and doing home visits for homebound people.

Dr. Murray asked if JCDH has had COVID-19 vaccine to expire. Dr. Wilson said that in order to prevent vaccine from expiring, JCDH routinely transfers vaccine to other entities in need and according to ADPH Alabama has a very low vaccine expiration rate.

#### **Hospital-linked Violence Intervention Program**

Dr. Wilson stated he and Carrea Dye, Quality Improvement/Decision Support Division, presented a proposal to the Birmingham City Council on December 1, 2021 asking the City of Birmingham for \$2.1 million from the American Rescue Plan Act in order to expand the Hospital-linked Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) in years two and three. Dr. Wilson reminded the Board they had previously approved for JCDH to fund year one of the program.

#### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Wilson noted the Alabama Legislative Session begins on January 11, 2022. Dr. Wilson, Dr. Darlene Traffanstedt, and members of a law enforcement committee which is part of Governor Kay Ivey's Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, have been working to draft a bill that would specifically exempt fentanyl test strips from the Alabama Drug Paraphernalia Law rather than all testing supplies. Senator Jim McClendon, Chair of the Healthcare Committee, has agreed to

sponsor the bill in the Senate. Dr. Wilson has asked Representative Allen Treadaway, who is a former law enforcement officer and was the sponsor of the naloxone bill, to sponsor the bill in the House. Representative Treadaway is interested and is awaiting approval from the District Attorney's Association and the Alabama Attorney General's Office.

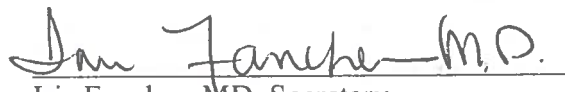
**Board of Health Meetings 2022**

On the motion of Dr. Fancher, and seconded by Dr. Murray, the Board of Health meeting dates for 2022 were unanimously approved by the Board.

**Recognition of Sylvie Stacy, MD, MPH**

Dr. Wilson expressed his gratitude to Dr. Stacy for serving on the Board of Health from 2017 – 2021 and presented her with a plaque. Dr. Stacy stated she enjoyed serving on the Board.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m. The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room or via Zoom (announcement will be made prior to the meeting date).

  
Iris Fancher, MD, Secretary

Approved:   
Hernando Carter, MD, Chair