



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room

Present: Hernando Carter, MD, Kenny Murray, MD, Iris Fancher, MD, and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

Absent: Jeffrey Dobyms, DO and Michele Kong, MD

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

JCDH 2017-2022 Strategic Plan Update

David Hicks, DO, MPH, FAAFP, Deputy Health Officer, provided an update on the JCDH 2017-2022 Strategic Plan Implementation. Dr. Hicks reminded the Board that the strategic plan was originally supposed to be through 2021 but due to the COVID pandemic the Executive Management Team (EMT) decided to extend the plan until 2022. He stated the four Strategic Plan Objectives are: Scope of Services, Community/Customer Relationship, Culture and People, and Technology and Tools. Dr. Hicks highlighted tasks that were completed in each Strategic Plan Objective thus far.

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Quality Improvement Officer, provided an update on the Strategic Plan next steps which will include an assessment of the EMT's current communication and decision-making processes and provide guidance for leading JCDH into a strategic planning initiative. Four organizations were considered, Public Health Foundation, Leading Public Health, Women Entrepreneurs in Public Health, and Emory University. The EMT chose Leading Public Health which will be facilitated by Natalie Coaches, LLC. The functions that will be provided are Effective Communication for the Public Health Leader and The High Functioning Public Health Leadership Team along with a built-in time for more targeted consultation. The first training session will be held in April.

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

February 2022 Financial Statements

Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director, Finance and Administration, reviewed the February 2022 Financial Statements. There were no questions from the Board.

Contracts

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

Renewal of a contract with The Bloom Group, Inc. (payee) who will provide consulting and government relations services to JCDH for an amount not to exceed \$41,000 from February 1, 2022 through November 31, 2022.

A new contract with Kerry Morgan (payee) to coordinate security and traffic control logistical services during COVID-19 testing site operational hours at a rate of \$50 per hour; not to exceed \$1,400 from January 25, 2022 through February 26, 2022.

The following new contracts to provide traffic control logistical services during COVID-19 testing site operational hours at a rate of \$50 per hour; not to exceed \$10,800 from January 25, 2022 through February 26, 2022:

Corey D. Wilkins, Zedric O. Perdue, Danny J. Barrett, Jasmine Paige, Jordan Agee, Hishmhael S. Ladouceur, Douglas Duane Corder, Bruce Kevin Wilson, Robert Minchew, Katelyn Payne, Marlon Cole, Ashanti McKinney, LaTonya Green, Derrick Colley, Jason Crocker, and Chester Mason.

Renewal of a contract with Walker Tracker, Inc. (payee) to provide JCDH with an online platform for wellness activity challenges and tracking at the rate of \$575.17 per month; not to exceed \$7,000 from April 1, 2022 through April 1, 2023.

A new contract with BGrace Media, LLC (payee) who will provide media campaign services related to the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine as it relates to the Omicron variant; not to exceed \$204,000 from February 1, 2022 through April 8, 2022.

An amendment to a contract with The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payee) to cover the development of a curriculum for health professions students in Alabama regarding the safe prescribing and dispensing of addictive substances and the treatment of acute and chronic pain; not to exceed \$39,728 from October 1, 2021 through August 1, 2022.

A new bid contract with Bagby Elevator Company (payee) to provide elevator maintenance services to JCDH per bid #22-12-02; not to exceed \$64,548 from March 11, 2022 through March 11, 2025.

Renewal of a contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) (payee) to provide JCDH access to technical expertise across all JCDH-owned ESRI platforms to drive innovation via project collaboration at a rate of \$67,650 per year; not to exceed \$202,950 from February 1, 2022 through February 1, 2025.

A new contract with SHI International Corporation (payee) to provide expedite troubleshooting support for all JCDH Microsoft software; not to exceed \$88,498.37 from December 15, 2021 through November 30, 2022.

A new contract with Consolidated Analytical Systems, Inc. (payee) who will provide annual service and maintenance at photochemical assessment monitoring system site; not to exceed \$15,472.19 from March 21, 2022 through May 27, 2022.

A new contract with Spectrum Southeast, LLC (payee) to provide internet services for ambient air monitoring site in North Birmingham; not to exceed \$3,557.52 from February 23, 2022 through February 22, 2023.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health Bureau of Family Health Services (payor) to provide Maternal and Child Health services to JCDH clients; not to exceed \$217,545 from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

A new contract with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (payor) to allow for the provision of family planning services via a mobile unit, via telehealth, and will assist JCDH in improving service delivery to males and teens at a rate not to exceed \$1,499,315 from January 15, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

A new contract with the National Association of County and City Officials (payor) to provide a mentorship program for Health Equity and Opioid Prevention; not to exceed \$13,999.29 from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Renewal of a contract with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (payor) for continuation of Section 103 particulate matter 2.5 grant; not to exceed \$281,172 from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

Renewal of a contract with the City of Birmingham, Alabama (payor) for the donation of funds to support the Household Hazardous Waste Day event sponsored by JCDH and Storm Water Management Authority, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,000 from April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

An amendment to a contract with Phreesia, Inc. for a change order to include addition of survey, Social Determinants of Health, with no funds exchanged from March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023.

City of Birmingham Contribution for 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 9, 2022 and is requesting the following resolution before the contract can be approved.

On the motion of Commissioner Stephens, and seconded by Dr. Carter, the following resolution was approved:

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 the 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 9, 2022 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, MD, 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.

Health Officer’s Designee for Personnel-Related Issues

Dr. Wilson stated the following resolution will allow Senitra Blackburn, Director of Human Resources and Maryon Samuel, Human Resources Project Manager, to handle personnel-related issues on Dr. Wilson’s behalf.

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

WHEREAS, Policies and Procedures adopted by the Jefferson County Department of Health authorize a “designee” of the Jefferson County Health Officer to perform specified Human Resource duties with the same authority as the Health Officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Health Officer has designated Ms. Senitra Blackburn, Director of Human Resources Management, and Ms. Maryon Samuel, Human Resources Project Coordinator, to act as the Health Officer’s designees for the specified Human Resource duties in the Policies and Procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Officer requests the Jefferson County Board of Health to confirm the appointment of Ms. Senitra Blackburn and Ms. Maryon Samuel as the Health Officer’s designees for those specified duties pertaining to personnel matters, and recognizing the right of the Health Officer to withdraw or rescind this designation without the need to seek approval from this Board,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Health, by a majority vote of its members at a regularly scheduled meeting does recognize and confirm Ms. Senitra Blackburn and Ms. Maryon Samuel as the Health Officer’s designees to perform the specified duties in the Policies and Procedures of the Jefferson County Department of Health, until the Health Officer designates different, other, or no employees to fulfill that role.

Report of the Health Officer

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Wilson reported the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has launched COVID-19 Community Levels to monitor the number of new cases and hospitalizations in communities and is now providing weekly updates. As of March 3 Jefferson County is in the yellow or medium risk category. In accordance with CDC guidelines, JCDH reverted back to a mask-optional policy for non-clinic areas. Universal masking is still required in clinic area. Dr. Wilson said JCDH is still offering COVID vaccines four day a week at the Guy Tate building and is continuing to do community outreach and home vaccinations.

National Public Health Week

Dr. Wilson announced National Public Health Week is April 4 – 10. He will be giving the annual State of the County Health Address on April 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hill Student Center, Alumni Theater. There is a virtual option available for those who are unable to attend in person. Part of this year’s theme will be recovering from the COVID pandemic and catching up on other public health-related issues.

Legislative Session Update

Dr. Wilson said the Fentanyl Test Strip Bill is on the Legislative agenda and is currently up for vote in the House. The bill has already passed the Alabama Senate and will go to Governor Kay Ivey if it passes the House. Subsequently, Dr. Wilson received word that the bill passed the House and will now go to the governor.

Hospital-linked Violence Intervention Program

Dr. Wilson stated the Hospital-linked Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) grant proposals are due to the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham by March 11. Dr. Wilson has formed an ad hoc grant review committee consisting of fourteen people - representatives of JCDH and partner agencies as well as community representatives - who will review and score the grant

proposals on March 24 and make the decision on who will be awarded the grant. It's a possibility for the violence intervention specialists to be placed in UAB Hospital by late summer or early fall.

Nurse-Family Partnership

Dr. Wilson noted the Nurse-Family Partnership program (NFP) launched in 2017 with support of the Board of Health, with UAB School of Nursing running the program. The NFP provides services to eligible recipients, including home visiting services for prenatal, postpartum, and infant care until the child reaches age two. JCDH contributed \$650,000 in 2021 to help fund six full-time home visit nurses, one part-time mental health nurse practitioner, and some supervisory support. Recently, Alabama Medicaid has decided to reimburse for those services which means over time JCDH's financial commitment should decrease. JCDH may choose to help expand services in Jefferson County.

Dr. Murray said he would be interested in hearing more about the Nurse-Family Partnership at a future Board of Health meeting.

Climate Change/Sustainability Plan for JCDH

Dr. Wilson said in order to decrease JCDH's carbon output, he and the Executive Management Team have discussed the idea of developing an environmental sustainability plan for JCDH. Some of the ideas discussed were making sure JCDH buildings are energy efficient, transitioning our fleet to electric and/or plug-in hybrids, and rainwater conservation. Plans are in the works for a covered structure to be built over the Annex parking lot which will include solar panels with the possibility of charging electric cars in the future. The structure will allow for covered drive-through vaccinations, testing, and immunizations services. Dr. Wilson noted these measures would entail some short-term expense that could take a long time to recoup in terms of dollars but in the interest of public health, he would like JCDH to join other businesses and organizations that have already taken the lead in sustainability efforts. The Board was in agreement for a resolution to be presented at a future Board of Health meeting for a sustainability plan for JCDH.

Rabies Clinics

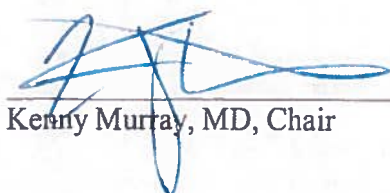
Commissioner Stephens stated he is receiving a lot of calls asking when the rabies clinic for 2022 will begin. Dr. Wilson will check with the Jefferson County Rabies Officer and report the findings to Commissioner Stephens' office.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Board Room.

Michela Kong, MD, MBA

Michele Kong, MD, Secretary

Approved:



Kenny Murray, MD, Chair