



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Max Michael, III, M.D., Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Sylvie Stacy, M.D. and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

ABSENT: Joshua Miller, D.O. and Hernando Carter, M.D.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, M.D., David Hicks, D.O., Toni Bellina, Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason, Rodney Holmes, Matt Lacke, David Maxey, Esq., Bryn Manzella, Barbara Newman, Jonathan Stanton, and Denisa Pridmore

2016 Audit Report

Mr. Rodney Holmes, Director of Finance & Administration, announced that the 2016 Audit Report has been postponed due to an emergency that had come up for one of the audit partners. The report has been re-scheduled for the March 2017 Board of Health meeting.

Financial Statement

Mr. Holmes reviewed the January 2017 Financial Report. Mr. Holmes reported JCDH legal counsel has informed him that approval or acceptance of the JCDH monthly financial reports is no longer required according to *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*.

Board Feedback on Financial Statements

Mr. Holmes asked for the Board's feedback and suggestions on the financial information they would like to have presented at the Board meetings. Dr. Michael suggested quarterly reports at the Board of Health meetings with the Financial Statements being included in each month's package. Commissioner Stephens said he would like to see comparison revenue figures in order to see trends. The Commissioner said this would be more relevant to help plot a course of action.

Health Officer Report

2017 Legislative Session

Dr. Wilson discussed the challenges ahead in this legislative session with finding solutions for funding the state's Medicaid system. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is looking at cost saving measures and has a plan to consolidate public health areas.

Dr. Wilson said another challenge for the legislature will be redrawing legislative districts since federal courts ruled the boundaries of 12 Alabama voting districts are unconstitutional and will need to be resolved before next year's elections.

Needle Exchange

Dr. Wilson reported the draft bill in support of needle exchange is receiving final revisions by ADPH and their legal counsel. Dr. Wilson has spoken to seven local area legislators to provide education on this matter. The bill has been narrowed down and will allow needle exchanges to be set up in a few counties considered to be at high risk for HIV or hepatitis outbreak and only with the approval of and monitoring by ADPH. The needle exchanges would be set up as a pilot and re-evaluated after a period of time.

Fluoridation of Water

Dr. Wilson announced that ADPH plans to introduce a bill related to fluoridation of water. Currently there are no mandates in Alabama for water treatment centers to add fluoride to drinking water. Some areas are discontinuing fluoridation and ADPH is not informed ahead of time so they may provide education on its benefits. The proposed bill will ask for a 90 day notice to ADPH and the public before any jurisdiction decides to change their fluoridation status.

Dr. Wilson asked if the Board would be interested in adopting a brief resolution to support ADPH in this effort. The Board agreed and a resolution will be drafted for their consideration at the March Board of Health meeting.

2017-2021 Strategic Plan

Dr. Wilson reported leaders have been identified for each area of the JCDH Strategic Plan and we are in the process of forming teams. An invitation was extended to all employees so they may volunteer for areas of interest to them or if they have skills that would benefit a team. Dr. David Hicks is leading the effort to organize the information.

Trail System

Dr. Wilson noted discussions are continuing with Freshwater Land Trust on opportunities for JCDH to make investments in the trail system. He mentioned several possibilities and at some point may come back to the Board with a proposal.

Rabies

Commissioner Stephens made a recommendation for JCDH to provide more educational messages to promote its services for rabies control. Dr. Wilson noted a full launch campaign of our social media platforms will be announced during Public Health Week (the first full week in April) to celebrate JCDH's centennial year. In the meantime, JCDH will begin sharing more rabies information with the public.

Infant Mortality

Dr. Wilson reported on a meeting he recently attended in Montgomery for The Baby Box Company initiative. A married couple started this program to offer a safe sleep environment for babies. New parents are given a box with a pad for the babies to sleep in as a means of encouraging safe sleep habits. A baby care package is included in the box. Their website, The Baby Box University, contains brief educational videos that participating parents can

watch that includes a test. When the parents pass the test, they will receive a baby box. This program has already been implemented in the UK and Canada and is now being launched in the United States. The company is offering to provide the program in Alabama beginning in April 2017 if we agree to host it and help push it out into all areas of the state.

Governor's Alabama Council on Opioid Misuse and Addiction

Dr. Wilson reported one meeting has taken place for Governor Robert Bentley's Alabama Council for Opioid Misuse and Addiction Task Force. He volunteered to serve on two subcommittees related to this.

Recovery Resource Center of Jefferson County

Dr. Wilson noted progress continues with the Recovery Resource Center of Jefferson County. Plans are to rent space for the center from Cooper Green, with the center being run by the Crisis Center. A Peer Navigator Program is being developed whereby people in recovery are trained to provide outreach to individuals with addiction.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Dr. Michael, Chair, when Dr. Clayton arrived and there was a quorum.

Minutes

Minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

Contracts

On the motion of Commissioner Stephens, and seconded by Dr. Clayton, the following contracts were approved with Dr. Michael abstaining from the contract with UAB School of Public Health and the contract with Shauntice Allen, PhD:

Renewal of a contract with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Public Health (payee) for continuation of partnership between JCDH and the UAB School of Public Health to strengthen activities of both parties for a rate not to exceed \$38,088 from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

A new contract with 1 Point USA (payee) for new parking gate operators at the Guy Tate building and Annex for a rate not to exceed \$40,000 from December 28, 2016 through December 28, 2017.

A new contract with Nationwide Power Solutions, Inc. (payee) to provide uninterruptible power supply preventive and battery back-up for Western Health Center at a rate not to exceed \$4,000 from January 17, 2017 through January 16, 2018.

A new contract with Shauntice Allen, PhD, (payee) to provide direction and guidance for the consultation services for the Geographically Focused Hypertension Control Pilot project at a rate not to exceed \$4,500 from January 17, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

An amendment to a contract with Wilbron Industries, LLC (payee) for additional revisions/edits to the 2015 JCDH Annual Report for an additional rate not to exceed \$2,250 from December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

Renewal of a contract with Spain-Gillon, LLC (payee) to provide legal services to JCDH at a rate of \$150 - \$180 per hour for legal services and \$70 per hour for paralegal services from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

A new contract with United Way of Central Alabama, Inc. (payor) for a grant for community and partner engagement around reducing uncontrolled blood pressure in the 35211 zip code area of Western Jefferson County at a rate not to exceed \$10,000 from January 4, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Transportation Planning Process

Matt Lacke, Meteorologist in Environmental Health, discussed the following resolution in response to the “3C Process” which is a group of agencies in the State of Alabama who work together to carry out a transportation planning process for the Birmingham metropolitan area. JCDH provides its expertise on air quality issues related to transportation and emission calculations of stationary sources. Mr. Lacke stated that each time a new transportation bill is approved by Congress it will require a new agreement among the Alabama agencies that carry out the transportation planning process for the Birmingham area saying they will participate in the process. Before the agreement is signed by each agency, the individual agencies have their governing board adopt a resolution that states they will participate in the “3C Process” and execute the updated agreement.

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

WHEREAS, Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code and Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code require that each urbanized area, as a condition of the receipt of Federal capital or operating assistance, have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning “3C PROCESS” that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports metropolitan community development and social goals that lead to the development and operation of an integrated, intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods, and

WHEREAS, an agreement concerning a transportation planning process for the Birmingham Urbanized Area was executed in May 1995 between the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Jefferson County Department of Health, and the State of Alabama acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration issued on December 4, 2015 new regulations concerning metropolitan transportation planning. New regulations govern the development of metropolitan transportation plans and programs for urbanized areas resulting from the passage of Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and

WHEREAS, an updated agreement referencing FAST Act provisions has been prepared, and

WHEREAS, an unwillingness to participate in the “3C PROCESS” may result in the Secretary of Transportation refusing to approve federal-aid funds for surface transportation within the Birmingham urbanized area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Department of Health, that it be a party to and execute the updated agreement concerning a transportation planning process.

Influenza


Commissioner Stephens asked for a status on influenza in Jefferson County. Dr. David Hicks, Deputy Health Officer, reported influenza activity for Jefferson County is trending slightly upward now but is still lower compared to last year.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Sylvie Stacy, M.D., Secretary

Approved:



Max Michael, III, M.D., Chair