



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room**

PRESENT: Joshua Miller, D.O., Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Sylvie Stacy, M.D., and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

ABSENT: Max Michael, III, M.D. and Hernando Carter, M.D.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark E. Wilson, M.D., Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason, Wanda Heard, Rodney Holmes, Ed Khan, M.D., Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., and Denisa Pridmore

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed. The notes from the November 8, 2017 meeting, at which there was no quorum, were accepted as information only.

October and November 2017 Financial Statements

Dr. Miller noted the October and November 2017 Financial Statements were included in the Board package. There were no questions from the Board.

Contracts

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

Renewal of a contract with Alabama Institute for Deaf & Blind (payee) for contractor to provide interpreting services as needed to JCDH clients for a rate of \$55.00 per hour; not to exceed \$7,500 (this is an increase from amounts approved at the October 10, 2017 Board of Health meeting) from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.

A new contract with the University of Alabama Hospital whereby JCDH will provide Narcan Nasal Spray kits to Contractor to dispense to patients who present at hospital following an opioid overdose. There are no funds involved but hospital will reimburse JCDH for kits distributed to non-Jefferson County residents. Term of contract is October 10, 2017 through October 10, 2018.

A new contract with MedTurn Inmar, Inc. (payee) to provide pharmaceutical return processing services for JCDH's expired and non-dispensable pharmaceuticals for 4.8% of anticipated return value for drugs processing from September 15, 2017 through September 15, 2020.

A new contract with Brian Crawford dba B Brian, Inc. (payee) to provide DJ services for JCDH 100th Year Celebration, JCDH Annual Team Experience Day, at The Bridge on November 17, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$500 from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with PK Fitness, LLC (payee) to provide Group Fitness Class Training Session for JCDH 100th Year Celebration, JCDH Annual Team Experience Day, at The Bridge on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$250 from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with Alison Bruhn Style Consulting, LLC (payee) for speaking at JCDH 100th Year Celebration, JCDH Annual Team Experience Day, at The Bridge on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$600 from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with The Bridge, LLC (payee) to provide the venue for the JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$20,000 from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with LRY Media Group, LLC (payee) to provide Event Planning for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$14,362 from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with Joy the Queen of Clean (payee) to provide Comedy Services for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$500 from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with Gloria Buie (payee) to provide Zumba fitness instructions for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$250 from November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with Danielle Devonne, LLC (payee) to provide style consulting services for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$400 from November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with Say Cheese Atlanta, LLLP (payee) to provide a photo booth for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$1,000 from November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with Double Edge Events (payee) to provide the décor for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$7,290 from November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with 2L7, LLC (payee) to build platforms for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$1,250 from November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with C-Breeze Productions (payee) to build platforms for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$750 from November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with Cortney Johnson (payee) to provide diversity and inclusion sessions for JCDH Annual Team Experience Day on November 17, 2017 for a rate not to exceed \$400 from November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

A new contract with Terminix Commercial (payee) to provide pest control services for all JCDH facilities for a rate not to exceed \$8,460 from November 1, 2017 through November 1, 2020.

A new contract with the Crisis Center, Inc. (payee) to operate the Recovery Resource Center-Peer Navigation Initiative utilizing funds awarded from a Bureau of Justice Assistance cooperative agreement for a rate not to exceed \$300,000 from November 2017 through November 2020.

A new contract with the Jefferson, Blount, St. Clair Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority (payee) to provide mental health access and services to JCDH patients who participate in Child Health Primary Care Program for a rate not to exceed \$35,000 from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Family Health Services (payor) to provide Maternal and Child Health services for JCDH clients at a rate not to exceed \$412,385 from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Renewal of 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 for a rate not to exceed \$429,492 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

A new contract with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs (payor) awarded to JCDH to implement a comprehensive opioid abuse site-based program (Recovery Resource Center-Peer Navigation Initiative). Funds will be provided to the Crisis Center to implement the Recovery Resource Center in partnership with JCDH and other community agencies for a rate not to exceed \$300,000 from November 2017 through November 2020.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to fund Disease Intervention Specialists to conduct STD investigations for a rate not to exceed \$112,500 from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Appointment of 2018 Rabies Officer

On the motion of Stacy, and seconded by Dr. Clayton, 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 2018 as evidenced by his letter dated November 2, 2017.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Thomas P. Dawkins, D.V.M. be appointed as the Rabies Officer for Jefferson County for the year 2018.

Effective Treatment of HIV/AIDS Prevents Sexual Transmission

Dr. Wilson stated the next resolution is in follow-up to the presentation at last month's Board of Health meeting by Dr. Michael Mugavero, UAB Infectious Disease. Dr. Wilson has shared additional information by email to the Board. Dr. Mugavero said it would be helpful to the HIV community for the Board of Health to make this endorsement, and it may encourage more people to get into treatment and stay on treatment. The Board's resolution will show its support for the Undetectable equals Untransmittable or "U=U" Campaign that has been endorsed by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC endorses the "U=U" message stating there's now evidence-based confirmation that the risk of HIV transmission from a person living with HIV (PLHIV), who is on Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) and has achieved an undetectable viral load in his/her blood for at least 6 months has effectively no risk of sexually transmitting the virus to an HIV-negative partner.

Dr. Wilson stated a press release is planned if the Board approves the resolution in order to share the information with the public. The signed resolution will also be distributed to attendees of the "Ending the Epidemic in Alabama" meeting at UAB on December 14, 2017.

The Board discussed the information and on the motion of Dr. Clayton, and seconded by Dr. Stacy, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, scientific advances have shown that antiretroviral therapy (ART) preserves the health of people living with HIV;

WHEREAS, in addition to some smaller studies done since 2000, three large studies of sexual HIV transmission in thousands of serodiscordant couples including thousands of acts of sex were done between 2007 and 2016, in which not a single case of sexual transmission of HIV from a virally suppressed HIV-positive person to his or her HIV negative partner was reported (1);

WHEREAS, persons on ART who have a sustained undetectable viral load (defined as <200 copies/mL for at least 6 months) have levels of virus that are untransmittable, even if having sex without condoms (2);

WHEREAS, the "Undetectable = Untransmittable" ("U=U") slogan and Consensus Statement was launched in 2016 by the Prevention Access Campaign to promote this finding (2);

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention joined the U=U movement by endorsing the science in a "Dear Colleague" letter released on September 27, 2017 (3);

WHEREAS, the U=U is a simple but profound message that is already influencing public opinion and causing more people with HIV (and their friends and families) to comprehend that they can live long, healthy lives, have children, and never have to worry about passing on their infection to others through sexual activity (1);

WHEREAS, the clarity of the U=U message will make it easier to promote the undeniable benefits of HIV treatment, which will encourage more people with HIV to seek treatment and bring our community closer to achievement of the UNAIDS' 90-90-90 target by 2020 (4) (5);

WHEREAS, the U=U message helps eliminate some of the stigma still faced by many people living with HIV today and which can be a barrier to treatment (6);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Health:

- 1) Endorses the Prevention Access Campaign's Consensus Statement and Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) message, and affirms that a person living with HIV who takes antiretroviral therapy (ART) daily as prescribed and maintains an undetectable viral load for at least six months, has effectively no risk of sexually transmitting the virus to an HIV-negative partner;
- 2) Urges the Jefferson County Department of Health and its partners to spread the U=U message broadly, and especially to people living with HIV who may not be seeking or accessing antiretroviral treatment, or who are not remaining in treatment, due to stigma, fear, misinformation or other barriers;
- 3) Supports efforts to provide universal access to treatment and care for all people living with HIV;
- 4) Encourages interventions that increase retention in HIV care and sustained viral suppression, both as a means to improve the lives of individuals living with HIV and as a highly effective strategy for preventing the spread of HIV in the community;
- 5) Endorses efforts to remove stigma associated with HIV status or risk.

References:

1. "U=U taking off in 2017," Lancet HIV, Volume 4, No. 11, e475, November 2017
2. Consensus Statement, Prevention Access Campaign. Available at <https://www.preventionaccess.org/consensus>
3. Eugene McCray, MD "Dear Colleague – Information from CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention," Centers for Disease Control, September 27, 2017. Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/dcl/dcl/092717.html>
4. "90-90-90 - An ambitious treatment target to help end the AIDS epidemic: By 2020, 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status. By 2020, 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy. By 2020, 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression." UNAIDS (The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS), January 1, 2017. Available at <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2017/90-90-90>

5. On August 3, 2017 Birmingham Mayor William Bell, along with representatives of Jefferson County HIV/AIDS Community Coalition and the Alabama Department of Public Health, signed the Paris Declaration on Fast-Track Cities Ending AIDS, making it a goal to achieve the “90-90-90” target by 2020. More Fast Track Cities information is available at <http://www.iapac.org/cities/>

6. “Activities Combating HIV Stigma and Discrimination,” HIV.gov. Available at <https://www.hiv.gov/federal-response/federal-activities-agencies/activities-combating-hiv-stigma-and-discrimination>

Election of 2018 Officers

Dr. Wilson noted Dr. Hernando Carter was elected by the Jefferson County Medical Society (JCMS) to complete the term of Dr. Nicole Redmond, who moved out of state in 2016. Dr. Carter has now agreed to a full five year term on the Board and was elected by the JCMS.

On the motion of Commissioner Stephens, and seconded by Dr. Stacy, Dr. Miller was elected as Chair of the Board, Dr. Clayton was named to serve on the General Liability Claims & Investment Committee, and Dr. Hernando Carter will serve as Secretary.

2017 Board of Health Self-Evaluation

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement, asked the Board members to complete the self-evaluations included in their meeting materials. Ms. Manzella thanked the Board for the work they do and the support they provide to the Jefferson County Department of Health.

Health Officer Report

Strategic Plan Annual Review

Dr. Wilson reported JCDH is completing the first year of its current five year Strategic Plan. In October, the Executive Management Team (EMT) met to review Strategic Plan tactics, champion assignments, and make necessary changes to the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan. Proposed changes to the plan were sent to JCDH’s Leadership Team and all other employees to solicit feedback. The EMT reviewed proposed changes and approved a final revised version of the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Wilson reported substantive changes to the Plan include:

1. Adding an Objective to ensure that Communal Living Facilities are adequately monitored and regulated;
2. Adding an Objective to establish a strategy to address violence;
3. Adding an Objective to develop a framework for advancing health equity principles and practice throughout JCDH; and
4. Adding an Objective to plan and conduct Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) to update the Community Health Assessment (CHA) for Jefferson County.

Dr. Wilson noted new tactic champions and team members will be chosen within the next several weeks. He will share more details with the Board by email on the revisions to the Strategic Plan.

The Board discussed questions regarding the Communal Living Facilities (CLF) and a suggestion was made for Environmental Health to present its current procedures for CLF

inspections. Dr. Wilson offered to send the Board the link to the JCDH website listing current CLFs inspected in Jefferson County.

The Board unanimously approved the changes to the 2017-2021 JCDH Strategic Plan.

Violence Reduction

Dr. Wilson said the Birmingham Violence Reduction Initiative (BVRI), a program to reduce homicide rates among high-risk individuals, has been discontinued because four key partners have recently changed leadership. There was no commitment to go forward with the program. We will be monitoring the City of Birmingham's approach to this challenge.

State Opioid Council

Dr. Wilson is a member of Governor Kay Ivey's State Opioid Council and is Chair of the Rescue sub-committee. The Council met on December 5, 2017 to finalize recommendations to the governor's office. A proposal for an amendment to the naloxone bill to allow for certain trained laypersons to distribute naloxone was rejected. A proposed amendment to legislation to expand immunity to nurse practitioners and physician assistants who prescribe naloxone was approved for inclusion in the Opioid Council's recommendations. Consideration for possible legislation broadening immunity from arrest or prosecution of 911-callers in possession of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia will be delayed for a year.

Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson reported the Needle Exchange Bill that we tried to pass last year has been pre-filed for this legislative session by Representative Jack Williams in the House. Senator Cam Ward has agreed to sponsor an identical bill in the Senate.

Dr. Wilson stated last year ADPH drafted a fluoridation bill that would require fluoridating water systems to provide prior notice to the State Health Officer before permanently reducing or removing fluoride from their public water supply. Due to a late start in initiating the process and delays in the legislative process, ADPH decided to wait until this year's Legislative Session to introduce the bill. The Board of Health approved a resolution last year in support of this effort.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Dr. Wilson said the U.S. Congress allowed federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program to expire. CHIP provides health insurance coverage to children in families that earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to buy private insurance. If Congress does not act to renew funding, Alabama's funds for CHIP ("All Kids") will be depleted February 1, 2018. Notifications to families are tentatively set to go out near the end of this month. This could have a big impact on the state and Jefferson County.

Electronic Medical Record (EMR)

Dr. Wilson updated the Board on the status of the EMR contract with Athena Health. He reminded the Board a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2018 may be necessary since the cost of the new EMR was unknown during this year's budget planning process.

Opioid Crisis

As a follow-up to Dr. Wilson's discussion at the November Board meeting on the opioid crisis, David Maxey, Esq. legal counsel for the Board of Health, shared preliminary information on lawsuits filed by city, county, and state officials against manufacturers and distributors of prescription drugs. The Board discussed whether to proceed with a lawsuit.

Executive Session

Mr. Maxey stated that an Executive Session is appropriate for the Board to discuss the legal options with him regarding this litigation against an entity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stephens, and seconded by Dr. Clayton, that an Executive Session be convened to discuss potential litigation.

Voting "yes" individually: Commissioner Stephens, Dr. Clayton, Dr. Miller, and Dr. Stacy.

The Board of Health was recessed at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Miller stated the meeting would reconvene in approximately 15 minutes.

The Board of Health reconvened at 6:24 p.m.


Dr. Miller requested Mr. Maxey to send the material on current lawsuits against prescription drug manufacturers and distributors to him so he may review it and discuss at the January 2018 Board of Health meeting. Dr. Miller requested this be added to the January agenda.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Sylvie Stacy, M.D., Secretary

Approved:



Joshua Miller, D.O., Acting Chair