



## JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room

**PRESENT:** Max Michael, III, M.D., Joshua Miller, D.O., Yocunda Clayton, M.D., and Hernando Carter, M.D.

**ABSENT:** Sylvie Stacy, M.D. and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Mark E. Wilson, M.D., Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason, David Hicks, D.O., Rodney Holmes, Ed Khan, M.D., Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Lori McManus, Jonathan Stanton, and Denisa Pridmore

### **“Condom Knowledge” Quality Improvement Project**

Lori McManus, Disease Intervention Program Manager, presented the results of a quality improvement project conducted on satisfaction with JCDH-issued condoms among clients in the STD Clinic. The aim of this project was to increase satisfaction with JCDH-issued Lifestyles® condoms among clients receiving them through Disease Control by 15% from the baseline score of 6.12 (10-point scale) within six months of the initiation of the distribution of the replacement condom brand and style. Team members included staff from Disease Control, and team facilitation was provided through Quality Improvement and Decision Support.

Ms. McManus said a Condom Satisfaction Survey was administered in July and August 2015. The most significant issues with performance of the Lifestyles® condoms provided by JCDH at that time were splitting, popping and bursting, followed by reports that the condoms were too small and condom slippage. The survey requested client condom preference and the rationale for the preference. Ninety-six percent of initial survey respondents indicated a preference for Trojan® condoms due to “less popping” and size. Survey results were utilized for the selection and purchase of Trojan® condoms. Distribution of Trojan® condoms began in July 2017. Ms. McManus noted the STD Clinic reported a significant increase in requests for the new condom brand.

During mid-October through early December 2017, clients were asked to complete a second satisfaction survey to assess satisfaction with the Trojan® condoms. Ms. McManus revealed the post-intervention results had a mean satisfaction increase from 6.12 to 7.69, an actualized change of 1.57 (26%), with a probability value of 0.0009. A statistically significant reduction in condom splitting, popping and bursting was noted; while there were reductions in the percent of clients reporting issues with condom size and slippage, these were not statistically significant.

The next steps include continuing to provide Trojan® condoms, a recommendation for distribution of Trojan® condoms in JCDH's Adult Health and Family Planning Clinics, pilot testing the provision and usage of female condoms and ongoing monitoring for changes in STD rates.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **December 2017 Financial Statements**

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

### **Contracts**

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

A new contract with Athena Health (payee) for an electronic medical record and associated license fees for a rate not to exceed \$750,000 from November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018.

A new contract with ELLKAY, LLC (payee) for the electronic medical record and associated license fees: electronic medical record legacy data conversion, quality measures import and archive annual license fees at a rate not to exceed \$56,800 for year one; not to exceed \$16,480 annually thereafter, from November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2020.

Renewal of a contract with Delta Dental Community Care Foundation (payor) where Contractor, through their Community Care Foundation, will provide a grant to the dental clinics to help defray some of the cost for providing dental services at a rate not to exceed \$10,000 from July 10, 2017 through July 20, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to conduct STD case investigations by funding Disease Intervention Specialists and to support clinical staff in Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project Program at a rate not to exceed \$92,587 from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

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

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement, reviewed the results from the Board's Self-Evaluation for 2017. Five of the six surveys distributed were received, and Ms. Manzella thanked the Board for their feedback. The overall score was 6.84 on a 7 point scale or 98 percent satisfaction rate. This is an improvement from 96 percent in 2016. Ms. Manzella noted the sub-section that includes strategic planning and policy making showed a slight reduction in score from 2016. The following recommendations were received:

- an annual review of JCDH's mission, vision and values
- a short, 15-20 minute, annual review of laws and regulations.

## **Health Officer Report**

### **Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Update**

Dr. Wilson said the Fiscal Year 2018 budget may not require a budget amendment to purchase the new EMR as previously reported. Contingency funds may cover the cost this year. If a budget amendment is needed it will most likely be closer to the end of the Fiscal Year.

### **Hearing Officers**

Dr. Wilson reported Judge Ralph Coleman and Judge Suzanne Childers have decided to not participate as a JCDH Hearing Officer. Their names will be removed from the Department's list of eligible Hearing Officers.

### **Rabies**

Dr. Wilson reported there have been three cases of wild animals with rabies in the Mountain Brook area during the last three months of 2017. JCDH has decided to begin an Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) Program for the immunization of the wild animal population in this area. The ORV Program will be a cooperative effort between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the JCDH. JCDH staff will distribute fishmeal-polymer baits containing rabies vaccine in an area extending from Leeds in the eastern part of the county, westward to Interstate 65 in the Homewood area. The baits will not harm the animals that consume them or any pets that inadvertently consume them.

### **Storm Water Management Authority (SWMA) Ordinance Revisions**

Dr. Wilson stated JCDH has been working with the Storm Water Management Authority (SWMA) to compose three ordinances that will help the member municipalities meet the requirements of their new ADEM permits. The purpose of these ordinances is to establish minimum standards for construction sites that will decrease construction runoff and improve the quality of storm water before it enters a stream. The ordinances are currently in the public notice/public hearing process prior to being approved by municipalities.

### **Influenza**

Dr. Wilson reported the Jefferson County Healthcare Coalition, which is a network composed of local hospitals, nursing homes, emergency medical personnel, and other healthcare providers who maintain a state of preparedness for disasters or outbreaks, held a conference call this afternoon to discuss the current influenza situation. Birmingham area hospitals are at or over normal patient capacity due to the number of patients with seasonal influenza-like symptoms. Local emergency departments and outpatient clinics are also seeing a high volume of patients.

Dr. Wilson stated a press conference is planned for this evening to notify the public of this situation and to discourage people from going to the emergency room if they have the flu unless they have signs of severe illness. People will also be encouraged to get the flu shot even though it has not been very effective against this year's H3N2 predominant flu strain.

### **Alabama Legislative Session**

Dr. Wilson noted the Alabama Legislative Session began on January 9, 2018. The Needle Exchange Bill has been pre-filed for this legislative session.

**Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

Dr. Wilson reported Congress has extended temporary funding for the CHIP program until March 2018. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has said this may be incorrect and some states may run out of money by January 19, 2018. It is unclear which states this may be. Dr. Wilson is trying to obtain more information from ADPH.

**Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)**

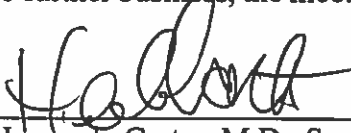
Dr. Wilson stated JCDH has submitted Section 1 of our Annual Report to PHAB to report on progress with the measures identified by the Accreditation Committee. We are making good progress with Section 2 that must be submitted by February 5, 2018.

**Opioid Crisis**

Dr. Miller said conversations have taken place during the last two Board meetings regarding manufacturers or distributors of opioids and their alleged contribution to the opioid crisis. Class action suits have been filed by city, county, and state officials against these organizations. David Maxey, Esq., legal counsel for the Board of Health, gave an update on these lawsuits.

Mr. Maxey answered the Board's questions and the Board discussed its next steps.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

  
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Hernando Carter, M.D., Secretary

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Joshua Miller, D.O., Chair