



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

5th Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Max Michael, III, M.D., Joshua Miller, D.O., Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Sylvie Stacy, M.D.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimmie Stephens and Hernando Carter, M.D.

OTHERS

PRESENT: David Hicks, D.O., Kim Cason, Carley Ezzell, Jason Harpe, Loretta Hicks, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Jonathan Stanton, and Denisa Pridmore

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.

2017 Audit Report

Jason Harpe, CPA, Partner, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLP presented the Department's 2017 audit report. Mr. Harpe said the auditors are once again issuing an unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion they can issue for financial statements. The net pension liability for JCDH is \$59.7 million for its unfunded pension obligation with the Retirement Systems of Alabama as of September 30, 2017. Mr. Harpe reported the Department continues to do an excellent job with its contributions to the trust for post-employment benefits.

Carley Ezzell, CPA, Manager, Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLP reviewed the required communication to the Board that is located at the end of the Audit Report.

The Board unanimously accepted the 2017 Audit Report.

Contracts

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

Renewal of a contract with Human Resources Management, Inc. (payee) to provide Human Resources consulting services for a rate of \$125 per hour; not to exceed \$10,000 from December 11, 2017 through December 11, 2018.

An amendment to a contract with TELCOR, Inc. (payee) for a computer interface for the medical records/laboratory information system adding an interface to the new electronic health record and extending the term from February 8, 2018 through February 8, 2021 for a rate not to exceed \$19,617.

A new contract with the Alabama Environmental Council (payee) to furnish services and equipment for the collection of recyclable paper at a rate of \$60 per month, not to exceed \$720, from February 9, 2018 through February 9, 2019.

A new contract with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payee) to provide Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) training to JCDH Leadership Team members at a rate of \$295 per employee, not to exceed \$11,210, from February 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with Tucker-Jones Engineers Associated, PC (payee) to provide structural engineering services for Guy M. Tate building's slab repair for a rate not to exceed \$20,000 from February 28, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

A new contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama System (payee) for UAB staff to provide clinical support to the JCDH STD Program for a rate not to exceed \$62,000 from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

A new contract with Enviro Management Company, Inc. (payee) to provide water treatment services to the Guy M. Tate building, Eastern Health Center and Western Health Center for a rate of \$595 per month and not to exceed \$7,140 per year for a three-year period from March 1, 2018 through March 1, 2021.

A new contract with Cumulus Media-Birmingham (payee) to provide public information for the "Spring into Health" community event being hosted by JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$3,000 from March 5, 2018 through April 4, 2018.

A new contract with Summit Media, LLC (payee) to provide public information for the "Spring into Health" community event being hosted by JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$3,012 from March 5, 2018 through April 4, 2018.

A new contract with Rivera Communications (payee) to provide public information for the "Spring into Health" community event being hosted by JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$1,000 from March 5, 2018 through April 3, 2018.

A new contract with No Assembly Required (payee) to provide furniture installation services at Western Health Center for a rate not to exceed \$485 from February 26, 2018 through March 26, 2018.

A new contract with Grasselli Fence Company (payee) to furnish all labor and materials for a temporary fence at the Guy M. Tate building's plaza at a rate not to exceed \$2,264 from February 21, 2018 through February 21, 2019.

A new contract with ThermaPro, LLC (payee) to provide Guy M. Tate chiller insulation services at a rate not to exceed \$825 on February 22, 2018.

A new contract with the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation, The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama Hospital whereby UAB will provide volunteer physician and nurse practitioner services to assist in the implementation of the Board's Long-Acting Reversible Contraception program with no funds exchanged from February 9, 2018 through January 31, 2019.

Renewal of a contact with the Board of Trustees for the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payor) for the subcontract between JCDH and UAB "REACH for Better Health" grant for an amount not to exceed \$34,000 from September 30, 2017 through September 29, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health-Center for Emergency Preparedness (payor) to provide grant funds for the JCDH all hazards activities at the local level for an amount not to exceed \$261,756 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health-Center for Emergency Preparedness (payor) to provide grant funds for the JCDH Cities Readiness Initiative activities at the local level at an amount not to exceed \$68,114 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

A new contract with AIDS Alabama (payor) whereby JCDH will accept external referrals for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) from the Game Changer Program. Patients will receive copay assistance up to \$20/visit. The amount of the contract shall not exceed \$50,000 from September 30, 2017 through September 29, 2018.

Title V Permit Fees

Dr. Hicks informed the Board that the resolution for the Title V Permit Fees should be tabled until next month's meeting. An internal review is still underway by our Finance Department.

Centennial Edition of JCDH Annual Report

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement & Decision Support, shared the "100 Years of Caring: Looking Back ... Moving Forward" 2017 JCDH Annual Report with the Board. A timeline highlighting historical and current events is included in the report. An electronic version will be included on the JCDH website. Ms. Manzella asked the Board to let us know if they would like an electronic copy of the report.

Deputy Health Officer Report

National Governor's Association (NGA) Learning Lab

Dr. Hicks reported that Dr. Wilson is in Louisville, Kentucky attending the NGA Learning Lab with a small team from Alabama. Alabama is one of seven states invited to send a team to learn about strategies for addressing infectious diseases related to substance abuse. Kentucky will be

highlighting their successes and lessons learned in implementing syringe service programs, and representatives from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will be in attendance.

Alabama Needle Exchange Bill

Dr. Hicks stated the Alabama Needle Exchange Bill, House Bill 37 and Senate Bill 169, is still alive. The House Bill passed out of a House Health Subcommittee and went before the House Health Committee today. It was passed and will have to get onto the full House agenda next. The Senate version, which had passed out of the Senate Health Committee earlier, has been debated on the Senate Floor, but it was tabled so that some minor amendments could be considered that would address some concerns.

County Health Rankings

Dr. Hicks reported the Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings were released today. Jefferson County went from 17th in Alabama to 21st (out of 67 counties). The overall trend for the past several years has been one of improvement. He noted some of the methodology changes each year, so year-to-year comparisons are not totally valid. There is a considerable lag time for the data and most of the changes from last year were not statistically significant.

Family Planning Progress

Dr. Hicks gave an update on the Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) now being offered in the JCDH Family Planning clinics. We have started Nexplanon insertions and removals, and in the future we will be offering intrauterine device (IUD) placements. Contracts are pending with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) for referrals for vasectomies and tubal ligations.

Biosolids Shipped into Jefferson County

Dr. Hicks discussed the recent media reports about biosolids, the solid material left over from wastewater treatment processes, being shipped from New York City and New Jersey by rail into Jefferson County and transferred by truck to the Big Sky Landfill in Adamsville. The surrounding communities, or those through which the waste has been transported, have been complaining about the odor and occasional incidents of spillage on roads.

Dr. Hicks said the operating permit for Big Sky Landfill is issued by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and not JCDH. JCDH Environmental Health has been receiving complaints and investigating them, and documenting them, in case this is determined to be a "public health nuisance." Dr. Wilson did submit comments to ADEM during their permit renewal comment period to make them aware of the complaints, and suggested they consider odor abatement. Dr. Hicks stated there have been legal challenges by some local entities that have limited where the shipments can be received and transferred from rail to truck. The latest news is that New York decided to suspend shipments until things can be sorted out.

Oral Rabies Vaccination

Dr. Hicks announced JCDH will begin distribution of the Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) baits next week in an effort to vaccinate the wild population in the area south of the Interstate 65 corridor. The baits will not harm the animals that consume them or any pets that inadvertently eat them.

National Public Health Week

Dr. Hicks noted that Public Health Week is April 2-6, 2018. This year's theme is "Healthiest Nation 2030 – Changing our Future Together: Building community ties to strengthen public health." Dr. Wilson will be giving his Annual Public Health Address on Monday, April 2 at the Guy Tate building, and presenting a Public Health Champion Award to a local organization that has helped promote health in the community.

Spring into Health

Dr. Hicks announced JCDH will be hosting a "Spring into Health" event at Western Health Center on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 offering several types of health screenings and distributing information about our services.

Opioid Crisis

Dr. Miller noted David Maxey, Esq., legal counsel for the Board, had sent an update to the Board on the status of nationwide lawsuits against the manufacturers or distributors of opioids and their alleged contribution to the opioid crisis.

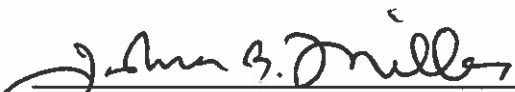
Mr. Maxey recommended the Board keep records of their expenses related to the opioid crisis. He will inform the Board of any changes that occur.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Sylvie Stacy, M.D., Acting Secretary

Approved:



Joshua Miller, D.O., Chair