



**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**5th Floor Board Room**

**PRESENT:** Joshua Miller, D.O., Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Sylvie Stacy, M.D., and Kenny Murray, M.D.

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Mark Wilson, M.D., David Hicks, D.O., Senitra Blackburn, Alicia Fowlkes, Loretta Hicks, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Kadie Peters, Jonathan Stanton, and Denisa Pridmore

**Jefferson County Health Action Partnership (HAP)**

Kadie Peters, Vice President of Community Impact in Health, at United Way of Central Alabama, Inc. (UWCA) provided an overview of the Jefferson County Health Action Partnership (HAP) that was founded in 2007. The HAP is comprised of organizations committed to making Jefferson County a healthier place for all residents to live, learn, work and play. The HAP is led by three anchor organizations (UWCA, the Jefferson County Department of Health, and the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham). The HAP works collaboratively on strategic issues through five Priority Groups mirroring the five Strategic Issues within the Jefferson County Community Improvement Plan: Advancing Health Equity, Optimizing the Built Environment, Transportation and Safety, Promoting Healthy Lifestyles, Improving Mental Health, and Optimizing Healthcare Access. Ms. Peters reviewed the achievements of each group during 2018.

Ms. Peters discussed the mental health in schools project currently underway through the Improving Mental Health Priority Group. In 2018, four local school districts and partners in the priority group launched a coordinated plan to improve mental health training, assessment and services in schools following two years of research and planning. The goal is to build more comprehensive school mental health systems to support student mental health and well-being. This initiative was also launched in response to a need identified by the school superintendents. An external evaluation of quantitative and qualitative data will be conducted on the four school districts over the next few years. Plans for 2019 include expanding the mental health in schools project to additional districts.

**Call to Order**

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

### **Introduction of New Board of Health Member**

Dr. Clayton welcomed Dr. Kenny Murray to the Board of Health.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **December 2018 Financial Statements**

Dr. Clayton noted the December 2018 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. Murray, the following contracts were approved:

Renewal of a contract with Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (payee) to manage the JCDH Public Health Advised Fund and perform duties outlined in the 2019-2021 Work Plan for a rate of \$18,000 per year; not to exceed \$54,000, from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Renewal of a contract with Tate & Associates (payee) to provide training and development services as it relates to innovative ways to create and sustain an organizational culture that fosters a more diverse, inclusive, respectful and productive environment in the workplace, for a rate not to exceed \$3,495 on March 1, 2019.

An amendment to a contract with ASI Document Imaging Services (payee) to allow Contractor to scan and convert Air Pollution files to digital format with Optical Character Recognition capability for MIS to use for creating file system at a rate not to exceed \$43,597 from December 1, 2018 through April 24, 2024.

An amendment to a contract with Kassouf & Company, PC (payee) for the Contractor to review, correct, and resubmit unpaid claims. Additionally, they will work with the billing department on processes in place and recommend workflows to reduce the likelihood of a similar backlog of claims occurring in the future for a rate not to exceed \$20,000 from August 20, 2018 through February 20, 2019.

A new contract with the Birmingham Barons, LLC (payee) for the Contractor to provide advertising and promotional services for JCDH at a rate not to exceed \$25,000 from April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

An amendment to a contract with Novarad South (payee) to allow an interface to be built between existing x-ray equipment and the new electronic medical record software. This is a one-time fee for outbound interface and will not exceed \$7,594 from December 7, 2018 through February 1, 2021.

A new contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Family Health Services, (payor) to offset the cost of purchasing Family Planning non-surgical contraceptives to reduce

unintended births among eligible, low income women, for a rate not to exceed \$12,460 from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with AIDS Alabama (payor) for JCDH to accept external referrals for Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) from the Game Changer Program. Participants will receive copay assistance or assistance with out-of-pocket cost for visit (up to \$20 per visit). The number of referrals from the Game Changer Program shall not exceed 180 per year and the amount not to exceed \$50,000 from September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2019.

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

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement, reviewed the results from the Board's Self-Evaluation for 2018. Five of the six surveys distributed were returned. The survey was based on a 7 point scale with an overall mean score of 6.76 or 96.6 percent, which is slightly lower than the previous year. Ms. Manzella thanked the Board for their participation and reminded them that suggestions for improvement are welcome at any time during the year.

### **Health Officer Report**

#### **Government Shutdown**

Dr. Wilson discussed the partial federal government shutdown over funding for a border wall and its impact on JCDH. At this point it has not affected our ability to conduct our programs.

#### **ABC Coke Permit Renewal**

Dr. Wilson reported that JCDH Environmental Health staff have prepared responses to the comments received during the ABC Coke Title V permit renewal process. This will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to review once they are finalized.

#### **North Birmingham Update**

Dr. Wilson said Dr. Khalilah Brown, JCDH Child Health Medical Director, is leading a team to plan a health fair for students at Hudson K-8 in North Birmingham, in coordination with the Birmingham City Schools Superintendent's office, City of Birmingham Mayor's office and Representative Terri Sewell's office. They are aiming to have it sometime mid-to-late February. JCDH clinics follow current guidelines by performing testing on children once at 9-12 months of age and again at 2 years of age, but at the request of these governmental leaders, will provide testing of children at Hudson K-8 at this event if their parent/legal guardian requests it. This is part of an effort to help address community concerns about soil pollution in the vicinity of the EPA Superfund site. JCDH will use this opportunity to provide other public health education.

#### **Sadie Grace Andrews Law**

Dr. Wilson discussed the Sadie Grace Andrews law that was effective December 1, 2018. The law requires grease traps to be secured with a bolt or lock or be heavy enough to prevent access by children, and to be able to withstand expected loads. The change in the law occurred after a small child died in a grease trap in Auburn, Alabama. JCDH's Environmental Health staff will be checking for these as part of their routine food establishment inspections.

**Birmingham Safe Neighborhoods Task Force**

Dr. Wilson gave an update from the Birmingham Safe Neighborhoods Task Force strategic planning meeting at Western Health Center on December 13, 2018. He reminded the Board that the City of Birmingham is looking at ways to reduce violence in Birmingham. JCDH is sponsoring a consultant firm to facilitate the strategic planning process since violence reduction is one of our strategic priorities. Approximately 40-50 people were in attendance and Dr. Wilson was pleased with the community engagement. The consultant firm will be sharing a report of the information gathered during the planning process and providing a framework for moving forward.

**Hepatitis A Outbreak**

Dr. Wilson reported that ADPH is investigating multiple hepatitis A cases in Jackson and DeKalb counties. The outbreak could be related to the opioid epidemic and injection drug use. Persons at highest risk for hepatitis A include users of illegal substances, homeless persons, and men with same sex partners. ADPH is implementing a strategy to vaccinate high risk individuals in the areas with vaccine provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). JCDH is looking at proactive ways to handle the situation if it becomes an issue for Jefferson County.

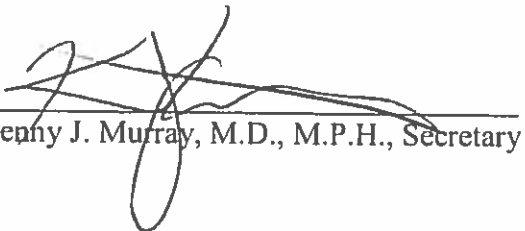
**Getting to Zero in Jefferson County (HIV)**

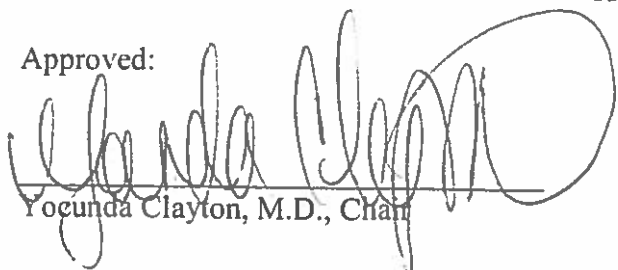
Dr. Wilson reported that JCDH is launching a new strategic planning process around reducing HIV transmission in Alabama. The Board previously approved a 90-90-90 resolution to show its support for the Undetectable equals Untransmittable Campaign endorsed by the CDC. Our goal is to develop a plan specific for Jefferson County and create a model that can be scalable statewide. This plan will help us prioritize activities and develop objectives that best align resources for addressing this public health concern. JCDH has contracted with Clarus Consulting to organize and facilitate the effort with key stakeholders across the county.

**Morris Health Center (MHC)**

Dr. Wilson reported that UAB Maternity located at MHC will be moving to their new clinic in the Gardendale area at the end of January. JCDH will continue to provide Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) services at MHC until another location is identified.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

  
Kenny J. Murray, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary

Approved:  
  
Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Chair