



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Joshua Miller, D.O., Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Hernando Carter, M.D., and Kenny Murray, M.D.

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, M.D., David Hicks, D.O., Hank Black, Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason, Abigail Duemier, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Jonathan Stanton, Susan Walley, M.D., and Denisa Pridmore

Vaping

Susan Walley, M.D., from Children's of Alabama, educated the Board on the increase of vaping among teenagers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) released findings earlier this week from the 2018 National Youth Tobacco Survey. The results showed a 78% increase in high school student use with vaping, current use over the past 30 days. One in five high school students and one in twenty middle school students are currently using e-cigarettes. The U.S. Surgeon General has declared this a public health crisis.

Dr. Walley said data has demonstrated that youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to go on in a year's time to use traditional cigarettes, and emerging data shows these youth are more likely to go on to binge drink, use marijuana, and use other substances of abuse. She shared a variety of e-cigarettes, vaping and JUUL products for the Board's view. Many of these are child-appealing flavors and are known to appeal to youth even though the solution contains nicotine and toxicants. Advertisements are featured in places where youth see them.

Dr. Walley discussed effective means of messaging for youth on the harmful health effects of vaping. Dr. Wilson thanked Dr. Walley for all of the community work she is involved with around this topic.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Clayton, Chair, at 5:45 p.m. when Dr. Murray arrived and there was a quorum.

Minutes

Minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

January 2019 Financial Statements

Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance & Administration, discussed the January 2019 Financial Report and answered questions from the Board. Revenue for Clinical Services is \$1.7 million lower than the budgeted amount and is related to the implementation of the new electronic medical record. Patient appointment slots were reduced for the implementation period and billing issues were identified. The billing matter is being addressed and Mr. Holmes anticipates the revenue will be closer to the budgeted amount in the next few months.

Contracts

On the motion of Dr. Miller, and seconded by Dr. Murray, the following contracts were approved:

A new contract with New Solution Group (payee) to perform repairs and installation of the North Birmingham Air Quality Station for a rate not to exceed \$2,800 from December 7, 2018 through December 20, 2018.

A new bid contract with Infojini, Inc. (payee) to develop a Stormwater Online Activity Record (S.O.A.R.) construction inspection mobile application at the following rates: \$23,560 Mobile Application Completion Fee (training and initial set up: \$1,120), Annual Maintenance, Hosting and Push Notification/Offline Feature: \$4,200 annually from January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2022.

A new contract with Jeffco Concrete Contractors, Inc. (payee) to provide concrete refresh and repair services at the Guy Tate building for a rate not to exceed \$27,028 from November 26, 2018 through November 26, 2019.

A new contract with the Jefferson County Commission (payee) to provide the latest GIS dataset information to JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$40,000 from December 20, 2018 through December 20, 2019.

An amendment to a contract with NelBran Glass, LLC (payee) to provide hollow metal doors and installation for JCDH at a rate not to exceed \$14,647 from September 25, 2018 through October 31, 2018.

A new contract with LRY Media Group (payee) to provide event planning for JCDH's team building event on March 1, 2019 at a rate not to exceed \$13,925.

A new contract with Glenwood, Inc. (payee) to speak on stress management services at the JCDH team building event on March 1, 2019 at a rate not to exceed \$500.

A new contract with Fredrick Powell Fredtography, LLC (payee) to provide photography services for the JCDH team building event on March 1, 2019 at a rate not to exceed \$795.

A new contract with Carmine Communications, LLC (payee) to provide event hosting and emcee services for the JCDH team building event on March 1, 2019 at a rate not to exceed \$500.

A new contract with B Brian, Inc. (payee) to provide music production/event coordination services for the JCDH team building event on March 1, 2019 at a rate not to exceed \$500.

Renewal of a contract with Birmingham Broadcasting, LLC (payee) to provide comprehensive media plan to increase community awareness about available health programs in Jefferson County at a rate of \$5,180 monthly; not to exceed \$62,160, from December 1, 2018 through December 1, 2019.

A new contract with Freedom Source, Inc., d/b/a Addiction Prevention Coalition (payee) whereby JCDH will be providing naloxone training at the End Heroin Walk at Railroad Park on February 23, 2019 and will participate as a Prevention Sponsor for a rate not to exceed \$2,500 from January 16, 2019 through February 23, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with Cahaba Medical Care Foundation (payee) to provide two CRNP residents to participate in primary and public health services at JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$102,000 from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with Spain Gillon, LLC (payee) to provide legal services to JCDH at a rate of \$150 - \$205 per hour for attorneys and \$85 per hour for paralegal services from March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

A new bid contract with MXI Environmental Services, LLC (payee) to provide comprehensive Household Hazardous Waste collection, processing and management of recycling and disposal per JCDH Bid #19-12-05 from April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019.

A new bid contract with Bagby Elevator Company (payee) to provide elevator maintenance for JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$20,232 annually from January 23, 2019 through January 23, 2022.

A new bid contract with Republic Services, Inc. (payee) to provide dumpster services for JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$8,511 annually from January 22, 2019 through January 22, 2022.

A new contract with Clarus Consulting Group to provide strategic planning for the Partner Based Initiative to End HIV in Jefferson County for a rate not to exceed \$68,000 (JCDH will be reimbursed by UAB for contract amount) and the term of contract will be January 2, 2019 through January 1, 2020.

Renewal of a contract with the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation (UAB OB/GYN) (payor) for JCDH to provide space to UAB OB/GYN at Morris Health Center for a rate not to exceed \$7,150 from September 30, 2018 through February 1, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation (UAB OB/GYN) (payor) for JCDH to provide space to UAB OB/GYN at Central, Eastern, and Western Health Centers for a rate not to exceed \$2,012 per month for Central Health Center, \$6,832 per month for Western Health Center, and \$1,333 per month for Eastern Health Center from September 30, 2018 through September 30, 2021.

A new contract with the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (payor) for a grant awarded to JCDH for the “Let’s Get Down 35211: A High Blood Pressure Management Program” at a rate not to exceed \$50,000 from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to support efforts to plan, develop, and maintain a public health infrastructure that helps assure low incidence of vaccine preventable diseases at a rate not to exceed \$54,265 from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Family Health Services (payor) to provide Maternal and Child Health Services to JCDH clients at a rate not to exceed \$412,385 from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Family Health Services (payor) to provide family planning services under the Title X Family Planning Grant for a rate not to exceed \$308,942 from September 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to provide funding for Disease Intervention Specialists in the JCDH STD Program to conduct case investigations at a rate not to exceed \$112,500 from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Trail System and Environmental Protection Projects Fund

Dr. Wilson discussed the following resolution for the Board to request an Advisory Opinion from the Alabama Attorney General on the donation of funds to establish the Red Rock Ridge and Valley Trail System and environmental protection projects fund. Discussions have taken place at recent Board of Health meetings regarding donating money to the Freshwater Land Trust (FWLT), who has completed a large amount of work in this area. Dr. Wilson stated that another resolution will be brought before the Board at a later date for the actual transfer of funds, along with an agreement with FWLT that dictates how the funds can be used.

On the motion of Dr. Murray, and seconded by Dr. Miller, the following resolution was approved.

**Advisory Opinion from the Attorney General
Freshwater Land Trust**

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Health (the “Board”) desires to obtain an advisory opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Alabama as to whether the Board may sign an agreement in which the Board will donate funds to Freshwater Land Trust to develop the Red Rock Ridge and Valley Trail System and support environmental protection infrastructure projects by establishing a “Trail System and Environmental Protection Projects Fund”; and

WHEREAS, the opinion sought is necessary to the present performance of the official acts that the Board and its members must immediately perform; and

WHEREAS, the Request for Opinion Letter (the “Request”) contains the relevant factual background; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the expenditures described in the Request would confer a significant benefit to the public by promoting and protecting the health of Jefferson County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the expenditures described in the Request are for a public purpose and follow the Board’s goals and authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes and requests that the Attorney General of the State of Alabama issue an advisory opinion answering the question posed in the Board’s Request.

Health Officer Report

Vaping

Dr. Wilson shared ways JCDH is increasing media coverage to inform the public of teen vaping and the risks associated with it. Dr. Walley and Dr. Wilson were on Good Day Alabama on February 4, 2019, a segment in the next few months is planned on Channel 13 by Dr. Wilson, and Environmental Health staff are mapping where vape shops are located in Jefferson County. A campaign with strategically placed billboards is being considered.

Indigent Care

At a previous request from the Board of Health, Dr. Wilson convened a group of local primary health care providers called the “Safety Net Leaders” to look at opportunities for coordinating efforts and improving access to health care and preventive services for low-income and uninsured people in Jefferson County. The “Safety Net Leaders” group has met regularly over the past year and was in the process of these talks when UAB Health Services submitted a proposal to the Jefferson County Commission to set up a Health Care Authority that would take over Cooper Green Health Services and manage the Indigent Care Fund.

Dr. Wilson has had several conversations with UAB, Jefferson County Commission representatives, and other stakeholders about the Health Care Authority and future management of the Indigent Care Fund. He has conveyed concerns and has advocated for collaboration with all primary health care organizations dedicated to serving the indigent and low-income adult population in Jefferson County. Some Jefferson County Commissioners have expressed an interest in a second option to UAB’s Health Care Authority proposal. Dr. Max Michael, former Board of Health member, has drafted a second proposal for consideration. Commissioner Sheila Tyson has asked the Commission President to hold a public meeting about this before the Commission makes a decision.

End Heroin Bham Walk

Dr. Wilson announced that the Addiction Prevention Coalition will be sponsoring an End Heroin Bham Walk on February 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Railroad Park. JCDH will be providing Narcan and training during the event; as well as participating as a Prevention Sponsor.

Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson stated that the final draft of the syringe service bill is ready and being circulated among a few Alabama Legislators to see if they would consider sponsoring. A Senate sponsor has been identified and it is anticipated the bill will be filed soon for the upcoming legislative session.

Dr. Wilson shared a recent idea being discussed to amend the Alabama drug paraphernalia laws to allow for possession of fentanyl test strips in order to reduce the risk of overdose deaths. This would enable heroin users to test their own heroin to see if it has fentanyl in it.

Health District

Dr. Wilson provided an update on the status of establishing a Health District in the area of UAB, Children's Hospital, Cooper Green Mercy Health Services, the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, and JCDH. The geographic area would be designated officially as a Health District and would be entirely tobacco-free, including sidewalks and streets. A group is currently working with the City of Birmingham to have an ordinance before the Birmingham City Council in the next few months to establish a City of Birmingham Health District.

Rotary Club

Dr. Wilson stated that Beth Toner, Senior Communications Officer from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, spoke at the Rotary Club today on Health Equity. Copies of the 2018 Jefferson County Health Equity Report were shared with all attendees.

ABC Coke


Dr. Wilson noted that on February 8, 2019, a press release was issued by JCDH regarding a complaint filed by the Jefferson County Board of Health and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama against Drummond Company, Inc. d/b/a ABC Coke for alleged violations of the Clean Air Act at the byproducts recovery process at ABC Coke's facility in Tarrant, Alabama. A proposed consent decree has been lodged with the Court. Dr. Wilson shared this with the Board members by email.

Dr. Wilson said if the court approves any settlement, he intends to make a request to the Board of Health to use some of the revenue for the public health benefit of the communities in the ABC Coke vicinity.

Harmless vs. Hazardous Promoting Teen Health

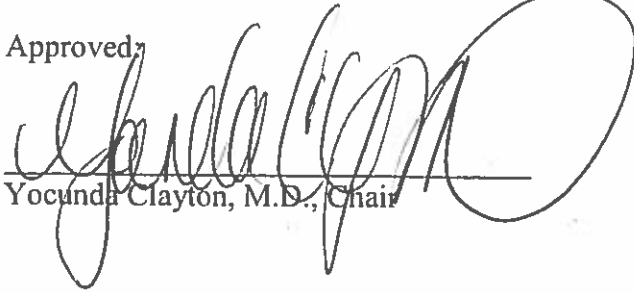
Dr. Wilson announced that there will be a "Harmless vs. Hazardous - Promoting Teen Health" parent conference on March 12, 2019 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at Samford University. The Addiction and Recovery Alliance's (formerly known as "Pills to Needles" Initiative) Prevention work group has organized the conference that is geared toward parents of teenagers or preteens. The emphasis is on prevention and early recognition of substance use problems.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



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

Approved:



Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Chair