



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

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Mark Wilson, M.D., David Hicks, D.O., Toni Bellina, Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason, Carley Ezzell, Marcia Forrest, Alicia Fowlkes, Jason Harpe, Karlisa Harris, Loretta Hicks, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., and Denisa Pridmore

**2018 Audit Report**

Jason Harpe, CPA, Partner, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLP presented the Department's 2018 draft audit report. He commended the Department for its audit report and expressed his appreciation for the help of the staff during the audit review.

Carley Ezzell, CPA, Manager, Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLP reviewed the required communication to the Board that is included with the audit report. Mr. Harpe answered questions from the Board.

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes**

Minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

**February 2019 Financial Statements**

Dr. Clayton noted the February 2019 Financial Statements were included in the Board package. Revenue for Clinical Services continues to be lower than the budgeted amount but should be corrected in the next couple of months.

**Contracts**

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

A new bid contract with Metro Mechanical Services, Inc. (payee) to provide heating and air contractual services (HVAC) for JCDH at a rate not to exceed \$22,212 annually from January 22, 2019 through January 22, 2022.

A new bid contract with Axios Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Secure Destruction Services (payee) to provide document shredding services to JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$8,000 from January 22, 2019 through January 22, 2020.

A new contract with Lewis Electric Company, LLC (payee) for the design and installation of four non-network electric vehicle charging stations for a rate not to exceed \$14,800 from January 31, 2019 through January 31, 2020.

A new contract with DD Elevator Inspections (payee) to provide elevator inspection services to JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$1,260 from February 1, 2019 through February 1, 2021.

A new contract with Heritage Coach and RV Center (payee) to provide research and development services to JCDH for the Women, Infants, and Children's RV for a rate not to exceed \$2,000 from December 17, 2018 through January 17, 2019.

A new contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (payee) to provide GIS services, training and tools to be utilized throughout JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$61,000 from February 11, 2019 through February 11, 2021.

A new bid contract with Laboratory Corporation of America (payee) to provide reference laboratory testing services per bid #18-09-14 from December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019.

A new contract with John Hill (payee) to provide instructions for two separate two-day courses titled "Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support" and "Group Crisis Intervention" for a rate not to exceed \$4,000 from February 19, 2019 through May 10, 2019.

A new contract with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payee) to provide hands on experience with qualitative and quantitative respirator fit testing procedures for JCDH at a rate not to exceed \$2,300 from February 20, 2019 through May 10, 2019.

A new contract with Hayden James Events (payee) to provide three laptop computers with PowerPoint for JCDH Team Experience Day on March 1, 2019 for a rate not to exceed \$300.

A new contract with Sign Geeks, LLC (payee) to provide signage services for JCDH Team Experience Day on March 1, 2019 for a rate not to exceed \$1,098.

A new contract with Corey Rogers d/b/a C-Breeze Productions (payee) to provide audio, visual, and lighting services for JCDH Team Experience Day on March 1, 2019 for a rate not to exceed \$800.

A new contract with Danielle Baskin d/b/a Double Edge Events (payee) to provide the décor for JCDH Team Experience Day on March 1, 2019 for a rate not to exceed \$6,415.

A new contract with Mykeon Smith d/b/a Images by Mykeon (payee) to provide photography services for JCDH Team Experience Day on March 1, 2019 for a rate not to exceed \$550.

A new contract with The Bridge, LLC (payee) to provide the venue for JCDH Team Experience Day on March 1, 2019 for a rate not to exceed \$18,988.

A new contract with Birchfield Penuel & Associates (payee) to provide architect work per the master agreement for multiple projects for renovations at the Guy Tate lobby and MIS for an hourly rate of \$65 - \$120 as specified in the agreement from February 14, 2019 until completion of project.

A new contract with Phreesia, Inc. (payee) to provide an automated intake platform designed to engage patients and improve the efficiency of the medical record and clinical areas. Cost of intake modalities and three month's software fees \$3,950 per month will be paid by ADPH grant and monthly fees thereafter are \$5,915 paid by JCDH. Term of contract is March 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020.

A new contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payor) for UAB to reimburse JCDH for the cost of consultants' fee (Clarus Consulting DC-128) for strategic planning for the Partner Based Initiative to End HIV in Jefferson County for a rate not to exceed \$68,000 from January 2, 2019 through January 1, 2020.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to fund Disease Intervention Specialists within the JCDH STD Program to conduct case investigations for a rate not to exceed \$90,000 from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

### **Health Officer Report**

#### **News Conference – City of Birmingham's PEACE Campaign**

Dr. Wilson participated in a joint news conference with Mayor Randall Woodfin on February 28, 2019 to declare gun violence and homicides as a public health crisis in Birmingham. The City of Birmingham's PEACE Campaign to counteract violent crimes was unveiled. Birmingham mothers who have lost children due to gun violence were also in attendance.

One of the new initiatives includes the city putting out requests for proposals to allow community organizations to apply for grant money to help support the work they are doing to help prevent violence. The Board previously approved the transfer of additional funds to the Public Health Advised Fund managed by the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. A portion of these funds could potentially be used for this purpose since the JCDH Strategic Plan includes violence prevention as one of its priorities. Dr. Wilson will be meeting with the City of Birmingham officials to learn more about their grant-making process and determine if JCDH could partner in funding these community grants.

Dr. Wilson has also been participating in meetings hosted by the Dean of the UAB School of Public Health (SOPH) to learn about potential strategies to address gun violence from key experts in the SOPH and other UAB schools and departments.

### **Narcan Training and Distribution**

Dr. Wilson reported that JCDH continues to receive numerous requests for Narcan training and distribution, including requests from law enforcement.

### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Wilson stated the Alabama Legislature's special session to approve the gas tax increase has concluded and they will be looking at other items. Dr. Wilson is working to push the Syringe Service Bill, and possibly the amendment for the drug paraphernalia laws to legalize use of drug testing supplies for harm reduction purposes, through this session.

Dr. Wilson said another bill of interest to JCDH is one that would require vape shops to obtain a tobacco license.

### **Media Exposure**

Dr. Wilson shared that he has recorded a new advertisement at Channel 13 addressing vaping among young people.

### **Attorney General Opinion**

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the resolution approved by the Board at last month's meeting 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. He expects an answer within the next few weeks.

### **Population Health and Health Equity**

Dr. Wilson stated that last year a Population Health and Health Equity budget division was established to capture projects that do not necessarily fit in only one department at JCDH. Now JCDH is working to establish an organizational structure that will include a Steering Committee of an interdisciplinary group that will work on certain Population Health initiatives.

### **Health Care Authority**

Dr. Wilson provided an update on the UAB Health Services' proposal to the Jefferson County Commission for a University Health Care Authority that would assume oversight of Cooper Green Health Services and health care covered by the Indigent Care fund. UAB would have a majority vote on this authority's board. Commission President Jimmie Stephens had asked Dr. Max Michael, former Board of Health member, and Dr. Wilson for an alternative plan so the commission would have a choice.

Dr. Michael, with input from Dr. Wilson and others, has drafted a second option to UAB's Health Care Authority proposal for consideration. JCDH has hired a consultant to look at the alternate plan and make recommendations on how to improve upon the proposal and how to build a better indigent health care system. Dr. Wilson will send this proposal to the Board.

**Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)**

Dr. Wilson said JCDH received accreditation from PHAB in 2015 and is approaching the timeframe to apply for reaccreditation. The JCDH Executive Management Team (EMT) has been discussing whether or not to pursue reaccreditation. A handout was shared listing pros and cons of accreditation. Dr. Wilson would like to obtain the Board's feedback before a final decision is made on whether JCDH should seek reaccreditation. This will be discussed at the March 19, 2019 JCDH Leadership Team meeting before making the decision.

Dr. Wilson has spoken to Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer, to get his thoughts on PHAB reaccreditation and to let him know JCDH's leadership is having conversations on whether or not to seek reaccreditation. Dr. Harris had no concerns.

If JCDH does not pursue reaccreditation, a process could be set up of internal review of PHAB Standards and Measures and/or the 10 Essential Public Health Functions or other standards, and adopt those that seem appropriate. If JCDH does not pursue reaccreditation at this time, it does not keep us from pursuing accreditation in the future.

The Board discussed this in length and their questions were answered by Dr. Wilson and EMT members. There were no major concerns if JCDH does not seek reaccreditation.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 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