



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Hernando Carter, M.D., Sylvie Stacy, M.D., and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

ABSENT: Joshua Miller, D.O. and Kenny Murray, M.D.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, M.D., David Hicks, D.O., Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason, Wanda Heard, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Jonathan Stanton, Darlene Traffanstedt, M.D., and Denisa Pridmore

April 2019 Financial Statements

Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance and Administration, discussed the April 2019 Financial Report. Mr. Holmes answered questions from the Board.

Chemical Endangerment Law in Alabama

Darlene Traffanstedt, M.D., Medical Director of Adult Health and Family Planning, provided an overview of the Chemical Endangerment Law in Alabama and some opportunities JCDH may have for impacting some policy change. Dr. Traffanstedt previously served on the Quality of Care Committee of Governor Robert Bentley's Healthcare Improvement Task Force and has conducted a significant amount of research and work on this topic.

The Chemical Endangerment Law was initially passed in 2006 with the intention of prosecuting adults who exposed their children to home methamphetamine manufacturing labs and the toxins associated with them. Prosecutions of pregnant women began almost immediately after the law was passed when there was evidence they used illicit drugs and endangered their unborn children. Issues were raised regarding whether the mothers gave true informed consent for the drug screening, violation of the constitutional rights of the mother, and inconsistent implementation of the law across hospitals in the state and by law enforcement officials.

The Healthcare Improvement Task Force began negotiating with the Alabama District Attorneys Association and asked for two changes to the law:

- First that a legally prescribed controlled substance ingested by the mother during pregnancy would be an affirmative defense.

- Secondly, that women be court-ordered to treatment instead of arrested and imprisoned and separated from their children.

The Task Force managed to get the law amended for exempt legitimate prescription drugs in 2016. Dr. Traffanstedt stated that pregnant women continue to be prosecuted for positive drug tests. There is concern about unintended consequences of this law, including fewer women getting appropriate prenatal care and fewer women getting treatment for addiction.

Dr. Wilson asked for the Board's guidance on a resolution to allow JCDH to advocate for policy changes to Alabama's current interpretation of the Chemical Endangerment Law. Dr. Wilson sits on an Advisory Board for the UAB Comprehensive Addiction in Pregnancy Program (CAPP). CAPP is a pilot program that screens women in UAB's prenatal clinics, housed at JCDH, for substance use disorder and offers them treatment and other support. CAPP would like to form a workgroup to gather data and information and propose a strategy to educate state policy makers on the issue during the next legislative session.

The Board had questions and concerns related to this topic. Further discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

Contracts

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

A contract amendment with Novarad South (payee) whereby the Contractor's interface facilitates data communication between JCDH's x-ray equipment, x-ray software, and electronic medical record for a \$7,594 one-time installation fee; \$120 monthly license subscription fee; and not to exceed \$11,914 annually from February 2, 2018 through February 1, 2021.

A new contract with First Baptist Church of East Thomas (payee) for JCDH to use the property for the purpose of conducting ambient air monitoring for a rate of \$10 per five year term from March, 9, 2019 through March 9, 2024.

A new contract with Carrier Corporation (payee) to provide HVAC annual chiller maintenance services for a rate not to exceed \$11,970 from April 22, 2019 through April 22, 2020.

A new bid contract with KDVH Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Benton Nissan of Hoover (payee) to lease three Nissan leaf vehicles to JCDH for a rate of \$24,613.56 annually; not to exceed \$73,840.68 from March 28, 2019 through March 28, 2022.

A new bid contract with Metro Mechanical Services, Inc. (payee) to replace small and large cooling towers at the Guy Tate building for a rate of \$90,936 for the small tower and \$114,936 for the large tower from April 4, 2019 through April 4, 2020.

An amendment to the contract with Lewis Electric Company, LLC (payee) for the electrical work for charging extension for electrical cars at a rate not to exceed \$3,850 from April 23, 2019 through April 23, 2020.

A new contract with Lucille Robinson (payee) to provide release of information services, receive and process requests for protected health information in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, JCDH policies and procedures under the direction of the Assistant Director of Health Information Services. The rate will be \$30 per hour; not to exceed \$2,500 per month, from April 8, 2019 through December 31, 2019; pending Personnel Board approval.

A new contract with Wells Fargo, N.A. (payee) to replace credit cards used for JCDH business purchases and charges for a rate not to exceed \$14,999 annually beginning May 1, 2019 and continuing on a monthly basis.

Credentialing

Dr. Wilson presented the following credentials report: Initial credentialing for Wesley G. Willeford, M.D., as Medical Director of Disease Control. The Board unanimously approved the Credentials Report.

Health Officer Report

JCDH Incident Command System (ICS)

Dr. Wilson reported that there was a presumptive case of measles in St. Clair County last week. The investigation is ongoing and further testing is being done. Incident Command has been activated to monitor this situation. JCDH will use the same team formulated to address its Hepatitis A outreach and response.

JCDH has activated ICS at a level 3 for Hepatitis A Outreach and Response even though Jefferson County currently is still not an outbreak county for Hepatitis A. Several cases have been identified in northern Alabama and two cases in Jefferson County within the past month. JCDH remains vigilant and has been developing prevention strategies such as community education outreach and a targeted vaccination strategy. Community stakeholders have been informed of the situation.

Air Pollution Permit

Dr. Wilson stated that Sherman Industries plans to move their concrete batching facility from downtown Birmingham to the Five Points West area near the Birmingham Crossplex. The property has been owned by Sherman Industries since the 1930s and is zoned industrial. It was previously used for concrete pipe manufacturing. Residents have expressed concerns for the facility relocating to this area.

JCDH extended the public comment period for the air permit application until June 6, 2019 since some community members were unaware of the permit and the deadline. JCDH will also hold a

public hearing and information session regarding the permit application in conjunction with the City of Birmingham and Sherman Industries at the Birmingham Crossplex at 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Dr. Wilson noted that a meeting is scheduled with Five Points West neighborhood leaders on May 20, 2019 to answer questions regarding the permit process.


Tobacco Ordinance – City of Hoover

Dr. Wilson and Dr. Traffanstedt spoke at the Hoover City Council meeting on Monday in favor of a more comprehensive smoke-free ordinance for the City of Hoover. The proposal would ban vaping in public areas, including inside retail shops. The ordinance had its first reading and the City Council will be discussing it further at a future meeting to see if they can come to a compromise. Hoover’s current ordinance allows smoking in hotels, bars, pubs, and restaurants with separate ventilation systems.

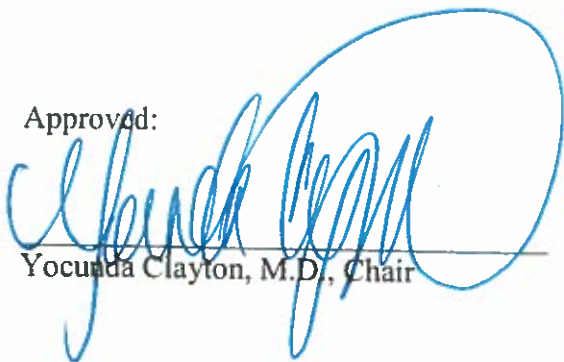
Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson reported that Senate Bill 235, or the Syringe Service Bill, passed the Senate Health Care Committee today. He noted this was a major hurdle for the bill and some compromises were made, with the main one being that it would be restricted only to Jefferson County for a five year pilot with mandatory reporting to the Senate and House Health Committees every year with the data that is gathered and the outcomes.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Hernando Carter, M.D., Acting Secretary

Approved:


Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Chair