



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, M.D., David Hicks, D.O., Khalilah Brown, M.D., Kim Cason, Rodney Holmes, David Maxey, Esq., Jonathan Stanton, and Terrie Hartley

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

Hudson K-8 Video

Khalilah Brown, MD, Child Health Medical Director, provided an overview of lead screenings performed at Hudson K-8 School on May 10, 2019. Due to continued concerns about the environment in the north Birmingham area, Mayor Randall Woodfin's office along with leaders representing the area had asked JCDH to offer a screening. Parents of sixty-nine children consented to screening for lead poisoning, and all were negative. Over six hundred children received information on dental care, lead exposure, the importance of handwashing, and recycling. Dr. Brown shared a video of the school children and JCDH staff participating in the educational activities.

2017-2021 Strategic Plan Update

David Hicks, DO, MPH, FAAFP, Deputy Health Officer, presented updates from the JCDH Strategic Plan Implementation for 4th Quarter of 2018. Dr. Hicks' highlights included updates on Environmental Health Communal Living Facilities Regulations, Human Resources and Management Information System upgrades to the JCDH internal internet page, the Clinical Services Call Center and Quality Improvement and Decision Support activities regarding the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. Dr. Hicks reported on a new software application that will allow Environmental Health and other municipalities to input data to track stormwater-related issues within Jefferson County.

May 2019 Financial Statements

Dr. Clayton noted the May 2019 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 Alliance Insurance Company (payee) to administer Flexible Spending Account/Dependent Care Account Plans for JCDH at a rate of \$4.50 per participant according to the Administrative Cost Agreement from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with Human Resource Management, Inc. (payee) to provide human resources consulting services for a rate of \$125 per hour; not to exceed \$10,000, from May 1, 2019 through May 1, 2022.

A new contract with The Samaritan Foundation, Inc., d/b/a Connection Health (payee) to hire, train, and supervise Community Health Workers to conduct hypertension screenings, register eligible individuals into the Let's Get Down 35211 program, and other related work to support blood pressure control at a rate not to exceed \$191,212 from May 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

Renewal of a contract with the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency (payee) to assist JCDH with performing Cities Readiness Initiative activities for a rate not to exceed \$38,281 from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

A new contract with Agency54 (The Lewis Group) (payee) to provide marketing, advertising and community engagement for prediabetes/diabetes awareness services for JCDH for a rate of \$250 per hour; not to exceed \$14,975; from June 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

A new bid contract with Heritage Coach and RV Center, LLC (payee) for refurbishing mobile RV to be used for Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) activities for a rate not to exceed \$81,487.50 from May 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020.

An amendment to a contract with Meeting Street Investments, Inc. (payee) for revised window graphics to the Central Health Center entrance doors at a rate not to exceed \$635 from April 26, 2019 through June 1, 2019.

An amendment to a contract with Reliable Sign Services (payee) to replace existing pole, build new foundation, and provide sign services to JCDH for a rate not to exceed \$1,262.50 from May 15, 2019 through September 15, 2019.

A new bid contract with Johnson Controls Fire Protection, LP (payee) to provide Life Safety Inspection and maintenance services to JCDH for a rate of \$1,170 per month; not to exceed \$14,040 per year, from April 26, 2019 through April 26, 2022.

A new contract with Amber Branham (payee) to provide telephone support for breastfeeding WIC participants at a rate of \$10.19 per hour; not to exceed \$11,000, from June 1, 2019 through June 1, 2020.

A new contract with Cintas Corporate Services, Inc. (payee) to provide lab coat rental and cleaning services for three JCDH health centers for a rate of \$3,812.50 per year; not to exceed \$11,437.50, from June 24, 2019 through June 24, 2022.

A new bid contract with Applied Statistics & Management, Inc. (payee) to provide credentialing software, annual maintenance/support, and on-site training if needed for an initial fee of \$24,500 for the credentialing software and \$8,500 per year for maintenance and support from June 1, 2019 through June 1, 2022 and not to exceed \$44,000.

A new contract with the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation whereby JCDH will provide Narcan Nasal Spray kits to Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to dispense to patients through the Comprehensive Addiction and Pregnancy Program who have been identified as having a substance use disorder. No funds will be involved for Jefferson County residents but out-of-county residents will be charged the same rate paid by JCDH when the kits were originally purchased. The term of contract will be May 1, 2019 through June 1, 2020.

Personal Incentives for Hepatitis A Prevention Measures

Dr. Wilson stated the following resolution is due to the hepatitis A outbreak currently in counties in north Alabama and the two confirmed cases in Jefferson County. JCDH remains in Incident Command, working on a proactive approach to help prevent the spread in Jefferson County. JCDH has been meeting with One Roof, a homeless advocacy and service coordination agency, about how best to reach homeless people through education and vaccination.

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

WHEREAS, hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable, communicable disease of the liver caused by the hepatitis A virus, which is usually transmitted person-to-person through the fecal-oral route or consumption of contaminated food or water, and

WHEREAS, Alabama is experiencing a new outbreak of hepatitis A virus infections that has spread from a major outbreak in nearby states, and

WHEREAS, there have been cases of hepatitis A in Jefferson County, Alabama in recent weeks, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is at risk of a major outbreak of hepatitis A, and

WHEREAS, hepatitis A can cause illness lasting several weeks, and can lead to hospitalization and possible death, and

WHEREAS, the hepatitis A vaccine is safe and highly effective, and handwashing can reduce spread of the virus, and

WHEREAS, certain groups of people are at increased risk of contracting hepatitis A, including people experiencing homelessness, people who are incarcerated, people who use drugs (injection and non-injection), and men who have sex with men, and

WHEREAS, people with chronic liver disease, including cirrhosis, hepatitis B or hepatitis C, are at increased risk of developing serious complications from hepatitis A infection, and

WHEREAS, some groups of people may be difficult to engage in hepatitis A prevention education or may be resistant to getting vaccinated against hepatitis A, due to trust issues, competing personal priorities, or other barriers, and

WHEREAS, targeting at-risk groups of people with hepatitis A prevention education and vaccination serves a public health purpose and helps protect the overall public health and general welfare of the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Health authorizes the use of Jefferson County Department of Health funds to:

1. Provide hepatitis A vaccine free of charge to at-risk individuals who otherwise may have difficulty accessing the vaccine
2. Transfer hepatitis A vaccine stock to partner organizations to assist the Department in vaccinating at-risk individuals
3. Provide personal incentives, such as hygiene kits, hand sanitizer, gift cards or transportation vouchers, in order to encourage certain at-risk individuals to engage in hepatitis A prevention education and/or receive the hepatitis A vaccine
4. Take other hepatitis A related actions authorized by the Health Officer to protect public health

Health Officer Report

Air Pollution Permit

Dr. Wilson reported Sherman Industries and the City of Birmingham have been in negotiations to find an alternative site for the concrete batch facility planned for the Five Points West community. Sherman Industries asked that JCDH put their air pollution permit application on hold in order to give these negotiations more time. The June 6, 2019 information session and public hearing for the permit was therefore cancelled. A smaller meeting with neighborhood leaders from the Five Points West Community had been planned for May 20, but the Community president cancelled this. Dr. Wilson had hoped these would be opportunities to educate the community on JCDH's role and how the air pollution permit process works, but he and the JCDH Air Pollution Control Division will continue to look for other such opportunities.

Legislative Update

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Dr. Wilson reported the Alabama legislative session ended in May. Senate Bill 235, or the Syringe Service Bill, and the bill to amend the drug paraphernalia law to legalize use of drug testing

supplies for harm reduction purposes, did not make it through the legislature. Plans are to refile next year.

Vaping Regulation Law

House Bill 41 was passed by the Senate. This bill requires vape shops to have a tobacco permit, places restrictions on advertising vapes and other alternate nicotine products, and requires the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to regulate e-cigarettes and vape products.

Chemical Castration Law

Court-ordered chemical castration of child molesters as a condition of their parole will soon be required in Alabama. The law, signed by Governor Kay Ivey, goes into effect in September 2019 and requires that anyone convicted of a sex offense against a child under thirteen receive medication that inhibits or blocks the production of testosterone or hormones prior to parole. It requires the Alabama Department of Public Health to administer the treatment.

Health District

Dr. Wilson provided an update on the status of establishing a Health District in the area that includes Children's Hospital, Veteran's Administration Medical Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Cooper Green Mercy Health Services (Cooper Green), the Southern Research Institute and JCDH, to make sidewalks and certain other areas adjacent to these campuses tobacco-free. A group is still working with the City of Birmingham to have an ordinance before the Birmingham City Council to establish a City of Birmingham Health District. There is also an effort underway to update the City of Birmingham's existing smoke-free ordinance to include vaping and e-cigarettes.

Hoover Smoke-free Ordinance

Dr. Wilson stated the City of Hoover smoke-free ordinance update is on hold indefinitely.

Appalachian Regional Prescription Opioid (ARPO) Strike Force

Dr. Wilson reported that a solo practitioner at a practice on University Boulevard in Birmingham was arrested and detained on June 4, 2019 on child pornography charges. The ARPO notified JCDH ahead of time so preparations could be made to assist the patients, many of whom were on opioids for pain management, and a few who were on buprenorphine for treatment of opioid addiction.

Five Mile Creek Trail Dedication

Dr. Wilson announced there was a ribbon cutting today (June 12) for two new miles of fine gravel trail in Gardendale on the 16.5 miles of Five Mile Creek Greenway property that was purchased with federal grant money, with the help of JCDH matching funds approved by the Board of Health. The Gardendale trail connects to Fultondale's Black Creek Park Trail. Once completed this will be the longest trail in Central Alabama.

Clinic Billing Update

Dr. Wilson noted JCDH is working to catch up on delinquent clinic billing and to increase patient numbers which have been low due to the electronic medical record transition. Administrative billing and clinic staff have been meeting to address these issues.

Chemical Endangerment Law

Dr. Wilson stated he and Dr. Darlene Traffanstedt, Medical Director of Adult Health & Family Planning, are continuing to work with key partners on strategy on how to best address problems related to Alabama's Chemical Endangerment Law.

Indigent Care

Dr. Wilson had no new updates to report on the UAB Health Authority and Cooper Green Indigent Care.

Alabama Coordinated Health Network (ACHN)

Dr. Wilson reported VIVA Health was awarded the Medicaid ACHN contract for Jefferson and Shelby counties. The current duties of JCDH's case management staff will be transitioned to the ACHN and JCDH will no longer be able to bill Medicaid for these services. VIVA Health was unwilling to sub-contract with JCDH to provide the services. There are other case management services that JCDH performs on behalf of ADPH and it is unclear whether we will still be expected to perform these. JCDH will be looking at the best way to utilize the case management staff.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Dr. Wilson shared data received from the Household Hazardous Waste Day held on April 20, 2019 at locations in Fairfield and Irondale. There were 215 participants at the Fairfield site and 727 participants at the Irondale site, for a total of 942. A total of 135,097 pounds of materials was received.

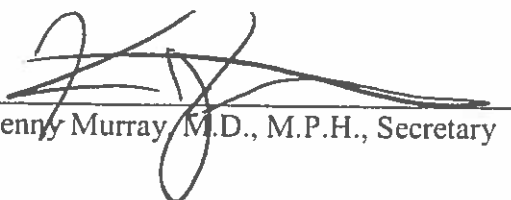
CDC Director Visit

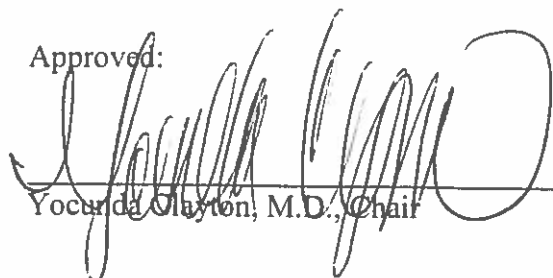
Dr. Wilson announced Robert Redfield, MD, Director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will visit Montgomery on June 14, 2019 to talk about efforts to address HIV in Alabama. Dr. Wilson and Dr. David Hicks will attend and give a brief presentation on the work JCDH is doing in this area.

Health Officer

Dr. Wilson noted he will be out of the country the week of June 17, 2019. Dr. David Hicks will be the Acting Health Officer.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


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

Approved:

Yocunda Clayton, M.D., Chair