



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Joshua Miller, DO, Yocunda Clayton, MD, and Kenny Murray, MD

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimmie Stephens, Hernando Carter, MD, and Sylvie Stacy, MD

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, MD, David Hicks, DO, Toni Bellina, Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., and Denisa Pridmore

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Clayton, Chair. Dr. Clayton noted that a quorum was not present for the Board of Health to conduct official business.

November 2019 Financial Statements

Dr. Clayton noted that the November 2019 Financial Statements were included in the Board package. There were no questions from the Board.

Board of Health Self-Evaluation

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement, asked the Board members to complete the Self-Evaluation forms included in their packages. The survey may be emailed to Ms. Manzella if they are unable to finish tonight.

Health Officer Report

Substance Use in Pregnancy Summit

Dr. Wilson stated that JCDH hosted a Substance Use in Pregnancy Summit on November 20-21, 2019 to address ways to improve outcomes for pregnant women with substance use disorder and their babies. Over sixty Alabama decision-makers convened to discuss the chemical endangerment laws and determine ways to provide better alternatives for law enforcement and judges in dealing with women who use substances while pregnant. Recommendations were made for a Governor's Study Group on Criminal Justice Policy.

On December 4, 2019 Dr. Wilson presented these proposals to the Study Group at a public hearing in Montgomery. The Study Group will reveal their recommendations for state-wide standards to the legislature in January.

ADPH Infant Mortality Data for 2018

Dr. Wilson announced that a press release from ADPH today revealed that the infant mortality rate of 7.0 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2018 is the lowest in Alabama history and is an improvement over the 2017 rate of 7.4 and the 2016 rate of 9.1. A big disparity remains between white infants and non-white infants. Jefferson County's rate went from 10.5 to 8.2 from 2017 to 2018, and went down for both white infants and non-white infants.

Surgeon General Potential Visit

Dr. Wilson announced that Region 4 of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has notified him that the Surgeon General is tentatively planning a trip to Alabama in late January 2020. Visits to Jefferson and Walker counties are being considered during this trip.

Hepatitis A Update

Dr. Wilson reported there are currently eight confirmed cases of Hepatitis A in Jefferson County. JCDH continues to offer vaccines free of charge to those who do not otherwise have access to the vaccine through their providers. JCDH is offering vaccination to all of our food-handlers who participate in our training classes.

Pain Management Clinic

Dr. Wilson stated that the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners revoked the medical license of a Jefferson County physician who was the sole prescriber at a pain management clinic in Birmingham. ADPH notified local physicians and emergency rooms of the possibility of seeing patients from his practice who have run out of their medication assisted treatment (if on treatment for opioid use disorder) or their pain management medication.

Guy Tate Building Renovations

Dr. Wilson said renovations to the lobby area of the Guy Tate building are progressing. Plans for renovations to Eastern Health Center should be finalized soon.

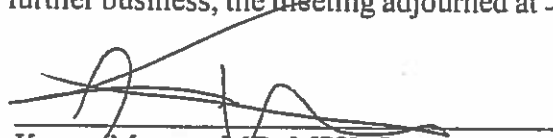
Air Permit Renewal

Dr. Wilson stated that the air permit renewal for the former ERP Coke, now owned by Bluestone Resources, Inc., is anticipated after the holidays.

Recognition of Joshua Miller, DO

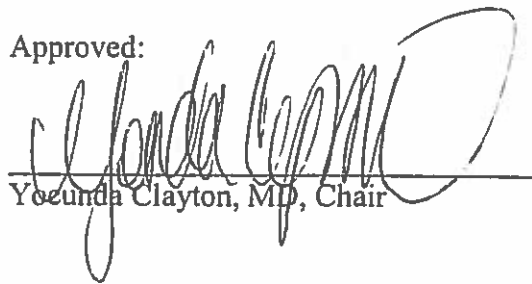
Dr. Wilson presented a plaque to Dr. Miller to thank him for his years of service on the Board of Health.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Kenny Murray, MD, MPH, Secretary

Approved:



Yezunda Clayton, MD, Chair