

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting 650 Newtown Pike May 9, 2022 5:45 p.m.

| TOPIC | BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Mr. Friesen, Dr. Gomez, Dr. Hood, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Mason, Councilmember Reynolds, and Dr. Zimmerman. OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. McCullough, LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Council. DISCUSSION |
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| Call to Order | Mr. Friesen called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. |
| Roll Call | Ms. Foley called the roll. A quorum was declared. Drs. Feld and Riley were excused. |
| Request for Approval of the April 11, 2022, Minutes | The April 11, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Mason made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. |
| Annual PHAB Summary/Community Health Assessment/LFCHD Safety Presentation | Katrina Howard presented an overview of our Community Health Assessment (CHA). The assessment helps identify and describe factors that affect population health. The CHA is used to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP outlines goals, objectives, action steps, and metrics. Social determinants of health inform initiatives. The CHA targets high-risk populations. The CHA is a community-driven strategic planning process. The Lexington Community Health Improvement Partnership (Lex-CHIP) includes more than 75 community partners who collaborate on development of the CHA and implementation of the CHIP. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) has used data in the CHIP for city-county program development. Local hospitals and non-profits are use the data for grant development and gap analysis. We are coordinating with department epidemiologists to assure questions capture the data needed for analysis. Survey questions are being developed that will capture how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted community members. A separate section in the CHA will target goals toward improving health indicators that put residents at higher risk if they become infected with COVID-19. Data from the survey will be used by several LFCHD teams and community partners for program development. We are re-branding with a new logo, developed by Christina King in LFCHD Communications. |

| | Next steps include developing a template for community conversations. The hard-copy survey will be available in five languages. The online version will be available in English and Spanish. |
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| Commissioner of Health Report | Dr. McCullough presented the Commissioner of Health report. Fayette County has seen an uptick in new COVID-19 cases. There were 101 cases last Friday and we saw a 7-day average of 73. Last month, we had a 7-day average of 20. According to CDC data, we have a 9% positivity rate currently. We have not seen an increase in hospitalizations at this point. There have been 615 COVID-related deaths. We continue at the low community level. Nationally, 88% of counties are at the low level. We are seeing several hotspots, mostly in the northeastern part of the country. The nation is seeing around 68,000 cases per day and a 17% increase in hospitalizations. Omicron remains the dominant variant globally and in the United States. It continues to evolve into sub-lineages. Each iteration has been more transmissible than the original variant. We are approaching one million COVID-related deaths in the country. We held a vaccine clinic at the senior center on April 20. 117 doses were given. We also held a clinic at Ballard Griffith Towers and administered 71 vaccine doses. The FDA has limited the J&J vaccine to specific groups. The state health department has changed some reporting requirements. PCR test results continue to be required to be reported, along with positive antigen tests. We have had 278 influenza cases this flu season. The average age of those with flu this season is 25. During the Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) annual conference, LFCHD was awarded a commissioner's award for our COVID-19 home testing program and for working with vulnerable communities. Dr. McCullough shared the list of board meeting presentations for the |
| Finance Committee Request: Revising Regular Meeting Time | Mr. Cornett said the finance committee would like to meet 15 minutes later, starting at 4:45 p.m., rather than 4:30 p.m. each month. He made a motion to move the starting time from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. Dr. Mason seconded. The motion passed unanimously. C. Kay said a resolution for this motion will be drafted that will require the signature of those present at this meeting. |
| Committee Reports | Executive: Mr. Friesen said Dr. McCullough covered committee topics in his report. Finance: Ms. Kay reported a March YTD surplus \$5.8 million on a budgeted surplus of \$1.2 million. We expect to end the fiscal year ahead of budget and with a surplus to add to \$33.5 million currently banked. Response YTD, we are at \$432 thousand surplus. Response-todate, we have a deficit of \$1.5 million. We continue to receive reimbursements and allocations related to the response. We are in good financial position for the next fiscal year and are positioned to make |

| | changes in the budget. Around \$800 thousand in capital projects are in the FY23 budget. The budget is due to DPH this week. Ms. Kay will present the budget to the full board during the June meeting. Marketing and Branding: No report. Nominating/Bylaws: No report. Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. Policy Policy/Protocol: No report. |
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| Communications Report | Kevin Hall presented the report. We continue to remind the community that COVID is ongoing and that it is important to get vaccinated and to complete the booster series. We had 32 new lab-confirmed flu cases each of the last two weeks, which is unusual this late in the flu season. We are using \$50 thousand in grant funding for community outreach, especially geared toward vaccine equity. Outreach will be through messages inside and outside city buses, door hangers, and by providing healthcare providers incentives for those who receive vaccinations. Mr. Hall said the CHEE team will be able to be on-site for summer festivals for the first time since the pandemic began. |
| Open Public Comment | None presented. |
| Adjournment | Mr. Friesen requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mason made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Dossett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. |

Michael Friesen, Chairperson

Joel McCullough, MD, MPH, MS, Secretary

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