



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
650 Newtown Pike
August 8, 2022
5:45 p.m.

	<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Dr. Dossett, Dr. Feld, Mr. Friesen, Dr. Gomez, Dr. Hood, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, Councilmember Reynolds, Dr. Riley, and Dr. Zimmerman.</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Council.</p>
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Foley called the roll. A quorum was declared. Mr. Cornett and Dr. Mason were excused.
Request for Approval: July 11, 2022, Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The July 11, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Dossett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Request for Approval: Tax Rate Resolution and Finance Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cara Kay presented information on the tax rate resolution. We are subject to a compensating tax rate. At a future time, we could present a request for the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) and the city council for a higher rate, but we are recommending accepting the compensating tax rate this year, which is 2.6 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed property values. • Dr. Zimmerman made a motion that the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Board of Health adopt the draft resolution establishing the 2022 public health tax rate, as presented in its entirety, as a final resolution of the Board of Health. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. • Cara Kay presented the finance report. The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) ended FY22 with \$6.2 million in surplus. We had \$34 million cash in the bank, which will help with the retirement liability and future department activities. For the COVID-19 response, we had a \$1.4 million response-to-date deficit. We continue to receive reimbursements for response expenses. • The RFP for the commissioner search was re-issued yesterday. It will close on August 24. A special finance committee meeting will open the bids and a second special meeting on August 25 will be held to review the bids and select a vendor. • The finance committee has voted to allow LFCHD to continue to offer comp time through the end of the current quarter and to review comp time

Request for Approval: Appointment of Interim Board of Health Secretary	<p>on a quarterly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson said the board would consider a motion to appoint an interim secretary for the board. Mr. Friesen made a motion that the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Board of Health authorize Jessica Cobb to act as Interim Secretary for the Board of Health, and to perform all duties of that office until the board appoints a new commissioner of health. Dr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Harm Reduction Program Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill Keys introduced John Moses who serves as team leader for the LFCHD harm reduction program. Mr. Moses has been with the department nearly 18 years and has worked in the harm reduction program since its inception. Mr. Moses thanked Ms. Keys and invited Board of Health members to visit the program. • The LFCHD harm reduction program is funded through seven grants and other allocations. The program provides compassionate and non-judgmental harm reduction services. In addition to the team leaders, the staff includes two nurse specialists, two client support specialists, and one PRN nurse. • Harm reduction is defined as a set of practical strategies that reduce negative consequences associated with drug misuse. Our program includes a Needle Exchange Program (NEP), which provides free sterile needles and syringes and collects used needles and syringes for proper disposal. Syringe exchange programs have been shown to reduce transmission of bloodborne pathogens, including HIV, HBV, and HCV. • NEP services grew in Kentucky in response to the 2014-2015 HIV outbreak in Austin, Indiana, which was the worst in U.S. history, with over 220 cases in a town with a population of 4,200. Infections were spread primarily through shared needles. The CDC conducted an analysis and identified 54 counties in Kentucky that are vulnerable to rapid dissemination of HIV/HCV infections among people who inject drugs. This analysis showed it is a regional issue, which led to an increase in syringe exchange and other harm reduction programs. • LFCHD harm reduction services also include naloxone training and distribution, HIV and hepatitis C testing and treatment referral, referrals for substance misuse treatment, inter-personal violence, and homelessness. Services also include vaccinations, a sharing shelf, mobile services, and access to the garden at LFCHD. • Access to syringe exchange programs can help prevent HIV and hepatitis C infections, resulting in significant savings in medical care costs. The lifetime cost of one HIV infection ranges from \$400-\$600 thousand dollars and lifetime costs for one hepatitis C case can exceed \$100 thousand dollars. • The LFCHD NEP began September 4, 2015. From that date until June 30, 2022, the program has had: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 7,268 unique participants ○ 81,290 total visits ○ 3,199,200 needles received ○ 3,650,014 needles distributed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 87.6% of distributed needles returned ○ 470 on-site referrals to treatment ○ 1,705 HIV tests ○ 785 hepatitis C tests ○ 13,622 naloxone kits distributed ● The LFCHD harm reduction program is open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mondays: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ○ Wednesdays: 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. ○ Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Interim CAO Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jessica Cobb introduced Dee Hogston, our new Human Resources Officer (HRO). The board welcomed Ms. Hogston. ● Jessica Cobb presented the following interim CAO report: <p>PH Clinic Staff supported the Kentucky Covid-19 Vaccine Extravaganza event at UK on July 29-30 in Kroger Stadium’s Green Lot. LFCHD staff and Medical Reserve Corps staff gave 268 vaccinations (208 Booster, 51 first doses, and 6 second doses). Those vaccinated included 159 adults and 106 children and our staff also provided \$25 gift cards for those who were vaccinated.</p> <p>Clinical Services Officer, Jill Keys was selected by the Association of Immunization Managers and CDC as the Immunization Champion for the State of Kentucky and she will be recognized by Kentucky Department for Public Health at the Rural Health Conference on November 16-17.</p> <p>HANDS Team Leader, Teresa Lakin participated in a panel to discuss her experience in building resiliency in families and young children through our HANDS program. LFCHD has partnered with the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky to bring the Bounce Coalition from Louisville to provide educational services and resources working with Southern Elementary School here in Fayette County. The program seeks to identify children experiencing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and train the adults, parents, and caregivers supporting these children to build resiliency and create a stable and nurturing relationship with adults to allow children to bounce back from adversity more quickly.</p> <p>(Examples of ACEs: Physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, mental illness in the home, divorce or parental separation, and substance abuse) Increased number of ACEs leads to greater risk for chronic disease, mental illness, violence, and a victim of violence. ACEs have lifelong effects on health and overall success and well-being. There are steps we can take to reduce the impact of ACEs so that Kentuckians grow up healthy and strong. Specifically with the intervention in the elementary age group in other counties has shown to improve attendance, decrease behavioral issues, and improve test scores.</p> <p>Jessica Cobb selected for Kentucky Enhancing Excellence in PH Leadership 10-month program consisting of 3 in-person leadership retreats and 6 monthly</p>


virtual sessions. 36 participants were selected for the initial cohort from local and state public health leaders from all over Kentucky. The program seeks to empower participants to be more visible in governmental public health, expand access to key networking opportunities for participants, enhancing participant personal leadership identity, and developing peer support network connections.

Covid-19 Update


- As of this Monday August 8th we reported 810 new cases for July 30-August 5 and our 7-day average stands at 116 cases per day. This brings our total cases since the beginning of the pandemic to 108,492 and the number of deaths to 646 as of this morning.
- Currently our Community Level is High and the recommendations for that level are to wear a mask indoors in public, stay up to date with covid-19 vaccines, get tested if you have symptoms, and those with high risk for severe illness may want to consider additional precautions. According to the CDC site last updated on Thursday, August 4th, Our county case rate per 100,000 population is 254.06, the new covid admissions per 100,000 population is 21.1, and the % of staffed inpatient beds in use by covid-19 patients is 6.2%. The positivity rate for covid-19 testing as of August 1st, was 16.11% which represents a decrease of 1.97% change in the last 7 days.
- Fayette County remains the top county in Kentucky for vaccinated individuals as 79% of our population has had at least 1 dose. When looking at vaccination data, the 0-4 age category is just getting started with only 2% having received their first dose. In looking at the 5-11 age group, there is a smaller uptake than in older children with only 24% of the population vaccinated with their first dose. The 12-15 and 16-17yo age groups are doing well with 49 and 53% respectively receiving their first dose. The second dose numbers for those 2 age groups are pretty static; however, there is a large drop off with only 9 and 12% receiving their booster. The 5-11yo age group was approved back in May to receive a booster 5 months after completing their initial series.
- As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, we want to ensure all employees are taking measures to protect themselves as much as possible. After a discussion with interim Medical Director Dr. Steve Davis to discuss the increase of cases with new variants, the ease of transmission and additional protection to high-risk people, starting Aug. 9, masks will be required in the following areas (new areas are in bold):
 - In patient care areas when employees are face to face with patients (without glass barrier present)
 - Offsite vaccine clinics, including vaccination of homebound patients
 - School Health settings when patients are present in Health Room

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HANDS visit settings when patients are present ○ Other school and community locations that employees visit on work time which require face coverings ○ Shared meeting areas (conference rooms, break rooms when not eating/drinking) where physical distancing of 3 feet or greater is not possible. <p>Monkeypox Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The monkeypox outbreak is continuing to expand across the US, with 7,510 cases reported as of August 4th. Kentucky still stands currently at 9 cases while there are 28,220 cases globally. The cases in Kentucky have either been in Jefferson County or closer to the Louisville area. The monkeypox virus is spreading through close intimate contact with someone who has monkeypox. ● Much like we experienced during the onset of covid-19, the guidance regarding Monkeypox vaccine has been changing and we have tried to do our best to change and communicate accurately with the community. We have begun to offer Monkeypox vaccine appointments in our public health clinic for individuals to receive Jynneos vaccine for PEP++ on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The number to call for appointments is 859-899-2222. Those appointments are being offered on a same day schedule and we are currently able to offer around 30 appointments each day. We still have doses reserved for post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) but are planning to hold a larger clinic later in the week of the 15th that we will begin advertising later this week. We have also shared doses with another vaccine provider able to receive the vaccine and have been in contact with a couple additional clinics in the community who are working through the process with the state immunization branch to be approved soon.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive: Dr. Jackson said Ms. Cobb covered committee topics in her report. Members of the executive committee conducted an informative post-employment interview with Dr. McCullough last Friday. ● Finance: The report was shared earlier in the meeting. ● Marketing/Branding: No report. ● Nominating/Bylaws: No report. ● Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. ● Policy/Protocol: No report. ● Ad-Hoc committee: The committee will commence meeting after an executive search firm has been selected.
Communications Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kevin Hall presented the LFCHE Communications report. We are making plans for the annual free flu shot clinic and will share a “save the date” when more information is available. We are promoting back-to-school vaccinations. Everyone who gets a COVID-19 vaccination will receive a \$25 gift card, while supplies last. The annual low-cost rabies vaccination clinic will be held September 8 at the Tates Creek

	<p>Aquatic Center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson said we received an anonymous complaint. The HRO and Jason Ams are going to investigate and report back to the board.
Open Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None presented.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackson requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Feld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



 Rodney A. Jackson, Chairperson



 Jessica Cobb, Interim Secretary