



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting
650 Newtown Pike
November 14, 2022
5:45 p.m.

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| | <p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Allen-Bryant, Mr. Cornett, Dr. Dossett, Dr. Feld, Mr. Friesen, Dr. Gomez, Dr. Hood, Mr. Jabbour, Dr. Jackson, and Dr. Mason.</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 5:52 p.m. |
| Roll Call | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Foley called the roll. A quorum was declared. Councilmember Reynolds, Dr. Riley, and Dr. Zimmerman were excused. ECU nursing students were in attendance. The board members introduced themselves. |
| Request for Approval: October 10, 2022, Minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The October 10, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Hood made a motion to approve the minutes. Leah Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. |
| Community Health Assessment Update Presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Cobb introduced Christy Nentwick, the LFCHD Project Coordinator, to present an update on the Community Health Assessment (CHA). We have around fifty community partners, including hospitals. We hope to publish the CHA by April 2023. The survey is completed and community conversations have been held. LFCHD epidemiology staff have completed the community health status process. The survey is hosted inside the RedCAP program. Hardcopies of the survey with pre-paid mailers have been distributed. The survey is available in four languages. Community partners are sharing the flyers and postcards in as many community locations as possible. Christina King designed the postcard and Baptist Health paid for them. Table tents, emails, and social media posts will also be used. • Community conversations are focus groups with local communities. We have completed conversations with the Health Equity Network, Black Pride Lexington, local nurses and medical providers, and Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC). Conversations are scheduled with local college and university students as well as LFCHD staff. Additional community conversations are being scheduled. The same eight questions are used for all conversations and responses are collected anonymously. Ms. Nentwick will email the questions to board members for responses. She encouraged all to answer as a community member. • Next steps include a local public health system assessment, community survey analysis, document development, and strategic planning. The next Lex-CHIP strategic planning meeting is scheduled for January. |

Interim CAO Report

- Jessica Cobb presented the following interim CAO report:

Covid-19 Update

- As of Monday November 14th, we reported 220 new cases for October 29-Nov 11 and our 7-day average stands at 31 cases per day. This brings our total cases since the beginning of the pandemic to 116,033 and the number of deaths to 686 as of Monday.
- Currently our Community Level is Medium and the recommendations for that level are to 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 such as wearing a mask in indoor settings. According to the CDC site last updated on Thursday, November 10, our county case rate per 100,000 population is 66.22 the new covid admissions per 100,000 population is 11.5, and the % of staffed inpatient beds in use by covid-19 patients is 3%. The positivity rate for covid-19 testing as of November 9, was 6.28% which represents a decrease of 1.48% change in the last 7 days.
- Fayette County remains the top county in Kentucky for vaccinated individuals as 81% of our population has had at least 1 dose. When looking at vaccination data, the 0-4 age category has only 11% having received their first dose. In looking at the 5-11 age group, there is a smaller uptake than in older children with only 46% of the population vaccinated with their first dose. The 12-15 and 16-17yo age groups are doing well with 75 and 80% respectively receiving their first dose. The second dose numbers for those 2 age groups are 63 and 67% respectively; however, there is a large drop off with only 23 and 41% receiving their booster. The 5-11yo age group was approved back in May to receive a booster 5 months after completing their initial series.

Influenza

The current flu case count is **150** cases. We reported 115 cases to DPH this week and they added 5 more cases that had been directly reported to them. KDPH also reported on Friday that Influenza Activity Level is Widespread (the highest rating level). Across the state, the greatest amount of cases are in children ages 1-10 followed by those 11-20. Cases have really spiked during the last MMWR week from 10/30-11/5 and we saw many area schools close for one or more days attributing the closures to high numbers of flu cases.

Here are a few notes regarding the 145 cases that were reported to us:

- Cases range in age from 9 months to 101 years old.
- All cases were PCR positive for Influenza A
 - 25 subtyped to H3N2
 - 3 subtyped to H1N1
- 10 cases (7% of cases) were flu vaccinated this season

Although flu is not as contagious as COVID, wearing a mask, social distancing, practicing good hand washing, and refraining from touching your nose and mouth can help to protect you from the flu.

RSV

There has been an ongoing problem with RSV cases spiking in young children. RSV mimics cold-like symptoms but can cause serious complications in infants, young children and older adults. The infection is contagious and often spreads in schools, daycares and other public spaces with constant interactions. Babies and people with compromised immune systems can even continue spreading the virus for 4 weeks.

EBOLA:

- We are currently monitoring **ONE** traveler with a recent trip to Uganda. She visited an outbreak area within Uganda and is considered medium risk.

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics

The newly approved COVID-19 boosters and flu shots are available in our Public Health Clinic with same day appointments offered Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Monkeypox Update

The monkeypox outbreak is continuing to expand across the US, with 28,881 cases reported as of November 11. Kentucky stands currently at 74 cases while there are 78,278 cases globally. The monkeypox virus is spreading through close intimate contact with someone who has monkeypox. We currently have one suspect and 10 probable cases in Fayette County and the state is reporting the numbers by county on their website and updating each week on Thursday. There are currently 17 counties with at least 1 case. We have the most cases besides Jefferson (42) and most of the other counties reporting cases have one case. The cases in Kentucky are following similar patterns to the national data in that the cases are predominantly male (only one female; however, that person reported sexual contact with a bisexual partner); the cases are also disproportionately impacting African American and (32%) and Multiracial populations (22%).

Vacancy Update

Katrina Drake has resigned her position with the health department. The officers have been meeting to determine coverage in the interim and hiring for the position. The coverage for duties in the interim is:

- Compliance issues will be handled by Dee in the interim.
- Facilities will report to Matthew and Cara will have oversight of their operations.
- Cara will act as the Records Custodian for records requests.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica will provide oversight to policy management activities in the interim. • Jill and Cara will provide oversight to the Quality Assurance Audit process. • IT and HR are taking on more of the building security issues like badge access, electronic door locks, and building camera access. • Previously Compliance/HR received reports from the Speak Up Line so Jill and Cara have been added to that. <p>We are working on reviewing the job description and once that is finalized the position will be posted for recruitment.</p> <p>Dr. Steven Stack Visit We had a wonderful visit with Dr. Stack on Thursday, November 3rd and staff enjoyed the opportunity to speak with him. Special thanks to Mr. Jabbour for joining us along with Executive Committee members Dr. Jackson and Mr. Cornett who were also able to interact with Dr. Stack during his visit. Dr. Stack will also be joining the 1/17 town hall meeting for an opportunity to meet with staff virtually.</p> <p>EA Winter Event Our Employee Association is hard at work planning for our winter event staff meeting. The Event will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at the Round Barn at Red Mile and we will share details with the BOH as they are available in case members would like to attend.</p> |
| Committee Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Dr. Jackson reported J. Cobb covered committee topics in the CAO report. • Finance: Mr. Cornett introduced Cara Kay to provide September financials. C. Kay reported a year-to-date report a deficit of \$3.3 million compared to a budgeted deficit of \$3.1 million. Tax funds should come in November. Year-to-date revenues were 65% of plan, while operating expenses were 86% of plan. The current cash account balance of \$30.97 million was up from \$24.22 million this time last year. • Marketing/Branding: Dr. Gomez reported she will assist with sharing the survey. She recommended LFHCD develop messaging regarding Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). • Nominating/Bylaws: No report. • Program Outcomes/Evaluation: No report. • Policy/Protocol: No report. • Ad-Hoc committee: Dr. Jackson reported a candidate was in town for meetings and a site visit. |
| 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. Hood made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. |



Rodney A. Jackson, Chairperson



Jessica Cobb, Interim Secretary