

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Health Meeting 650 Newtown Pike April 10, 2023 5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kacy Allen-Bryant, Jack Cornett, Dr. Lee Dossett, Dr. Hartley Feld, Mike Friesen, Dr. Maria Gomez, Mayor Linda Gorton, Dr. Gregory Hood, Majd Jabbour, Dr. Rodney Jackson, Dr. Leah Mason, Councilmember Jennifer Reynolds, Dr. Elizabeth Riley, and Dr. Jason Zimmerman. OTHERS PRESENT: LFCHD Staff, LFCHD Counsel.
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	• Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.
Roll Call	 Ms. Foley called the roll. Attendance was as recorded above. A quorum was declared. Dr. Jackson led attendees through a moment of silence in support of those affected by the violence in Louisville, Kentucky that occurred earlier in the day. Dr. Mason made a motion to modify the agenda, due to time constraints. Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Request for Approval: March 13, 2022 Minutes	• The March 13, 2023 Board of Health (BOH) meeting minutes were considered. Dr. Hood made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Gomez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award	 Dr. Jackson read the nomination of Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, MD, MPH, for the 2023 Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero Award. The nomination included an overview of Dr. Humbaugh's public health service. He served as Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) Commissioner of Health from 2016 through his retirement in 2022. His nominator stated that, "through his insightful and epidemiologically based leadership, Dr. Humbaugh ensured LFCHD staff were able to provide the community the latest guidance and disease information and support" and that Dr. Humbaugh is, "the epitome of a public health hero." Dr. Jackson introduced Dr. Humbaugh as the recipient of the Dr. Rice C. Leach Public Health Hero award. Dr. Humbaugh thanked Dr. Jackson for the kind words. He said it was wonderful to be back at the health department and in Lexington and to see everyone. He is very appreciative of Mayor Gorton, the Board of Health, the city council, and the department for this award. He said being the commissioner was one of the toughest, but also most gratifying, phases of his career. He views this award as affirmation of our mission, "helping Lexington be well." During his time as commissioner, the public came to

	understand the importance of public health and its functions better. He offered sincere thanks to the stellar LFCHD staff, the supportive board and mayor, the city council, his friends at the state health department and other public health advocates across the state, our legal counsel, and our engaged community partners. To all these, he will be forever grateful. Dr. Humbaugh said he was humbled and honored to receive the award. He said having known Dr. Leach personally makes the honor even more poignant. He said Dr. Leach was known for his maxims, one of which was "there is no such thing as a leak on <i>your</i> side of the canoe", so we are all in this together. Dr. Humbaugh encouraged us to continue to work together to make Lexington one of the healthiest communities in the nation. Mayor Gorton said she will forever be grateful to Dr. Humbaugh. On March 6, 2020 she and Dr. Humbaugh led a press conference following the announcement of the first COVID-19 case in Lexington. Mayor Gorton said Dr. Humbaugh was professional and wonderful and she felt bonded to him from that moment, and ever since. He helped her stand up the healthcare stakeholder group, which continues to meet. The collaborations and sharing of ideas among physicians, clinic leaders, and health partners throughout the community also continues. Mayor Gorton presented Dr. Humbaugh with a special key to the city of Lexington, along with her sincere thanks. Applause and appreciation for Dr. Humbaugh were shared by all.
Public Comment	None presented. Dr. Mason made a motion that the Board of Health move into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.878 subsections (c), (f) and (k) to discuss: proposed or anticipated litigation against the Health department; discussions which may lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee where general personnel matters are not discussed; and to conduct a meeting that federal and state law specifically requires to be conducted in privacy, specifically federal and state laws regarding investigations of personnel complaints. Non-members Jason Ams and Phillip Scott will attend as counsel for the Board to provide legal advice on the topics to be discussed. Mr. Friesen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Scott White, who identified himself as a member of the public, lodged an objection to the Board of Health going into executive session with what he described as a general statement as to the basis. He said he did not need to be heard, but needed to lodge the objection. The board entered closed session at 6:20 p.m. Dr. Mason made a motion to exit closed session. Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board exited closed session at 7:02 p.m. Dr. Jackson announced no action was taken by the board during closed session.
Committee Reports	• Executive: Dr. Jackson said there was no formal report at this time. Dr. Mason noted the commissioner's report was stricken from the agenda because no report was submitted. Dr. Jackson requested a volunteer to serve as interim secretary of the board, whose duties include signing approved minutes. Dr. Mason graciously offered and accepted to serve as interim secretary.

	 Finance: Mr. Cornett invited Cara Kay to present the committee report. Ms. Kay reported February financials. We had a year-to-date surplus of \$5 million compared to a budgeted surplus of just under \$4 million. We have about \$2.40 million in capital expenditures in the budget that may be moved to the next fiscal year. The current cash account balance was \$39 million and we are near plan on revenue and expenses. Phase one of the mold remediation process was completed. The next phase will include replacement of the ceiling, a new fire suppression system, new ductwork, and carpet replacement. Clinic renovations will include updating the three corridors of the clinic. The total will be around \$5 million dollars. We will bring the FY24 budget to the board in June. We are moving forward with an RFP for a payroll system vendor. Marketing and Branding: Dr. Gomez said the communication department has been selected as finalists for an award for our vaccine marketing campaign. We will know in about a month if we won the award. In April, we promoted national public health week and national minorities health month. The communications team is emphasizing these celebrations this month. Kevin Hall said LFCHD Team Leader Tara Mason has staff with "boots on the ground" to share information, including Diana Alonso and Coreise Johnson. April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. there will be a free diabetes expo at the University of Kentucky Fayette County Extension Office at 1140 Harry Sykes Way. Nancy Hiner, who has been with LFCHD for 20 years, has set a goal of having 500 attendees. K. Hall encouraged attendees to share information about this event to help boost attendance. Policy and Protocol: Dr. Mason noted that a meeting was scheduled, but Commissioner Owens-Collins withdrew her telework policy so the committee did not meet. Program Outcomes and Evaluation: no report
Adjournment	 Dr. Jackson requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hood made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Friesen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:16p.m.

Leah Mason, JD, Interim Secretary