



## **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Guy M. Tate Building  
Conference Room A/B**

**Present:** Yocunda Clayton, MD, Sylvie Stacy, MD, Hernando Carter, MD, Susan Walley, MD, and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

**Absent:** Kenny Murray, MD

**Others Present:** Mark Wilson, MD, David Hicks, DO, Kim Cason, Terrie Hartley, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., and Denisa Pridmore

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stacy, Chair.

Minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **September 2020 Financial Statements**

Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance, reviewed the September 2020 Financial Statements. Mr. Holmes answered questions from the Board.

### **Contracts**

On the motion of Commissioner Stephens, and seconded by Dr. Clayton, the following contracts were approved:

A new contract with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) (payee) to cover content development as part of the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant. UAB will supply a PhD student who will work with subject matter experts to develop curriculum; not to exceed \$32,000 from October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

A new contract with the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation, PC (The Workplace) (payee) to perform fitness for duty testing as part of the pre-employment screening process and for current employees in positions with physical requirements as needed at a rate of \$100 per agility test and \$40 per physical; not to exceed \$5,000 from October 12, 2020 through October 12, 2023.

An amendment to a contract with 3E Company Environmental, Ecological and Engineering (payee) for Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) management via an electronic inventory/database

as well as 24-hour chemical spill and poison control hotline access; not to exceed \$5,000 from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021.

An amendment to a contract with Fikes of Central Alabama, LLC (payee) to provide and maintain restroom drip sanitizers at all JCDH facilities. Amendment is to extend terms of agreement an additional two months; not to exceed \$7,448 from August 7, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

An amendment to a contract with Spec 9 Contract Flooring Group, LLC (payee) to provide flooring replacement services in clerical area in Central Health Center. Change order to extend project dates and decrease cost due to the purchase of materials and supplies; not to exceed \$22,571 from August 1, 2020 through June 1, 2021.

A new contract with A-1 Striping and Asphalt Maintenance, Inc. (payee) for restriping the parking lot at Western Health Center; not to exceed \$15,000 from October 1, 2020 through October 1, 2021.

A new contract with Stegall Mechanical, LLC (payee) to replace plumbing pipe in Dental Health Clinic at Guy M. Tate building; not to exceed \$19,500 from October 21, 2020 through April 21, 2021.

An amendment to a contract with NZS, Inc. (OneScreen) (payee) to provide two additional GoSafe temperature scanning devices; not to exceed \$5,967 from September 1, 2020 through June 8, 2021.

An amendment to a contract with Phreesia, Inc. (payee) for automated intake platform designed to engage patients and improve the efficiency of the medical record and clinical areas. Amendment to add a clinical expansion package in both English and Spanish to the existing services; not to exceed \$6,372 per month from August 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

A new contract with GoldenPoint Solutions, LLC (payee) to provide influenza medical laboratory services to uninsured Jefferson County residents at JCDH Annex testing site during COVID-19 pandemic at a rate of \$59 per influenza A/B test from October 26, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

A new contract with Compass Laboratory Services, LLC (payee) to provide influenza medical laboratory services to Jefferson County residents at Legion Field testing site during COVID-19 pandemic at a rate of \$60 per influenza A/B test and the influenza portion of the SARS-CoV2 w/influenza reflex test, respectively from October 26, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

Dr. Walley inquired about providing Tamiflu for positive influenza cases of uninsured Jefferson County residents who utilize these testing sites. Dr. Hicks will explore the possibility.

Renewal of a contract with Connection Health (payee) to provide community health worker services as a pilot program for infant mortality; not to exceed \$220,000 from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, pending Personnel Board approval.

A new contract with Cumulus Media, Inc. (payee) to provide advertising service for JCDH influenza and COVID-19, live stream on internet and commercials; not to exceed \$7,500 from October 27, 2020 through November 30, 2020.

A new contract with the Jefferson County Commission (payor) for a grant agreement to provide funding for expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act; not to exceed \$7,000,000 from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health-Center for Emergency Preparedness (payor) for a grant to support the Jefferson County Healthcare Coalition and other healthcare entities to prepare and respond to COVID-19; not to exceed \$100,000 from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health-Center for Emergency Preparedness (payor) to provide grant funds for JCDH all hazards at the local level; not to exceed \$301,931 from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

An amendment to a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to provide a foundation of monetary and technical support for sub-recipient to build programs, support systems and implement activities to address drug overdose. Amendment to extend the terms and increase funding; not to exceed \$895,000 from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health-Family Health Services (payor) to offset the cost of purchasing Family Planning non-surgical contraceptives to reduce unintended births among eligible, low-income women; not to exceed \$27,232 from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

## **Report of the Health Officer**

### **Follow-Up to Racism as a Public Health Issue**

Dr. Wilson stated that a meeting scheduled on November 6, 2020 with Walter Jackson, Deputy County Manager, Kenneth Coleman, Executive Director of the Birmingham Business Alliance, and two Board members was cancelled due to the resignation of Mr. Coleman. A representative from the business community will be identified and another meeting will be re-scheduled possibly on November 19, 2020.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Dr. Wilson reported that Jefferson County has seen an increase in new COVID-19 cases since the beginning of October with an average of 200 per day over the past week as compared to 100 per day the first week in October. Hospitals in Jefferson County reported a 72% increase in COVID-19 cases this week compared to October 1, 2020. Hospital COVID-19 bed capacity is reduced to less than 20%. Surge mode will soon need to be considered. CEO's of the local hospitals have resumed weekly calls with nursing staff being a main concern.

Community testing for COVID-19 remains stable. Dr. Wilson said the age distribution per population testing positive for COVID-19 revealed the highest number per capita rate is among the 20-29 age group, 30-39 is the next highest, 40-50 age group is next, children are under-represented per capita, the 60-70 age group is relatively low, and the over 80 age group is somewhat higher.

### **School Update**

Dr. Wilson stated that the local schools are doing relatively well with COVID-19 cases. ADPH hosts a dashboard of self-reported cases by school district. A few potential outbreaks have occurred and were related to activities outside of school.

### **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

Dr. Wilson reported that ADPH has published its statewide COVID-19 vaccination plan as requested by the federal government. The plan is posted on ADPH's website. Aspects of the plan include a three-phased approach to COVID-19 vaccination, provider recruitment and enrollment, and many additional sections pertaining to vaccine. The first phase for the potentially limited doses of vaccine will be targeted to those at highest risk and highest risk of exposure such as first responders and healthcare workers who care for those with critical needs.

Pfizer announced initial trial results showing 90 percent effectiveness for its COVID-19 vaccine earlier this week. Dr. Wilson said the results of the safety data are anticipated within the next couple of weeks.

### **Governor's Safer at Home Order**

Dr. Wilson noted that Governor Kay Ivey recently extended her Safer at Home Order that includes the statewide mask ordinance until December 11, 2020. Dr. Wilson discussed options at the Jefferson County local level if the governor does not extend the mask ordinance beyond that date. He encouraged the Board to share their opinions with him.

### **Hepatitis A Epidemic Update**

Dr. Wilson stated that Jefferson County is still part of an ongoing hepatitis A virus outbreak that involves several counties in Alabama, and we are continuing to see new cases at a rate that is concerning. As of November 10, 2020, there are 149 confirmed cases in the county with 54% being people who have used intravenous drugs and 68% experienced homelessness in the last two months. Over half of hepatitis A cases in Alabama have required hospitalization. JCDH has re-engaged its partners to ensure high-risk people have access to free vaccination.

### **Surge in Overdoses/JCDH Response**

Dr. Wilson reported that Dr. Darlene Traffanstedt, Family Planning Medical Director, has been doing a great deal of work connected with opioid/addiction. On-line video training for naloxone is now available on the JCDH website. Individuals may pick up a naloxone kit in the JCDH parking lot after completing the training.

JCDH recently made a request to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners which was approved for mail dispensing of naloxone kits after completion of the on-line training.

**ADPH Reporting**

Dr. Walley said Children's Hospital is experiencing issues with reporting Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19 to the ADPH dashboard. A suggestion was made for Dr. Walley to notify Dr. Karen Landers at ADPH.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room A/B. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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Susan Walley, MD, Secretary

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Sylvie Stacy, MD, Chair