



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

Via Telephone Conference

Present on call: Sylvie Stacy, MD, Hernando Carter, MD, Kenny Murray, MD, Susan Walley, MD, and Iris Fancher, MD

Absent: Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

Others Present

On Call: Mark Wilson, MD, David Hicks, DO, Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Denisa Pridmore, and Terrie Hartley

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.

Introduction of New Board of Health Member

Dr. Carter welcomed Dr. Iris Fancher to the Board of Health.

November 2020 Financial Statements

Dr. Carter noted that the November 2020 Financial Statements were included in the Board package. Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance, answered questions from the Board.

Board of Health Legal Responsibilities

David Maxey, Esq., legal counsel with Spain-Gillon, LLC, provided a summary of the Board of Health's legal obligations outlined in the Code of Alabama §22-3-2.

Contracts

On the motion of Dr. Walley, and seconded by Dr. Stacy, the following contracts were approved:

Renewal of a contract with Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC (payee) to provide financial statement audits for three years at an annual rate of \$55,000; not to exceed \$165,000 from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

Renewal of a contract with Southern Benefit Group, LLC (payee) to administer Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Account Plans for JCDH per administrative cost agreement of \$4.50 per participant from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

A new bid contract with Teklinks, Inc. d/b/a Spire Business (payee) to provide communication lines only to provide access to the Public Switched Network, internet access, and communication from remote offices to central locations, per bid #21-10-03. In addition, the data lines are to be configured in a Multi-Protocol Label Switching network at a rate of \$218,280 annually, including routers; not to exceed \$654,840 from December 14, 2020 through December 13, 2023.

A new contract with Midmark Corporation (payee) for software license, maintenance and support for IQvitals equipment. Vital sign equipment will be integrated with athenahealth electronic medical record for a one-time installation fee of \$350 and \$3,967.50 annual fee; not to exceed \$4,400 from November 19, 2020 through November 19, 2023.

An amendment to a contract with One Roof (payee) to provide staffing and supplies at quarantine site for persons experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County due to COVID-19 pandemic during the state of emergency. Amendment for contractor to provide shelter, including hotel or motel rooms, for homeless persons who test positive for COVID-19 and are unfit for group shelter at a rate of \$28,380 per month; not to exceed \$229,040 from May 5, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

An amendment to a contract with One Roof (payee), services noted above, to extend the term of the agreement from May 5, 2020 through April 30, 2021, with no changes to the contract amount.

An amendment to a contract with HWB Community Development Corporation (payee) to provide traffic control services at COVID-19 community test sites. The amendment extends the term of agreement from August 10, 2020 through April 30, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$190,000.

An amendment to a contract with Dr. Celeste Reese Willis Medical Group, LLC (payee) to provide COVID-19 community testing services at a minimum of five days per week and eight hours per day, or as mutually agreed upon. Amendment will extend terms of agreement from September 7, 2020 through April 30, 2021 for a rate not to exceed \$475,735.

An amendment to a contract with Birmingham Strong, LLC (payee) to provide traffic control services at COVID-19 test sites as mutually agreed upon and provide site setup and takedown services during COVID-19 pandemic. Amendment is to add additional COVID-19 test site for provision of traffic control services and site setup and takedown during COVID-19 pandemic; not to exceed \$7,000 from August 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

A new contract with Flash Forward Media, LLC (payee) to provide removal and full wrapping of elevators in all JCDH facilities; not to exceed \$4,500 from December 1, 2020 through March 1, 2021.

A new contract with Birmingham Broadcasting (WVTM TV), LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$20,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Rivera Communications, LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$5,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Birmingham Times Media Group, LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$10,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$20,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Summit Media Management, Inc. (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$10,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Courtney French Broadcasting, LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$10,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with iHeart Media Management Services, Inc. (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$10,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with CBS 42 News, Inc. (WIAT) (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$20,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Gray Media Group, Inc. d/b/a WBRC (TV) (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$20,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Cumulus Media, Inc. (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$10,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Alabama Media, LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$10,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Richardson Broadcasting Corporation (WJLD) (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$10,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Latino News, LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$5,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with First Impressions Marketing Group, LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$5,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Lamar Airport Advertising Company, Inc. (payee) to provide digital advertising at the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport pertaining to COVID-19 for an amount not to exceed \$4,750 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Lamar Alabama, Inc. (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 on the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (MAX) for an amount not to exceed \$4,320 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Lamar Alabama, Inc. (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 on billboards in Jefferson County for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with Townsquare Media Tuscaloosa, LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$25,000 from December 3, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

A new contract with NewSouth Outdoor, LLC (payee) to provide specific public health information pertaining to COVID-19 to the residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$5,000 from December 8, 2020 through January 20, 2021.

A new contract with BGrace Media, LLC (payee) to provide a 90-day messaging campaign to engage, empower and educate the community on COVID-19 and the vaccine for a rate not to exceed \$14,850 from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.

An amendment to a contract with Comfort Systems USA Midsouth, Inc. (payee) to replace one OEM unit program controller on Carrier heating, ventilation, and air conditioning chiller. Amendment is to extend term dates an additional two months; not to exceed \$10,000 from November 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

An amendment to a contract with Stegall Mechanical, LLC (payee) to replace additional pipes in the Dental Health area of the Guy Tate building, as well as connecting sinks to new sewer line, from October 21, 2020 through April 21, 2021 at a rate not to exceed \$8,566.

A new contract with Williams Scotsman, Inc. (payee) to provide two mobile offices for Pediatric COVID-19 testing clinic; not to exceed \$30,000 from December 4, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Renewal of a contract with Cathy D. Jones (payee) to provide administrative support services for JCDH at a rate of \$35 per hour; not to exceed \$14,999 from January 1, 2021 through July 1, 2021.

A new contract with Rock Creek Pharmacy, Inc. (payee) to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to JCDH employees with vaccine provided by JCDH for a rate of \$15 per vaccination from December 28, 2020 through December 28, 2023.

A new contract with Family Medical Services, Inc. (payee) to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to JCDH employees with vaccine provided by JCDH for a rate of \$15 per vaccination from December 28, 2020 through December 28, 2023.

Report of the Health Officer

COVID-19 Vaccination Effort

Dr. Wilson reported JCDH has received COVID-19 vaccine and JCDH frontline healthcare workers have been vaccinated. Since JCDH is in COVID-19 Incident Command the vaccine will be offered to all other staff, many of whom are helping out with pandemic efforts and are key to helping maintain operations. JCDH provided staff to help vaccinate employees at Children's of Alabama and Grandview Medical Center. A public vaccination clinic was held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Guy M. Tate Building where 200 people were vaccinated. A much larger vaccine effort is being planned for Monday, January 18, 2021 which is the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and will include those 75 years of age and older. One site will be located in the Guy M. Tate lobby area and another will be a drive-up site located in the northern part of Jefferson County.

Due to the large amount of telephone calls from the community requesting vaccine, a centralized call center was established at the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). Volunteers answer telephone calls and keep a list of the caller's name and contact information. An online self-registration website has also been established through the EMA. The unified call center will sort the lists by vaccine allocation phase and contact people in each phase when it is their time and there are opportunities for them to be vaccinated. By the end of this week Jefferson County will be caught up with immunizing healthcare workers in Phase 1a who had requested the vaccine. People that receive the initial dose of the vaccine at JCDH will be contacted with a time and place to receive their second dose. As of January 12, 2021 there were 7,000 individuals registered in the 75 and up age group and JCDH is ready to move forward vaccinating this group. Police officers and firefighters have begun getting vaccinated and should be completed in the next few days. University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital will be reaching out to their own patients 75 years of age and older to vaccinate and will also include Cooper Green Mercy Health Services patients. Other hospitals are vaccinating their own patients as well, which could mean some overlapping of vaccine appointments. JCDH is prioritizing our services and reallocating our resources to make vaccination our first priority. The limited vaccination supply is our main concern.

Dr. Wilson is starting to work with key community influencers to provide accurate information and address some myths regarding the COVID-19 vaccines, especially among the African American and Hispanic communities due to vaccine hesitancy and distrust. Information sessions will be conducted to include African American pastors and they will be asked to help us communicate with their congregants. We will also partner with other community influencers.

Racism as a Public Health Problem Resolution

Dr. Wilson stated his plans are to have the revised Racism as a Public Health Problem resolution ready for the February meeting. Input from the Jefferson County Manager's Office and the Birmingham Business Alliance has been taken into consideration to help revise the resolution and Dr. Wilson will aim to have the resolution back to the Board before the next meeting. An "opposite the editorial page" (op-ed) is also being considered for February to coincide with Black History Month.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room A/B or via telephone conference (announcement will be made prior to the meeting date.) There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Iris Fancher, MD, Secretary

Approved:

Hernando Carter, MD, Chair