



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.
Guy M. Tate Building
Conference Room A/B

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

Absent: Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

Others Present: Mark Wilson, MD, David Hicks, DO, Rodney Holmes, Jason Howanitz, Senitra Blackburn, Natalie Clements, Chris Osborne, Jonathan Stanton, 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 April 14, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

Women, Infants and Children Program

Natalie Clements, Nutrition Services Coordinator, gave an overview of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program). She reported that WIC is a federally funded program administered to all states and counties to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk.

Ms. Clements said women who are pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding, infants, and children up to age 5 who meet certain requirements are eligible for the program. Additionally, the applicant must be individually determined to be at-risk nutritionally and have medically-based risks. WIC also promotes breastfeeding to WIC prenatal patients and WIC mothers are provided with support through education and counseling. She stated WIC approved food purchases can now be made using an electronic WIC card instead of paper vouchers.

Ms. Clements provided informational handouts and answered questions from the Board.

April 2021 Financial Statements

Dr. Carter noted that the April 2021 Financial Statements were included in the Board package. Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance, reviewed the financial statements.

Contracts

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

A new contract with Chem-Aqua, Inc. (payee) to provide water treatment services to cooling towers at each JCDH health center for a rate of \$520.83 monthly and not to exceed \$6,250 from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

A new contract with Brand Resource, Inc. d/b/a Signage (payee) to provide and install signage at the Guy M. Tate building for a rate not to exceed \$6,000 from April 5, 2021 through April 5, 2022.

A new contract with Birchfield, Penuel & Associates (payee) to provide design services for interior modifications to the JCDH Annex building for a rate not to exceed \$250,000 from April 8, 2021 until completion.

A new contract with Birchfield, Penuel & Associates (payee) to provide design services for replacement of two existing emergency generators with one new single generator for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from April 8, 2021 until completion.

The following new contracts to provide security services for JCDH at the FEMA Community Vaccination Center at WaterMark Place at a rate of \$45 per hour; not to exceed \$10,000, from April 18, 2021 through July 1, 2021:

Michael Keith Steele, Marlon Cole, Christopher Selman, Calvin J. Avery, Byron Jackson, Gregory Edge, Zedric Perdue, Hishmhael Samuel Ladouceur, Michael Bishop, Jr., Jordan Agee, Gary Carmichael, Gordon Nichols, and Douglas Bessant.

A new contract with Summit Media, LLC (payee) to provide educational and promotional radio commercials to inform the public about Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event on April 24, 2021 for a rate not to exceed \$2,400 from March 25, 2021 through April 23, 2021.

A new contract with Rivera Communications (payee) to provide educational and promotional radio commercials to inform the public about Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event on April 24, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$502.50 from March 24, 2021 through April 24, 2021.

A new contract with KJM Consulting, Inc. (payee) to provide logistics equipment and labor support services for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) COVID-19 vaccination site located in Bessemer, Alabama for a rate of \$93,637 per week for eight weeks and not to exceed \$749,096 from April 9, 2021 through June 21, 2021.

An amendment to the KJM Consulting, Inc. contract listed above for additional equipment and services for an amount of \$2,926 per week for eight weeks for \$23,408 and total amount of contract not to exceed \$772,504 from April 9, 2021 through June 21, 2021.

A new contract with WaterMark Place – Birmingham, LLC (payee) to provide facility rental and services for a FEMA COVID-19 vaccination site located in Bessemer, Alabama for an amount not to exceed \$322,570.01 from April 9, 2021 through June 21, 2021.

An amendment to the WaterMark Place – Birmingham, LLC contract listed above for additional equipment (utility golf carts) for the amount of \$2,880 additional cost and total amount of contract not to exceed \$325,450.01 from April 9, 2021 through June 21, 2021.

A new contract with Regional Paramedical Services, Inc. (payee) to provide advanced life support unit at FEMA Bessemer COVID-19 vaccination site at a rate of \$125 per hour; not to exceed \$7,000 per week, from April 21, 2021 through June 21, 2021.

A new contract with BGrace Media (payee) to assist JCDH with a comprehensive marketing campaign to inform Jefferson County residents of the availability of COVID-19 vaccine, a mask recommendation and mandate for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from April 9, 2021 through July 9, 2021. Chris Osborne, Public Relations Manager, gave a brief overview of advertising efforts to reach residents about COVID-19 vaccine availability, specifically in underserved communities and areas.

Renewal of a contract with Competitive Solutions, Inc. (payee) for access to a Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist Liaison to assist with Peer RX, an online platform for peer suppliers and peer consumers for a \$1,190 one-time fee and \$129 per participating entity per month from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

An amendment to a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to scale up HIV Prevention in the Sexual Health Clinic in offering pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPEP), strengthening clinic and laboratory capacity for recommended follow-up visit and optimizing linkage to retention in a re-engagement with HIV medical care. Amendment is required for funding reallocation that includes the authorization to reimburse JCDH for staff fringe benefits for an amount not to exceed \$393,831 from April 5, 2021 through July 31, 2021.

An amendment to a contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payor) to extend the term and additional funding for the Alabama/North Carolina Regional STD/HIV Training Center for an amount not to exceed \$47,459 from April 1 2020 through March 31, 2022.

A new contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) for JCDH to provide administration and coordination with ADPH on all aspects of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Disease (ELC) Enhanced Detection Expansion cooperative agreement (ELC COVID-19 EDE) for a rate not to exceed \$28,254,964.33 from January 15, 2021 through July 31, 2023.

A new contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to reimburse JCDH for services performed and expenses incurred by JCDH in preparation for and participation in one Community Vaccination Clinic to be held in Bessemer, Alabama for a rate not to exceed \$2,600,000 from April 12, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Title V Permit Fees

Dr. Wilson said the following resolution is to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Title V permit fees for Major Source Operating Permit Fees. The rate has increased from last year's fee of \$97 per ton to \$98 per ton. Jason Howanitz, Sr. Air Pollution Control Engineer, gave a brief overview of the Title V Program. He noted that permit fees are necessary to properly fund the Title V program. The Board was in agreement the fee increase was appropriate. On the motion of Dr. Walley, and seconded by Dr. Stacy, the follow resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Air Act and the Jefferson County Board of Health Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations require that the Title V operating permit program fees be established to adequately fund the Title V operating permit program's responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, that the Title V permit fees may be used only for the Title V permit program; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that for Fiscal Year 2021, Title V permit fee revenues, based on a fee of \$98 per ton will adequately fund the **direct** and **indirect** expenses of the Title V permit program for fiscal year 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDAINED, ORDERED AND ENACTED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT:

Title V Operating Permit fees will be assessed at the rate of \$98 per ton for the release of each ton of regulated pollutant as specified in Chapter 16 of the Jefferson County Board of Health Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations for calendar year 2020 emissions, which fees will be payable in fiscal year 2021.

Report of the Health Officer

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Wilson reported that the seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases in Jefferson County is forty-two new cases per day and the percent positivity rate was at 3.3% at the end of last week. Last month the age group with the highest positive cases per capita was the ten to nineteen year olds but those numbers have decreased. Ages twenty to forty-nine are still represented more than other age groups. Vaccination rates show 36.1% of the Jefferson County population ages sixteen and over are fully vaccinated and 46.1% have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Only 29.1% of the overall population in Jefferson County have been fully vaccinated.

JCDH Vaccination Efforts

Dr. Wilson stated the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met today and recommended going forward with vaccinations for twelve to fifteen year olds. The majority of COVID-19 vaccination sites in Jefferson County will begin vaccinating that age group tomorrow.

Dr. Wilson said the number of people being vaccinated at mass vaccination sites are starting to diminish due to more vaccine availability at private medical offices, community health centers, and pharmacies. The Alabama National Guard (ANG) has deployed vaccinators to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) site located in Bessemer. Due to decreased numbers at that site the ANG is allowing "strike teams" to go into local businesses to do targeted vaccinations. They also went on-site to a local high school. Under the direction of JCDH, the ANG will continue to allow the team to do targeted vaccinations at places of employment, community events, and larger churches through the first week of July.

Jefferson County Unified Command

Dr. Wilson announced that effective Monday, May 17, 2021, JCDH and the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency will demobilize the Jefferson County Unified Command that was established for COVID-19 pandemic response.

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program

Dr. Wilson reported the Department hosted two workshops for community stakeholders on the Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) in April 2021. A follow up meeting is being planned with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital to talk about taking the program to the next level. The HVIP is an evidence-based program that identifies people hospitalized with violence-related injuries such as gunshot wounds, and links them with community-based resources aimed at addressing underlying risk factors for violence and reducing repeat acts of violence.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Dr. Wilson stated The Household Hazardous Waste Day event held on April 24, 2021 was very successful. Preliminary counts show 1,243 vehicles came through the three sites located in Gardendale, Bessemer, and Irondale.

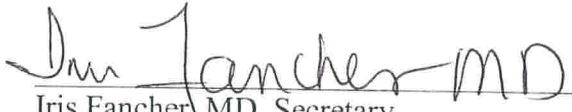
Variable Holiday


Dr. Wilson asked the Board for consideration in awarding eligible JCDH employees an extra variable holiday effective for fiscal year 2022 as a token of appreciation for the work performed the past year. The holiday schedule resolution will be presented during the August 2021 Board meeting but he would like to inform employees prior to that time. The Board was in agreement for Dr. Wilson to announce the extra variable holiday to employees.

Financial Incentives for Vaccination

Dr. Wilson noted as the demand for COVID-19 vaccine decreases, some states, cities and businesses are offering incentives to get more people vaccinated. He asked for the Board’s consideration on financial incentives for targeted groups, such as teenagers and those in their twenties, and at specific community events. The Board agreed to explore the idea of financial incentives if needed for an extra push in getting people vaccinated.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room A/B. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Iris Fancher, MD, Secretary

Approved: 
Hernando Carter, MD, Chair

