



## JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, March 11, 2015- 5:00 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room

**PRESENT:** Steven Kulback, M.D., Jennifer R. Dollar, M.D., Nicole Redmond, M.D., Ph.D., MPH, Max Michael, III, M.D., and Joshua Miller, D.O.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

**OTHERS** Mark Wilson, M.D., Kirsten Bryant, Kim Cason, Carolyn Dobbs, M.D.,

**PRESENT:** David Hicks, D.O., Heather Hogue, PharmD, Ed Khan, M.D., Judy Madison, Stephen Mallard, M.D., Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Angela May, Jonathan Stanton, and Denisa Pridmore

### Clinical Services

Stephen Mallard, M.D., Medical Director of Pediatrics in Clinical Services, gave an overview of the Clinical Services division. JCDH went live with the electronic medical record in 2000 and since that time has over 630,000 unique patients registered in the electronic medical record. Since FY 2008, JCDH has consolidated its seven health centers to four health centers. He shared statistics on the provider's productivity and how it is calculated at JCDH.

David Hicks, D.O., Medical Director of Adult Health/Family Planning in Clinical Services, discussed the Department's Graduate Education programs that include the UAB Pediatric Residency Program, UAB Nurse Practitioner Clerkship, and the McWhorter School of Pharmacy Residency Program. He stated the programs are mutually beneficial to our partners as well as the JCDH clinicians. Dr. Hicks reviewed JCDH's internal quality control measures.

Angela May, Clinical Nursing Director, distributed a copy of the patient satisfaction survey that health center patients are asked to complete. Ms. May reviewed the results for each category and reported a 96% overall satisfaction rate.

### Call to Order

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

### Minutes

Minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **Financial Statement**

Ms. Judy Madison, Chief Accountant, discussed the February 2015 Financial Report.

A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded and approved.

### **Contracts**

On the motion of Dr. Michael, and seconded by Dr. Kulback, the following contracts were approved:

A new contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham for UAB to allow its Institutional Review Board (IRB) to serve as IRB of record for research conducted at JCDH under the direction of UAB Principal Investigators with no funds involved from February 1, 2015 through February 1, 2016.

A new contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payor) for a subcontract between JCDH and UAB for "Birmingham REACH for Better Health" CDC grant for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 from October 1, 2014 through September 29, 2015.

### **Board's Self-Evaluation Summary**

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement, reviewed the Board's 2014 Self-Evaluation results. Surveys were received from four of six Board members. Ms. Manzella provided a comparison of survey results from 2013 with the 2014 results showing overall improvements. The Board members discussed the lowest scoring items and provided clarifications on some matters. A decision was made to expand the next survey to a 7-point scale. Ms. Manzella encouraged the Board members to offer comments on their surveys and to let Dr. Wilson know if they have any concerns throughout the year.

### **Health Officer Report**

#### **Board of Health Presentations on Legal Issues**

Dr. Wilson noted one of the comments from the Board's Self-Evaluation was for David Maxey, the Department's legal counsel, to provide information on applicable laws/regulations concerning governing entities and accrediting/licensing agencies. Dr. Wilson asked the Board for guidance since this covers a broad range. Mr. Maxey will plan to provide a presentation within the next couple of months.

#### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Wilson reported that Representative Allen Treadaway introduced a bill in the legislative session yesterday that would authorize a physician or dentist to prescribe an opioid antagonist to an individual at risk of experiencing an overdose or to an individual who is in a position to assist another individual at risk of experiencing an overdose. The bill also offers limited immunity from prosecution for people who seek emergency medical assistance for someone experiencing an overdose. The bill will go to the House Health Committee for consideration.

Dr. Wilson stated the Alabama Pharmacy Association is sponsoring a bill for collaborative drug therapy management agreements with physicians to help improve patient outcomes through an approved protocol to monitor and adjust medications and educate patients. Dr.

Wilson stated from a public health standpoint this would be helpful in areas with limited access to physicians.

Dr. Wilson noted that Governor Robert Bentley is making a proposal to the Legislature to raise state taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products in order to increase revenue.

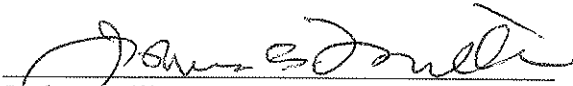
**Child Care Regulations**

Dr. Wilson announced that the Child Care Regulations are being revised and the date for the public hearing will be announced soon. He will send the draft regulations to the Board members. The Child Care Regulations will be presented for the Board's approval at a later date.

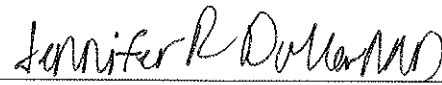
**Public Health Advised Fund (PHAF)**

Dr. Wilson discussed the JCDH Public Health Advised Fund. JCDH designates \$5 million of its funds and donates the annual earned interest to the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (CFGB) to administer grants for public health projects. Dr. Wilson stated the amount earned over the past few years has been low so he would like to explore options for adding a one-time transfer of funds to support additional grant work. Recommendations will be made to the Board of Health at some point. Gus Heard-Hughes, Director of Initiatives with CFGB, will be giving a presentation at the April Board of Health meeting to share some of the accomplishments made possible by these grants.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

  
Joshua Miller, D.O., Secretary

Approved:

  
Jennifer R. Dollar, M.D., Chair