



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015- 5:00 p.m.
5th 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., Joshua Miller, D.O., and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, M.D., Joseph Andrews, Kim Cason, Rachael Hobgood, Rodney Holmes, Haley Lewis, Judy Madison, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Lori McManus, Jonathan Stanton, and Denisa Pridmore

Call to Order

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

Financial Statement

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

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

Minutes

Minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

Jefferson County Department of Health's Involvement in Correctional Facilities

Joseph Andrews, Environmental Health, reviewed JCDH's procedures for the annual inspections of the prison and jails in Jefferson County.

Rachael Hobgood, MPH, Disease Control, shared information regarding investigations conducted when reports of notifiable diseases in inmates in the prison system are received. The majority are tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases which have a greater potential to spread in congregate settings. JCDH staff are consulted on the treatment of cases and the treatment and screening of their potential contacts.

Contracts

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

Renewal of a contract with Samford University, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, (payee) for JCDH to provide assigned students and postgraduate residents educational experience opportunities through their assisting physicians, nurses and other departmental employees in order to provide

exposure to Public Health practice from February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a rate not to exceed \$65,000 annually, and beginning July 1, 2015, JCDH agrees to pay \$16,250 quarterly.

A new contract with the City of Fairfield whereby JCDH will lease property at 5229 Court B, Fairfield, Alabama, for an air monitoring station with no funds exchanged from May 18, 2015 through May 8, 2035.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to provide tobacco use and prevention control programs to communities in Public Health Area 4 at a rate not to exceed \$48,000 from March 29, 2015 through March 28, 2016.

Health Officer Report

Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson reported he was invited to attend Governor Robert Bentley's signing of the Heroin Naloxone bill into law today. The resolution "Addressing the Heroin and Prescription Opioid Drug Addiction and Overdoses" passed by the Board of Health in September 2014 has been a valuable tool to promote this effort. The next steps will be to put the bill into practice so people are able to get prescriptions for Naloxone, pharmacies will fill the prescriptions, and people have appropriate training on how to use it.

Dr. Wilson noted Governor Bentley is expected to call a special session later this summer to address the state's general fund budget for the next fiscal year. There could be public health implications such as whether a tobacco tax will be approved to offset revenue shortfalls, as well as the impact of funding for various programs.

July Board of Health Meeting

Dr. Wilson stated he will be attending the annual National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) conference in July so Dr. Dobbs will be taking his place at the Board of Health meeting. The Board members were polled and there appears to be a quorum for the July 8, 2015 meeting. He anticipates the revised Child Care Regulations will be submitted for the Board's approval at that meeting.

Future Heroin Prevention Initiatives

Dr. Wilson stated the "Pills to Needles Initiative" was awarded a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham to continue the administrative infrastructure provided by Clarus Consulting.

Dr. Wilson reported that the UAB Addiction Medicine Program will be participating in a project distributing Naloxone kits to addicts along with a friend or family member and will be trained together. This was made possible by a UAB crowdfunding project that raised \$10,000 to get started. They will conduct a research project to follow these individuals and learn if the Naloxone was actually used and the outcome. Data collected will help us determine what best practices will be.

Dr. Michael noted part of this initiative is to create a new "Center for Addictive Behaviors" which would be a joint research center involving faculty and staff from the Tuscaloosa, UAB, and Huntsville campuses of the University of Alabama system. He stated each campus brings different strengths to the table and tomorrow there will be a four hour session to do strategic

planning to develop criteria for the Board of Trustees in order to get official approval as a center. Dr. Michael noted this system-wide center would be unique for the state.

Dr. Dollar commended Dr. Wilson for his hard work on the Naloxone bill.

IRB Update

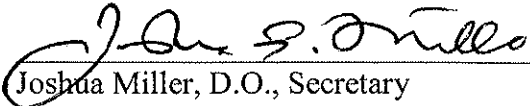
Dr. Redmond inquired about the status of IRB projects at JCDH. David Maxey, Esq., legal counsel for JCDH, stated the IRB policies are in place and the committee meets regularly to define the process. Bryn Manzella, Director of Quality Improvement, noted the committee will be meeting next week. Plans are being made for IRB projects to be submitted electronically on the JCDH website at some point in the near future.

Public Health Policy Update


Dr. Dollar reminded the Board of plans to discuss ways they can be more involved in public health policy development; most likely at a Board meeting this fall. She asked the Board for recommendations. Commissioner Stephens stated he receives numerous questions on rabies, especially for the schedule of rabies vaccination clinics in rural areas. He stated it would be helpful to have the schedule on the website. Dr. Redmond shared an interest in advocating for water safety, specifically for eliminating the disparity in drowning deaths. Dr. Wilson said one of the Strategic Issues for improving health in Jefferson County approved by the Community Matters 20/20 Steering Committee is to Reduce Health Disparities Associated with Race, Ethnicity and Economic Status. The water safety topic can be brought to the attention of the group working on this issue.

Dr. Michael announced that Bruce Katz, vice-president at the Brookings Institution and co-author of *The Metropolitan Revolution*, will be in Birmingham in October. His thesis has been that metropolitan areas will be the economic drivers in the 21st century and those metropolitan areas that address urban core will be the ones that progress. This may be of interest to the Board since it intends to be more involved in zoning issues and urban blight as part of the public health policy development discussions.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.


Joshua Miller, D.O., Secretary

Approved:


Jennifer R. Dollar, M.D., Chair