



## **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room**

**PRESENT:** 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 and Steven Kulback, M.D.

### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Mark Wilson, M.D., Carolyn Dobbs, M.D., Heather Hogue, Rodney Holmes, Haley Lewis, Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, and Denisa Pridmore

### **Health Officer Report**

Dr. Wilson presented his Health Officer Report since a quorum was not available at the beginning of the meeting.

### **BikeShare Program**

Dr. Wilson announced that the Zyp BikeShare program was launched today. One station is located in front of the Guy Tate building. People will be able to buy an annual membership or pay for a single ride.

### **Community Matters 20/20**

Dr. Wilson reported that an annual review is being performed to update each of the five Strategic Issues of the "Community Matters 20/20" Community Health Improvement Plan.

### **Health Action Partnership (HAP) Priority Group**

Dr. Wilson has scheduled a meeting this Friday for leaders from local hospitals and other health care providers to gather input on the formation of the new "Optimizing Health Care Access" priority group for the HAP, including possible collective goals to pursue, and who should be involved. We hope to launch this group in November. The other four priority groups are in place.

### **High Ore Line Trail**

Dr. Wilson reported that the High Ore Line trail in Midfield near Western Health Center is under construction.

### **Yale University Conference**

Dr. Wilson informed the Board that he has accepted an invitation to speak and participate in a panel discussion at Yale University's conference on "Science & Management of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Parks" in November.

### **Naloxone Clinic**

Dr. Wilson announced plans for a Naloxone clinic one afternoon per week at JCDH beginning November 2, 2015 that will be staffed by the Samford McWhorter School of Pharmacy residents. Appointments may be made and individuals can receive a prescription for Naloxone and instructions on how to administer it.

### **Disease Control Updates**

Dr. Wilson reported that raccoons with rabies have been identified in Jefferson County recently. JCDH has sent letters to area physicians asking them to report possible rabies exposures to us and informing them it would not be a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) violation.

Staff in Disease Control have investigated four suspected Lyme disease cases so far this year but all have not yet been confirmed.

### **JCDH Parking Deck**

Dr. Wilson reminded the Board the parking deck will be undergoing repairs soon for approximately three to four months. Alternate parking for clients and employees is being arranged.

### **November Board of Health Meeting**

Dr. Wilson stated a quorum was available for a Board of Health meeting on November 18, 2015. The regular meeting day is on the Veteran's Day holiday when JCDH is closed.

### **All-Payer Claims Databases**

Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement, gave an overview of the All-Payer Claims Databases (APCDs). APCDs are large scale databases comprised of clinical and financial claims information from medical, pharmaceutical and dental claims. Private or public healthcare providers and payers may submit information to the databases. They are usually administered at the state level such as the state department of public health or state insurance boards. Ms. Manzella reviewed the type of data collected and the benefits. She noted the identification of population health and healthcare needs would be very helpful for her department.

Ms. Manzella reported the first state-wide APCD was established in 2003 in Maine. Twenty-one states have or are in the process of implementing APCDs in 2014. Alabama is one of ten states with no current activity toward creating an APCD.

Ms. Manzella stated APCDs require authorization and usually the legislature provides the board authority and defines its intended use, the organizational home, governance structure and reporting requirements.

### **Public Health Law**

David Maxey, Esq., legal counsel from Spain-Gillon, LLC, reviewed historical facts that explained how the board of health was established. Mr. Maxey provided and discussed a listing of the legal duties and obligations for the local county board of health established in the Code of Alabama.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dollar, Chair, after Dr. Redmond arrived and there was a quorum.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **Resolution to Support an All-Payer Claims Database**

On the motion of Dr. Redmond, and seconded by Dr. Michael, the following resolution was approved:

**WHEREAS** all-payer claims databases (APCDs) are large scale databases that systematically collect medical and pharmacy claims, typically collect dental claims, and provide eligibility and provider files from public and private payers<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** APCDs provide comprehensive, multi-payer data for understanding the cost, quality and utilization of health care for residents<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** APCD data regarding healthcare utilization and cost can contribute to effective policy decisions<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** APCDs provide stakeholders with information about healthcare utilization patterns, the need for and impact of activities designed to achieve health care reform, and the health needs of the population<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** population health improvement is dependent on data that is not solely derived from birth and death certificates or from estimates of disease burden derived from surveys<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** demographic data associated with morbidity and mortality data can be used to target public health interventions for sub-populations and communities experiencing health disparities and for reducing health disparities, one of the five strategic issues within the Community Health Improvement Plan for Jefferson County, Alabama<sup>2,3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** data housed in APCDs support disease surveillance and disease registries, injury surveillance and prevention, public health planning and assessment, quality assessment and performance improvement, and inform policy deliberation and legislation<sup>2,4</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** opportunities to compete for grant funding are limited by the inability to obtain the more specific health data provided by APCDs<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** Alabama is only one of ten states with no current activity in developing or maintaining an APCD<sup>4,5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** Alabama is one of three states, along with Idaho and Delaware, without a statewide hospital discharge database submitting information to the Hospital Cost and Utilization Project<sup>2,6</sup>;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jefferson County Board of Health urges the Legislature of the State of Alabama to establish an All-Payer Claims Database for Alabama with mandatory participation by public and private payers of medical, dental and pharmaceutical healthcare claims.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Jefferson County Department of Health educate key stakeholders, including the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation, private and public healthcare payers and providers serving Jefferson County, and entities such as the Health Action Partnership of Jefferson County and the Bold Goals Coalition of Alabama of the benefits of an All-Payer Claims Database.

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References:

<sup>1</sup> “The Basics of All-Payer Claims Databases: A Primer for States.” Jo Porter, Denise Love, Ashley Peters Jane Sachs and Amy Costello.

[http://www.rwjf.org/content/dam/farm/reports/issue\\_briefs/2014/rwjf409988](http://www.rwjf.org/content/dam/farm/reports/issue_briefs/2014/rwjf409988)

<sup>2</sup> “Talking Points: Why Does ADPH Need Hospital Discharge Data” Mary McIntyre, MD, MPH, SSBB. August 26, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> *Community Health Improvement Plan for Jefferson County, Alabama*. Jefferson County Department of Health. 2014. <http://www.jcdh.org/misc/ViewBLOB.aspx?BLOBId=762>

<sup>4</sup> “Why Does Alabama Need an All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)?” Mary McIntyre, MD, MPH, SBSS. May 15, 2015.

<sup>5</sup> “APCD 2014 Map.” APCD Council. <http://apcdcouncil.org/state/map>

<sup>6</sup> “HCUP Partners is the SID.” Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. <http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/partners.jsp?SID>

Dr. Dollar noted All-Payer Claims Databases was ranked by every board member on the recent survey for potential public health policy issues to address or explore. She also expressed an interest in having board members advocate for this, starting with a discussion at the Jefferson County Medical Society.

**Contracts**

On the motion of Dr. Michael, and seconded by Dr. Miller, the following contracts were approved with Dr. Redmond and Dr. Michael abstaining from the UAB contract to conduct the High Ore Line survey:

Renewal of a contract with Sheila Moore (payee) to provide training and consultation to JCDH employees in human research policy and regulations at a rate of \$50 per hour; not to exceed \$15,000 from September 14, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Renewal of a contract with Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, Birmingham Regional Center (payee) to provide interpreting services as needed to JCDH clients/patients at a rate of \$45 per hour; not to exceed \$1,000 from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Renewal of a contract with The Children's Hospital of Alabama (payee) to provide medical on-call services for the Board that will be handled by professional Registered Nurses at a rate of \$12.00 per call; approximately 5,000 calls annually; not to exceed \$60,000 from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Renewal of a contract with Jefferson, Blount, St. Clair Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority (payee) to provide mental health access and services to Board's patients who participate in Child Health Primary Care Program at a rate not to exceed \$70,000 annually from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

A new contract with Blackwater Technologies (payee) for installation of Fire Suppression System in data room at Western Health Center at a rate not to exceed \$18,980 from August 28, 2015 through August 28, 2016.

A new contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payee) to conduct survey on perception and use of the High Ore Line trail located in southwest area of Jefferson County at a rate not to exceed \$15,000 from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

A new contract with Cooper Green Mercy Hospital (payee) for parking for JCDH employees' personal vehicles during parking deck repairs for \$1000 per month; not to exceed \$5,000 from October 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016.

A new contract with Forbes Distributing Company (payee) for parking for JCDH employees' personal vehicles during parking deck repairs for \$100 per day; not to exceed \$8,000 from October 1, 2005 through February 28, 2016.

A new contract with REV BikeShare, LLC whereby JCDH will allow a Zyp BikeShare kiosk to be placed on its property with no funds involved for JCDH from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2025.

A new contract with Kaleo, Inc. whereby JCDH will receive a donation of 200 cartons of EVZIO (naloxone hydrochloride injection) auto-injectors at no cost for JCDH.

A new contract with the Jefferson County Board of Education for JCDH to provide dental preventative services including dental sealants for eligible children within the Jefferson County School System with no funds involved from September 1, 2015 through August 30, 2016.

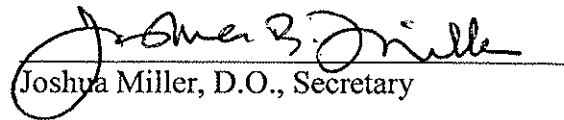
Renewal of a contract with Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (payor) for JCDH to produce and issue daily forecasts of particle pollution in Jefferson and Shelby counties, and to facilitate these responsibilities, will enter into contracts for meteorological data subscription services and for maintenance of the Birmingham Air Quality website. JCDH will be reimbursed for those contracts at 80% of expenses. The amount of this agreement shall not exceed \$72,000 from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) for JCDH to provide retail tobacco inspections at a rate not to exceed \$49,754 from September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016.

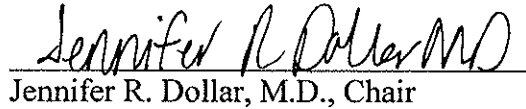
**Carole Samuelson Lecture**

Dr. Michael announced that the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Carole Samuelson Lecture in Public Health Practice is Friday, October 23, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at Volker Hall, Lecture Hall A. Bruce Katz, Founder and Director of Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution, will be the guest speaker.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

  
Joshua Miller, D.O., Secretary

Approved:

  
Jennifer R. Dollar, M.D., Chair