



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Jennifer R. Dollar, M.D., Nicole Redmond, M.D., Ph.D., MPH, Joshua Miller, D.O., and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

ABSENT: Steven Kulback, M.D., and Max Michael, III, M.D.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, M.D., Carolyn Dobbs, M.D., Kim Cason, Rodney Holmes, Ed Khan, M.D., Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Lori McManus, Stephanie Millsap, Jonathan Stanton, and Denisa Pridmore

Needle Exchange Programs (NEP)

Lori McManus, Disease Intervention Program Manager in Disease Control, shared the history of syringe exchange programs, which includes both syringes and needles. Ms. McManus also reviewed the pros and cons of such programs.

Dr. Ed Khan, Medical Director in Disease Control, noted the goal of an exchange program is to provide needles, syringes and other injection paraphernalia to addicts to reduce the spread of blood-borne infections. NEPs provide a clean needle for every used needle that is turned in, to reduce the likelihood of reuse and people sharing needles. Dr. Khan stated that NEPs decrease the spread of hepatitis B and C, HIV, wound infections, sepsis and endocarditis. He also noted there appears to be a reduction in the quantity of discarded used syringes on the streets of areas that have NEPs.

Dr. Khan distributed a copy of a proposed bill introduced in the last legislative session by Representative Patricia Todd to establish a needle and syringe exchange program under certain conditions. The bill was introduced late in the session and did not have time to get very far. Dr. Khan also shared a map of Syringe Exchange Program Coverage in the United States.

Dr. Wilson asked the Board if they would like to consider a resolution or policy statement to support a needle exchange program at a later date. Dr. Redmond indicated that more information specific to Jefferson County would help to strengthen this. Dr. Dollar stated that more data and more information would increase the likelihood of a successful proposal.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dollar, Chair, once there was a quorum.

Minutes

Minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

Financial Statement

Mr. Rodney Holmes, Director of Finance & Administration, discussed the September and October 2015 Financial Reports.

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

Contracts

On the motion of Dr. Redmond, and seconded by Dr. Miller, the following contracts were approved:

A new contract with Southside Partners, LLC (payee) for leasing parking lot during the Guy M. Tate parking deck repairs at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 from November 2, 2015 through March 2, 2016.

A new contract with Central Parking Systems, Inc. (payee) for parking for the JCDH Fleet during the Guy M. Tate parking deck repairs at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 from November 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016.

A new contract with the Bridge, LLC (payee) for meeting space for the JCDH Employee Appreciation meeting on November 19, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.

A new contract with Rare Transportation, LLC (payee) for transportation services during the Guy M. Tate parking deck repairs at cost not to exceed \$53,000 from November 9, 2015 through February 9, 2016.

Renewal of a contract with Officer Derrick Lewis (payee) to coordinate the schedule of all contracted police officers for JCDH and provide security services to JCDH at a rate of \$25 per hour; not to exceed 50 hours per week, from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 pending legal review.

A new contract with Green Media Production (payee) for video production for the STD Prevention Campaign at a rate not to exceed \$5,000 from October 14, 2015 through October 22, 2015.

A new contract with Richard B. Burlison (payee) to be guest speaker at the 2015 Employee Appreciation Day scheduled for November 19, 2015 at a rate not to exceed \$1,750.

A new contract with Building and Earth Services, Inc. (payee) for third party inspection services on the Guy M. Tate parking deck repairs at a rate not to exceed \$30,000 from November 2, 2015 through February 29, 2016.

A new contract with P.E.E.R., Inc. for a license agreement to allow contractor to operate a mobile market on JCDH property from October 20, 2015 through October 19, 2018 with no funds exchanged.

A new contract with Earl and Jacqueline Garrison for the installation of two air monitors and suma canisters on the Contractor's property in Sylvan Springs, Alabama, from October 26, 2015 through October 26, 2016 with no funds exchanged.

A new contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Health Promotion & Chronic Disease (payor) to increase access to quality diabetes self-management education services for people with diabetes at an amount not to exceed \$19,856.46 from October 1, 2015 through June 29, 2016.

Health Officer Report

Sylvan Springs

Dr. Wilson and Jonathan Stanton, Director of Environmental Health, discussed a fire that continues to burn on an illegal dump site on private property in Sylvan Springs. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been monitoring the situation along with JCDH and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). Citizens near the site have allowed JCDH to install air monitors on their property to measure pollutant levels in the air.

Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

Dr. Wilson announced that we received notification from PHAB on Friday, November 13, 2015 that JCDH has received accreditation. JCDH is one of ninety-six health departments in the country to receive accreditation since the process began in 2011. JCDH will be required to submit annual reports.

JCDH Employee Appreciation

Dr. Wilson noted that an Employee Appreciation event is scheduled at The Bridge on Thursday afternoon, November 19, 2015 for all JCDH employees.

Homewood Smoke-Free Ordinance

Dr. Wilson reported that Homewood City Council voted to broaden their existing smoking ordinance to include e-cigarettes and increase the minimum distance a smoker must be from a public business' doorway. The ordinance includes hotels and outdoor patios.

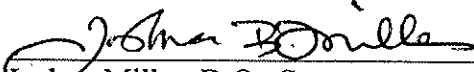
Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Dr. Wilson shared some new statistics from BRFSS, which is a national health-related telephone survey conducted by the CDC each year that collects state data about health-related risk behaviors and chronic health conditions. Adult tobacco smoking rates went from 22.3% in 2013 to 15.8% in 2014 for Jefferson County. The adult obesity rates in Jefferson County had a slight decline from 35.2% in 2013 to 32.1% in 2014. This is the first decline since 2010.


Board's Self-Evaluation

Dr. Wilson reported that he and Bryn Manzella are revising the Board's Self-Evaluation that is completed each December. The Board agreed to a light agenda for the December Board of Health meeting to allow time to complete the evaluation.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Joshua Miller, D.O., Secretary

Approved:


Jennifer R. Dollar, M.D., Chair