



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.
5th Floor Board Room**

PRESENT: Max Michael, III, M.D., Joshua Miller, D.O., Yocunda Clayton, M.D.,
Hernando Carter, M.D., and Sylvie Stacy, M.D.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark Wilson, M.D., David Hicks, D.O., Senitra Blackburn, Kim Cason,
Rodney Holmes, Ed Khan, M.D., David Maxey, Esq., Bryn Manzella, Lori
McManus, Hathshya Munasingha, M.D., and Denisa Pridmore

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

Syphilis: Current Trends Providing Opportunities for the Future

Lori McManus, Disease Intervention Program Manager, educated the Board of Health on the public health responsibilities of the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program at JCDH. The STD Program investigates and follows-up on all reportable STDs for Jefferson County according to Public Health Law 22-11A-14. These are chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Disease trends are monitored and Ms. McManus reviewed statistics for the past five years. Jefferson County is seeing an increase in primary and secondary syphilis cases in 2017. She reported a recent reemergence of congenital syphilis in 2016. There had been no congenital syphilis cases in Jefferson County since 2011. Ms. McManus reported that one-third of the syphilis cases in Alabama are in Jefferson County. She also noted there is an increased risk of HIV acquisition after a syphilis diagnosis. Studies from Florida and New York provide evidence of an increased risk of HIV acquisition after a syphilis diagnosis that is also supported by Jefferson County data.

Ms. McManus stated one of the objectives of JCDH's Strategic Plan is to invest in, innovate and deliver infectious disease prevention and management services that address the greatest areas of need in our county. The tactics for the objective deal with syphilis, HIV and Hepatitis C prevention, testing, and treatment.

Ms. McManus outlined future objectives which include Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for all persons diagnosed with syphilis who are currently HIV negative, routine Hepatitis C

testing for all persons diagnosed with syphilis, and increasing syphilis education messages for patients being seen in Family Planning Clinics and UAB Maternity Clinics at JCDH.

The Board discussed the 2006 syphilis epidemic in Jefferson County in comparison to the current increase in cases. Dr. Michael noted that a "Wicked Problem Case Competition" was conducted at the UAB School of Public Health during this time and offered to do another one during the fall if it would be helpful. Dr. Michael will talk to Lori McManus and Dr. Khan about this.

Financial Statement

Mr. Rodney Holmes, Director of Finance & Administration, discussed the April 2017 Financial Report. Commissioner Stephens had previously requested a financial trend analysis by revenue and expenses and Mr. Holmes reviewed the documents that were included in the board package. There were no questions from the Board.

Contracts

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

A new contract with Klipfolio, Inc. (payee) for JCDH to access contractor's (Large Department) performance management platform and Ninja+ support services at a rate of \$699/month plus \$499/month for the Ninja+ support services not to exceed total of \$11,382 from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

A new contract with Division 12 Consulting (payee) to provide interior flooring design for 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd and basement floors of Guy Tate building. Provide interior pricing drawings, interior flooring selection board, rendered flooring patterns, as-built exterior cad drawings and presentation board with the exterior painting color selection for a rate not to exceed \$8,200 from April 10, 2017 through May 29, 2017.

Renewal of a contract with James Michael Hughes (payee) to provide GIS consultation services at a rate of \$4,650 per year; not to exceed \$14,000 for 3 years from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

An amendment to a contract with Human Resources Management, Inc. (payee) to provide Human Resources technical needs assessment and planning at a rate of \$125 per hour; not to exceed \$30,000 from April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) for JCDH to support efforts to plan, develop and maintain a public health infrastructure that helps assure high immunization coverage levels and low incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases for a rate not to exceed \$260,159 from April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (payor) to provide salary, fringe benefits, mileage and other travel expenses for JCDH full-time nurse to serve as the Immunization Compliance Consultant at a rate not to exceed \$115,089 from April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Division of Infectious Diseases, whereby JCDH will participate as a community partner with UAB on the ACTIVE-C Project in response to CDC's "Community-based Programs to Test and Cure Hepatitis C" for a rate not to exceed \$7,500 from August 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Hearing Officers

Dr. Wilson stated that the Department's list of Hearing Officers had declined to a very small number so requests were sent out to former Jefferson County judges. A very good response was received. The Jefferson County Board of Health supervises the enforcement of various health and environmental laws and regulations within Jefferson County. Some regulations provide an appeal process for permits and licenses which include a hearing before an appointed Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officers will serve on a rotating basis for any such appeals.

On the motion of Dr. Carter, and seconded by Dr. Clayton, the following resolution was approved:

The Board of Health hereby approves the following former judges to serve as Hearing Officers for the Jefferson County Board of Health:

Ralph Coleman

James Hard

R. O. Hughes

Sonny R. A. Ferguson, Jr.

J. Scott Vowell

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.

Julie A. Palmer

Edward B. Vines

Suzanne S. Childers

J. Brian Huff

Sandra H. Storm

Health Officer Report

Strategic Plan

Dr. Wilson reported that work is progressing with the Strategic Plan. Strategic Plan tactic teams have started to meet. An internal SharePoint site has been activated where the

Strategic Plan documents can be stored and easily retrieved. All JCDH employees may view the site.

Electronic Medical Record

Dr. Wilson stated that JCDH has put out a Request for Proposal for a new electronic medical record. Proposals will be reviewed in the near future.

Smoke-Free Irondale

Dr. Wilson announced that he will be speaking at the Irondale Chamber of Commerce meeting on May 11, 2017 to provide education on the health consequences of second hand smoke and the benefits of comprehensive smoke-free ordinances.

“Meetings with Mark”

Dr. Wilson will be conducting “Meetings with Mark” at all JCDH locations during the week of May 22-26, 2017 in order to get employees’ input on what *Values* are most important to JCDH. This is one of our 2017 Strategic Plan tactics.

Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson reported that HB455, the Infectious Disease Elimination Act that allows for pilot syringe service programs, was passed by the Senate Health Committee today and goes to the Senate next week. He noted there were a few “no” votes. It passed the House unanimously last week. Dr. Wilson thanked the Board for passing the resolution that was instrumental in this endeavor.

Opioid Epidemic

Dr. Wilson stated that JCDH is striving to get naloxone to people at the highest risk for overdose. One recommendation being considered is to distribute naloxone to people seen in hospital emergency rooms with an overdose. UAB has expressed an interest in this idea and Dr. Wilson will be meeting with them next week to discuss possibilities.

Dr. Miller asked if it would be possible to look at the number of fatalities last year and see how many had a previous overdose. Dr. Wilson is aware of a UAB quality improvement project focusing on “Missed Opportunities” that includes data from the coroner’s office. This will allow them to search hospital records for previous visits and evaluate the situations.

Trail System

Dr. Wilson discussed an opportunity for the Five Mile Creek Greenway Cooperative District to purchase land from CSX Railroad for 16.5 miles of rail-to-trail development in north Jefferson County. They have been awarded a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant which covers 80% of the purchase price and the District has raised the remaining 20% match. Another \$98,400 is required to finalize the purchase. The District has approached JCDH on our willingness to help with this. Dr. Wilson recommends this opportunity to leverage our resources for a larger community health benefit.

On the motion of Dr. Stacy, and seconded by Dr. Clayton, the Board agreed for Dr. Wilson to proceed with preparing a resolution for their consideration at the June Board of Health meeting.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Sylvie Stacy, M.D., Secretary

Approved:



Max Michael, III, M.D., Chair

