



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, June 14, 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., Toni Bellina, Senitra Blackburn, David Maxey, Esq.,
Bryn Manzella, Nathan Smith, DMD, Jonathan Stanton, and Denisa Pridmore

Dental Health Presentation

Nathan Smith, D.M.D., M.P.H., Director of Dental Health Services, provided an overview of the public health responsibilities of the Dental Health division. JCDH has three stationary clinics. New patients under the age of 21 are currently being accepted who meet the registration criteria. A limited amount of new Adult Health patients are accepted through referrals.

Dr. Smith shared that Dental Health participates in special projects such as Project Homeless Connect whereby vouchers are distributed that can be used throughout the year for free dental services at JCDH. A grant was received the last two years that helped to offset some of the cost for these free services. Dental Health makes contributions to the community through Oral Health Assessment Surveys and Community Outreach by providing oral health awareness and prevention through oral health education at schools, day camps, and community events across Jefferson County.

JCDH Dental Health provides training in the field of public health for approximately 100 students who complete clinic rotations. These senior dentistry, dental assistant and dental hygiene students are from UAB School of Dentistry, Lawson State and Wallace State Community Colleges.

Dr. Smith discussed how Dental Health contributes to JCDH's Strategic Priorities. He noted a Quality Improvement initiative was conducted for the 2012-2016 Strategic Plan whereby Dental Health was converted to paperless files. The results of this project revealed a 64% reduction in office supply expenditures. Dental Health staff are members of numerous tactic teams for the new 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.

Dr. Smith discussed the importance of dentistry in public health. Dr. Smith said one important emerging oral health issue is the increase of tooth decay in preschool age children

noted over the past decade by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Caries is the most common chronic childhood disease in America and affects 50% of first graders and 80% of 17 year olds. Dr. Smith stated there are many health disparities associated with oral health related to education, income, race, and ethnicity.

Dr. Smith stated Dental Health's programs and staff strive to address JCDH's strategic priorities and public health mission. They are committed to protecting health, preventing disease, and promoting overall health and well-being for our community.

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

May Financial Statements

Dr. Michael noted the May 2017 Financial Statements were included in the Board package. There were no questions from the Board.

Contracts

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

Dr. Michael noted that the Board of Health approved a list of former Jefferson County judges at the May 2017 Board meeting to serve as Hearing Officers for the Board. Dr. Michael distributed the list (Attachment 1) and stated that cases will be assigned on a rotating basis in the order in which they are listed. The ministerial responsibility of assigning contested matters to the Hearing Officers will be performed by the Administrative Assistant to the Board.

New contracts for these individuals to serve as Hearing Officers for contested cases regarding environmental and public matters with the Jefferson County Department of Health at a rate of \$180 per hour; minimum of 10 hours; from May 10, 2017 through May 10, 2020 with the following former Jefferson County judges: Honorable J. Scott Vowell, Honorable Edward B. Vines, Honorable Sandra H. Storm, Honorable Julie A. Palmer, Honorable R. O. Hughes, Honorable J. Brian Huff, Honorable James Hard, and Honorable Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.

A new contract with the Crisis Center, Inc. (payee) to oversee the provision of mental health services (to include staffing, training, assessments, 24 hour phone support, health education, patient navigation, peer support and treatment coordination) to eligible substance abuse program participants at the Recovery Resource Center for a rate not to exceed \$257,961 from June 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018.

A new contract with Birchfield, Penuel & Associates (payee) for renovations for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors of the Guy M. Tate building at a rate not to exceed \$228,300 from May 8, 2017 until completion

Renewal of a contract with TV Eyes, Inc. (payee) to provide JCDH with access to useable links to media stories and unlimited downloads for a rate not to exceed \$5,900 from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2019.

Renewal of a contract with Cision (payee) to provide media relations professional edition living news contract list and tracking for a rate not to exceed \$14,945 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

A new contract with Sanofi Pasteur, Inc. (payee) whereby JCDH will serve as an Expanded Access Program site to administer Stamaril, Yellow Fever Vaccine. JCDH to pay \$1,500 upon execution of agreement and \$115 per vaccine. JCDH will be compensated for each person vaccinated with Stamaril from May 31, 2017 through May 31, 2018.

A new contract with Walter Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. (payee) to provide engineering services to Board to provide an opinion regarding improvements to a walking trail at Warrior Elementary in the City of Warrior, AL at a rate of \$170 per hour; not to exceed \$2,700 from June 11, 2017 through August 11, 2017.

A new contract with Alliance Insurance Company (payee) to administer Flexible Spending Account-Dependent Care Account Plan for JCDH at a rate of \$4.50 per participant from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency to assist JCDH with performing Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) activities for a rate not to exceed \$30,000 (paid from CRI grant JCDH receives) from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Renewal of a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health/Health Promotion and Chronic Disease (payor) to provide tobacco use and prevention control programs for Jefferson County at a rate not to exceed \$80,500 from March 29, 2017 through March 28, 2018.

Financial Assistance to Five Mile Creek Greenway Capital Improvement Cooperative District

Dr. Wilson stated an informational brochure on the Five Mile Creek Greenway was included with their Board packages. He noted that at the May 2017 meeting the Board agreed for a resolution to be presented for their consideration of the requested funding. Dr. Wilson reminded the Board that the Five Mile Creek Greenway Cooperative District has an opportunity to purchase land from CSX Railroad for 16.5 miles of rail-to-trail development in north Jefferson County. A federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant has been awarded to them for 80% of the purchase price and the District has raised the remaining 20% local match. Another \$98,400 is required to finalize the purchase and has been requested from the Department. A resolution from the District verifying this project is for a public health purpose is included in the Board packages.

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

WHEREAS, physical inactivity contributes to chronic obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other chronic diseases, and premature death; and increasing physical activity can reduce morbidity and mortality associated with these diseases, reduce health care costs, and improve mental well-being;

WHEREAS, creating a built environment conducive to physical activity, including trails, is an established public health strategy;

WHEREAS, the 2014 – 2019 Community Health Improvement Plan for Jefferson County, called "Community Matters 20/20," includes strategic priorities to optimize the built environment and to promote physical well-being through healthy lifestyles;

WHEREAS, the Five Mile Creek Greenway Capital Improvement Cooperative District ("District") is a domestic nonprofit public corporation under §11-99B-1 et seq. Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, formed March 24, 2010, for the purpose, among others, of purchasing and developing a Rails-to-Trails project to serve the residents of Jefferson County, Alabama.

WHEREAS, the District developed plans for a trail approximately 16.5-miles long, to be known as the Five Mile Creek Rail Trail ("Trail"), which comprises a portion of the path of an inactive rail line known as the CSX Cane Creek Branch Railroad, and which would connect the cities of Graysville, Brookside, Gardendale, and Fultondale, and serve as the backbone of the 35-mile Five Mile Creek Corridor, and ultimately afford the opportunity to connect the cities of Tarrant and Center Point through a network of trails, many of which have been completed or are slated for construction soon.

WHEREAS, some of the cities within the District have agreed to create trails and greenspaces that will feed into the Five Mile Creek Greenway, greatly enhancing the amount of greenspaces available to the residents of North Jefferson County and increasing the ability of residents to live active, healthy lives. Examples of these additional trails systems are the Brookside Greenway System, Gardendale Urban Trail System (GUTS), and the North Aqueduct Trail in Tarrant.

WHEREAS, developing the 16.5-mile Five Mile Creek Greenway will create the longest multi-use trail in Jefferson County.

WHEREAS, the Board is advised that the cities of Adamsville, Birmingham, Brookside, Center Point, Gardendale, Graysville, Fultondale, and Tarrant are within 5 miles of the trail, and 6 are categorized as low income cities.

WHEREAS, the Trail will serve a public health purpose by: 1) improving health and encouraging healthy lifestyles, 2) providing buffers to 29 miles of intermittent and perennial streams; and 3) improving social determinants of health by providing public park and recreational spaces.

WHEREAS, the District has been awarded a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant, which covers 80% (\$849,120) of the anticipated \$1,061,400

purchase price of the 16.5-mile right of way of the old rail line corridor used for the Trail, and the District has raised the remaining 20% (\$212,280) match for the Grant.

WHEREAS, the District advises additional funds in the estimated amount of \$98,400 are required to update the environmental assessment, and provide for necessary legal and other closing costs to purchase the land with some urgency to finalize the purchase of this land before the federal CMAQ Grant opportunity expires.

WHEREAS, the District passed a Resolution May 18, 2017, attached hereto, affirming plans for the Five Mile Creek Rail Trail purchase and requesting financial assistance to finalize the purchase of the land.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The Jefferson County Department of Health is authorized to transfer \$98,400 from its unrestricted General Fund net assets to the Five Mile Creek Greenway Capital Improvement Cooperative District to finalize purchase of the land for the 16.5-mile Trail thereby benefiting the public of Jefferson County, Alabama.
- 2) The Health Officer is authorized to take necessary action to transfer said funds.

Future Nurse-Family Partnership Program Funding

Dr. Wilson stated one of the tactics of the JCDH 2017-2021 Strategic Plan is to help establish a Nurse-Family Partnership in Jefferson County to assist first-time, high-risk mothers during their pregnancy and early childhood parenting through age 2 of a child. He noted the Board approved \$145,000 in December 2016 to help with initial costs for the program. The national office of the Nurse-Family Partnership is requiring the local entity to show that they have secured three years of funding. Dr. Wilson asked for the Board's approval to give a letter of intent to let them know JCDH does intend to fund the program for the next three years (the equivalent of four full-time nurses). Funding has also been secured from the Mike & Gillian Goodrich Foundation for \$300,000 over the next three years, the Daniel Foundation for \$225,000 over three years, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Caring Foundation for \$50,000 over two years, and the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham for a one-time \$75,000 donation through its competitive grant process. The Board discussed what impact data would be available from the program. Dr. Wilson stated the Nurse-Family Partnership Program is designed to be data intensive and evidence-based. Dr. Wilson added that zip codes with a high mortality rate will be targeted for the program.

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

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Health (Board), on August 10, 2005 resolved to establish the Public Health Community Projects Fund (PHCP Fund) and provide that certain Jefferson County Department of Health funds be transferred to the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (CFGB) to manage and administer grants under CFGB Fund Policies; and,

WHEREAS, CFGB and Board entered Advised Fund Agreement, dated August 14, 2006, that established the terms that CFGB will manage the Jefferson County Public Health Fund (Advised Fund) and administer grants from the Advised Fund to preserve, protect and enhance the general health and environment in Jefferson County, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of Alabama, Honorable Troy King, on February 13, 2007 issued the Attorney General Opinion 2007-047, concluding:

“The Jefferson County Board of Health may enter an agreement with the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham under which, and subject to the required annual budget review and approval process, the Board will provide funds to the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham for use in public health work projects in Jefferson County if the Board determines that the agreement will further the Board's purposes.”

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2016 the Board approved the Department's 2017-2021 Strategic Plan including a Nurse-Family Partnership Program in Jefferson County to invest in and deliver targeted services to improve birth outcomes and foster optimal infant health and development;

WHEREAS, the CFGB seeks to offer grants to help establish and sustain a Nurse-Family Partnership program in Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, a local Nurse-Family Partnership program, in order to receive approval from the Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office to begin operating, needs letters of intent from funders to include at least three years of funding;

WHEREAS, the Department requests the Board to authorize the Department to transfer funds to the Advised Fund to fund grants for the Nurse-Family Partnership in the projected amounts of \$304,346 in fiscal year 2018, \$319,563 in fiscal year 2019, and \$342,252 in fiscal year 2020, and to authorize the Health Officer to issue a letter of intent to that effect to the CFGB.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of Health:

- 1) Authorizes disbursements of Jefferson County Department of Health funds as specified above to the Jefferson County Public Health Fund of The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (Advised Fund) for funding of the Nurse-Family Partnership program in Jefferson County.
- 2) Authorizes the Health Officer, Mark E. Wilson, M.D., to issue a letter to the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham declaring the Department's intent to provide these funds as specified above to the Jefferson County Public Health Fund of The Community Foundation (Advised Fund) for funding of the Nurse-Family Partnership program in Jefferson County.
- 3) The annual funding is conditioned on the Board of Health's annual budget process and authority to terminate funding by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the CFGB should funds from which payment under this resolution are proposed to be made are declared prorated, fail to be appropriated or not budgeted in sufficient amount, in the sole determination of Board.

Health Officer Report

“Meetings with Mark”

Dr. Wilson reported that “Meetings with Mark” were conducted with all JCDH employees during May to review our Mission, Vision and Values statements. These sessions provided good feedback and the results have been compiled. During the sessions, Dr. Wilson also discussed the Board of Health’s role and policy actions that were taken during the previous year.

Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson discussed House Bill 455, the Infectious Disease Elimination Act that allows for pilot syringe service programs that died in Senate during the last couple of hours of the legislative session. Dr. Wilson attended a meeting with key people in Montgomery last week to begin planning for next year’s legislative session.

Nurse Practitioner Residency Program

Dr. Wilson stated there have been three Clinical Nurse Practitioner residents at JCDH this year which will end in September. Due to staff constraints to oversee the program, discussions have been taking place with local partners about a cooperative, shared agreement to run the program. An update will be provided to the Board at a later date.

Naloxone

Dr. Wilson reported that JCDH continues to receive requests for naloxone kits. JCDH continues to work with local hospital emergency rooms about the possibility of distributing naloxone kits to people who have come in with overdoses. We will also attempt to reach back out to police departments to determine their interest in participation.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Sylvie Stacy, M.D., Secretary

Approved:



Max Michael, III, M.D., Chair

Attachment 1

**Jefferson County Board of Health
Hearing Officers
June 14, 2017**

The former Jefferson County judges listed below have agreed to serve as Hearing Officers for the Jefferson County Board of Health and will be assigned cases on a rotating basis in the order in which they are listed. The ministerial responsibility of assigning contested matters to the Hearing Officers will be performed by the Administrative Assistant to the Board.

J. Scott Vowell

Edward B. Vines

Sandra H. Storm

Julie A. Palmer

R. O. Hughes

J. Brian Huff

James Hard

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.

Sonny R. A. Ferguson, Jr.

Ralph Coleman

Suzanne S. Childers