

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - 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., Sylvie Stacy, M.D.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mark E. Wilson, M.D., Bruce Braden, David Hicks, D.O., Rodney Holmes,

Bryn Manzella, David Maxey, Esq., Jonathan Stanton, Jaline Thomas, Edward

Khan, M.D. and Terrie Hartley

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.

January 2018 Financial Statements

Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance & Administration, asked if there were any questions or discussion for the January 2018 Financial Report. There were no questions from the Board.

Communal Living Facilities (CLF)

Dr. Wilson stated we are in the process of reviewing regulations for the JCDH Communal Living Facilities and will be bringing recommendations to the Board at some point in the future. He has asked Bruce Braden, Environmental Health Manager, to provide background information to the Board.

Mr. Braden educated the Board on the CLF regulations and the history of the program. Jefferson County is the only entity in the state that has regulations exclusive to Communal Living. CLF is defined as any public or privately operated facility which houses three or more persons, other than the owner, or a ward of the owner, operator or staff, and unrelated by blood or marriage to the owner or operator thereof, living, sleeping or having actual possession of a rooming unit. They exclude assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hotels/motels, apartments, dormitories, fraternity homes and sorority homes associated with colleges and/or universities, and adult foster homes with three or less residents. Mr. Braden stated the residents should not require assistance with personal care such as bathing, dressing, feeding, or have medical requirements.

Mr. Braden reviewed the regulatory history and statistics for CLFs. Act 89-668 authorizes JCDH to adopt, establish, and amend rules concerning operations of CLFs. Permit fees for Rooming Homes range from \$150 - \$250 annually and \$200 - \$250 annually for Boarding Homes. The average occupancy is 11 per home, a median of 9, and a range from 3 - 72. Each Environmental Health Specialist in the Food and Lodging Division is assigned 2-3 CLFs on average and they require two inspections per year.

Mr. Braden answered questions from the Board.

Contracts

On the motion of Dr. Max Michael, and seconded by Dr. Hernando Carter, the following contracts were approved with one correction listed below for the last contract:

Renewal of a contract with the Jefferson, Blount, St. Clair Mental Health Retardation Authority (payee) to provide mental health access and services to JCDH patients who participate in the Child Health Primary Care Program for a rate not to exceed \$70,000 from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with Spain-Gillon, LLC (payee) to provide legal services to JCDH at a rate of \$150 - \$195/hour for legal services and \$80/hour for paralegal services from March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

A new contract with Brentwood Services, Incorporated (payee) to provide specified Third Party Administrator Services for on-the-job injury claims at a rate not to exceed \$10,000 per year from January 1, 2018 through January 1, 2021.

A new contract with Kent D. Key, PhD (payee) to provide Capacity Building and Community Engagement training for 50 leaders and city planners from the City of Birmingham for a rate not to exceed \$2,000 from February 15, 2018 through February 16, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with United States Geological Survey (USGS) (payee) to monitor water quality parameters of pH and turbidity at USGS streamflow gauging stations at Cahaba River near Mountain Brook #02423380, Whites Chapel #02423160, Shades Creek #02423586, Shades Creek #02423571, and Valley Creek at Jay Bird Road in Bessemer for an amount not to exceed \$42,410 from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Renewal of a contract with Central Station, Inc. (payee) to provide alarm monitoring at all JCDH facilities for an amount not to exceed \$7,020 over the three year term of the contract from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

An amendment to a contract with Novarad South (payee) to allow an interface to be built between the existing x-ray equipment and the new electronic medical record software for an amount not to exceed \$10,500 for year one and \$2,900 annually for year two and three from February 2, 2018 through February 1, 2021.

A new contract with Birmingham Southern College to provide an unpaid, academic intern to receive advanced training in public health, with a focus on the social determinants of health, from February 5, 2018 through May 14, 2018 with no funds involved.

Renewal of a contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payor) should be listed as Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama Systems (payor) for the Sexually Transmitted Disease/HIV Training Center for a rate not to exceed \$15,813 from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

Signatures on Bank Accounts

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Health authorizes signatures for the bank accounts for the Jefferson County Department of Health as follows:

Regions Bank of Birmingham

Investment Accounts

(One signature required)

- #1010004727 JCDH Professional and General Liability Trust
- #M57901 Section 115 Trust
- #1051002420 Regions Trust Cash Sweep Account
- #1051002439 Low Duration Investment Account
- #1051002448 Enhanced Cash Investment Account

Authorized Signatures:

Mark E. Wilson, M.D.

Rodney Holmes Toni Bellina

Health Credit Union - #1334 00 - Payroll Account (One signature required)

Authorized Signatures:

Toni Bellina Loretta Hicks

Health Credit Union - #35480 - TB Compliance Account (One signature required)

Authorized Signatures:

Charles Esther Kellum Rachael Hobgood

Toni Bellina

Wells Fargo Advisors – #1335-9530 and #1669-6837 Investment Account

Authorized Signatures:

Mark E. Wilson, M.D. Rodney L. Holmes

Toni Bellina

Wells Fargo Bank - #2000019337513 - Operating Account

Authorized Signatures:

Loretta Hicks

Mark E. Wilson, M.D. Rodney Holmes Toni Bellina

Wells Fargo Bank - #2000019337539 - OJI- Medical Claims Account

Authorized Signatures:

Loretta Hicks

Mark Sparks, Brentwood Services, Inc. Collette Mangold, Brentwood Services, Inc.

Toni Bellina

Wells Fargo Bank - #4424992907 - Flexible Spending Account

Authorized Signatures:

Loretta Hicks

Mark E. Wilson, M.D.

Rodney Holmes
Toni Bellina

This resolution supersedes any previous resolutions in contravention with this action.

Health Officer Report

Alabama Legislative Update

Dr. Wilson stated the Alabama Legislative Session is approximately half way finished for this year. The Syringe Service Bill is still alive but may need some compromises since there has been some opposition.

Dr. Wilson discussed various health-related bills such as House Bill 26 for a law that prohibits smoking in vehicles with minors present. It would allow a fine. The bill has passed the House and moved to the Senate Health Committee.

House Bill 9 is sponsored by Representative Jack Williams and would require coaches and trainers in youth sports to get annual on-line training on safety. The bill has passed the House and moved to the Senate Health Committee.

A Tobacco 21 bill was introduced by Representative Chris Pringle in order to raise the legal age to 21 to purchase tobacco products in an effort to help save Medicaid funds being spent on tobacco-related illness. Grassroots support has not been developed and the bill is expected to be pulled from the current Legislative Session.

Senate Bill 255 concerns regulating hotels and motels and would allow only the State Board of Health to make rules or regulations. It would not allow any local Board of Health to have authority to adopt rules. JCDH is not concerned since we prefer unified rules with the State.

Dr. Wilson reported the American Cancer Society and other interested partners in Alabama plan to introduce a state-wide comprehensive smoke-free law in 2019. Dr. Wilson spoke at the Cancer Action Network's state-wide meeting last week about the health benefits of

comprehensive smoke-free policies. The group of volunteers help influence legislators on policies to help fight cancer.

Jefferson County Mayors' Association

Dr. Wilson stated on January 18, 2018 he spoke at the Jefferson County Mayors' Association meeting to inform them of our efforts to address the opioid epidemic. Dr. Miller made this suggestion at a previous Board of Health meeting. Dr. Wilson was also asked to provide an update on the flu epidemic.

Governor's Opioid Council

Dr. Wilson reported the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, on which he serves, and is Chair of the Rescue Sub-committee, has made its recommendations for addressing the opioid epidemic to Governor Kay Ivey. Governor Ivey is asking the Council to continue meeting to implement those recommendations; the first implementation meeting was February 12, 2018. At this meeting, Dr. Wilson was asked to speak about needle exchange. Dr. Morissa Ladinsky, a Pediatrics faculty member at UAB, spoke to the group about chemical endangerment laws and how there needs to be a new approach toward pregnant women with addiction. Dr. Wilson said the Board may want to consider adopting a resolution to address that particular issue.

Nurse Family Partnership

Dr. Wilson reported the Nurse Family Partnership is going very well. Two additional Registered Nurses (RN) have been hired for a total of four. The RNs and their supervisor are housed at Western Health Center adjacent to UAB Maternity Clinic.

Family Planning

Dr. Wilson noted JCDH is making significant progress in Family Planning after our Title X audit. He briefly discussed findings from the review and how the items are being addressed.

Dr. Wilson reported JCDH's Family Planning Nurse Practitioners are trained for Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC). JCDH is entering into an agreement for Dr. Sara Mazzoni from UAB to help with further on-site training of these Nurse Practitioners as they begin offering LARC, and to help with training on intrauterine device (IUD) placement. JCDH is also expanding access to vasectomies through a referral arrangement.

Mental Health Services

Dr. Wilson stated he and Dr. Hicks have had discussions with the Jefferson/Blount/St. Clair (JBS) Mental Health Authority regarding our need for adult mental health services. JBS is interested in hiring a full-time psychiatric nurse practitioner with a possible agreement for JCDH to help support this position; in return, this nurse practitioner could provide mental health services and consultation in our clinics.

Health District

Dr. Wilson stated meetings have taken place between UAB, Children's Hospital, Cooper Green, the Veteran's Administration, and will eventually include the City of Birmingham, to possibly form a Health District that includes all of these campuses. Establishing the entire District as smoke-free would help promote smoking cessation.

Needle Exchange

Dr. Wilson reported he is a part of a small team that applied for a National Governors' Association (NGA) "Learning Lab" on needle exchanges. It is an opportunity to learn and receive technical assistance from the NGA based on experience from other states. The Alabama team was selected to participate in the Learning Lab on State Strategies for Addressing Infectious Diseases Related to Substance Use in Louisville, Kentucky on March 14-16, 2018. Dr. Wilson will be unable to attend the March Board of Health meeting. Dr. Hicks will be filling in for him.

Athena Site Visit

Dr. Wilson stated our first site visit from Athena, JCDH's new electronic medical record vendor, is taking place this week. The go-live date is June 19, 2018.

Storm Water Management Authority (SWMA) Public Hearing

Dr. Wilson reported the public hearing is complete for the SWMA ordinances that will help the municipalities meet the requirements of their new Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) permits. JCDH drafted the ordinances and it is now in the hands of the individual municipalities for their approval.

Guy M. Tate (GMT) Building Renovations

Dr. Wilson noted the third floor of the GMT building is undergoing renovations and they should be completed soon. The new centralized call center for appointments will be located here.

Opioid Crisis

Dr. Miller thanked David Maxey, Esq., legal counsel for the Board, for the information on the State of Alabama's lawsuit with the pharmacy industry. Mr. Maxey answered questions from the Board.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Hernando Carter, M.D., Secretary

Approved: