



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

5th Floor Board Room

PRESENT: Iris Fancher, MD, Michele Kong, MD, Elizabeth Turnipseed, MD, and Weily Soong, MD

ABSENT: Jeffrey Dobyns, DO and Commissioner Jimmie Stephens

OTHERS

PRESENT: David Maxey, Esq., Kim Cason, David Hicks, DO, Senitra Blackburn, Rodney Holmes, Bryn Manzella, Jonathan Stanton, Allury Lal, MD, and Terrie Hartley

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the February 13, 2024, meeting were approved as distributed. The notes from the March 13, 2024, meeting, at which there was no quorum, were accepted as information only.

March 2024 Financial Statements

Rodney Holmes, CPA, Director of Finance and Administration, reviewed the fiscal year-to-date Financial Statements. There were no questions from the Board.

Contracts

On the motion of Dr. Kong, and seconded by Dr. Turnipseed, the following contracts were approved:

A new contract with the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Authority (payee) for rental, parking, and additional charges such as chairs, stages, etc., for Employee Team Day 2024; not to exceed \$16,915 from October 20, 2024, through October 21, 2024.

A new contract with Any Reason to Plan, LLC (payee) who will assist the JCDH team with planning the Employee Team Day 2024, including managing, and producing the event; not to exceed \$21,000 from February 26, 2024, through October 21, 2024. Dr. Hicks stated the Employee Team Day is a mandatory day of training, workshops, and team building for all JCDH employees.

A new contract with EQS Photography, LLC (payee) to provide professional photography services for a federal agency visit to JCDH on February 22, 2024; not to exceed \$375 from February 19, 2024, through February 28, 2024.

A new contract with the Alabama School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies (payee) for JCDH to provide overdose prevention education and harm reduction materials to participants of the Alabama School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies conference with promotion of ALAHOPE curriculum per Overdose Data to Action local workplan; not to exceed \$3,500 from February 2, 2024, through March 30, 2024.

A new contract with Starnes Publishing, LLC (payee) to provide advertising for the introduction of Dr. David Hicks as the new Health Officer of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$7,317 from November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023.

A new contract with Cumulus Media, Inc. (payee) for promotion of a public health campaign to raise awareness and educate residents on sexually transmitted infections and provide information on JCDH Sexual Health self-scheduling clinic; not to exceed \$2,067.50 from March 29, 2024, through April 19, 2024.

A new contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (payee) to provide technical expertise with creating an external Health Equity Story Map using publicly available data; not to exceed \$17,100 from February 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

A new bid contract with Duncan and Thompson Construction Services, LLC (payee) to provide modifications and upgrades to three existing JCDH facilities; not to exceed \$1,317,857.20 from December 29, 2023, until completion.

Renewal of a contract with Novarad South (payee) for an interface to facilitate data communication between x-ray software and electronic medical record; not to exceed \$53,544 from February 1, 2024, through February 1, 2027.

An amendment to a contract with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) (payor) to provide JCDH administration and coordination on all aspects of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Disease (ELC) Enhanced Detection Expansion cooperative agreement (ELC COVID-19 EDE). The amendment is to extend terms of agreement; not to exceed \$28,254,964.33 from January 12, 2024, through June 30, 2026.

An amendment to a contract with ADPH/Center for Emergency Preparedness (payor) to increase funds to support the completion of required All Hazard grant activities; not to exceed \$225,000 from January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

Renewal of a contract with ADPH/Bureau of Family Health Services (payor) to provide Maternal and Child Health services to JCDH clients; not to exceed \$217,545 from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

A new contract with Rivera Communications, LLC (payee) to promote a public health campaign to raise awareness and educate residents on sexually transmitted infections and provide

information on JCDH Sexual Health self-scheduling clinic; not to exceed \$499.80 from March 29, 2024, through April 19, 2024.

A new contract with Townsquare Media Tuscaloosa, LLC (payee) to promote a public health campaign to raise awareness and educate residents on sexually transmitted infections and provide information on JCDH Sexual Health self-scheduling clinic; not to exceed \$5,000 from March 29, 2024, through April 19, 2024.

A new contract with Courtney French Broadcasting, LLC (payee) for participation in twelve live interviews discussing various health topics and provide promotional messages to residents of Jefferson County; not to exceed \$27,000 from March 15, 2024, through September 15, 2024.

A new contract with Richardson Broadcasting Corporation (payee) to promote a public health campaign to raise awareness and educate residents on sexually transmitted infections and provide information on JCDH Sexual Health self-scheduling clinic; not to exceed \$1,000 from March 29, 2024, through April 19, 2024.

Renewal of a contract with Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency (payee) who will assist JCDH with performing Cities Readiness Initiatives; not to exceed \$35,560 from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Renewal of a contract with Carrier Corporation (payee) to provide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) maintenance to JCDH; not to exceed \$31,306 from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2026.

Renewal of a contract with TruMed Systems (payee) for an automated vaccine refrigeration and inventory management system; not to exceed \$17,400 per unit, per year from January 4, 2024, through January 4, 2027.

A new contract with the Addiction Prevention Coalition (payee) for JCDH to be a Prevention Partner sponsor of the End Addiction Bham Walk scheduled for April 6, 2024; not to exceed \$2,500 from January 29, 2024, through April 30, 2024.

A new contract with the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA) (payee) for JCDH to be a bronze level sponsor at the MASA 2024 annual meeting on April 11-13, 2024, to promote ALAHOPE curriculum per the Overdose Data to Action local workplan; not to exceed \$2,750 from February 16, 2024, through April 15, 2024.

An amendment to a contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (payee) to extend the terms of the agreement to continue the work under the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Sustaining Peers in the Emergency Department grant through the run-off of remaining available funds; not to exceed \$270,000 from July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

An amendment to a contract with Software House International Corp. (payee) for Microsoft Unified Enterprise Support to provide expedited troubleshooting support for all Department Microsoft software. Amendment to transfer Software Assurance from legacy Select Plus

agreement to existing Microsoft Enterprise agreement; not to exceed \$22,873.81 from March 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024.

Renewal of a contract with Smartsheet, Inc. (payee) for the renewal of a work collaboration software; not to exceed \$1,643.40 from June 7, 2024, through June 6, 2025.

Renewal of a contract with University of Alabama Health Services Foundation (Workplace) (payee) to provide N95 fit testing for new hires and annually for specific positions within the Department; not to exceed \$12,000 from February 3, 2023, through February 3, 2026.

An amendment to a contract with New Solutions Group, Inc. (payee) to remove and replace fence, extend gravel pad including cross ties and packing of gravel and remove existing building at air monitoring site. Amendment to add unanticipated preparation work to the construction site at a rate not to exceed \$9,390 from December 20, 2023, through June 20, 2024.

Renewal of a contract with ADPH (payor) to provide funding for Disease Intervention Specialists within the Sexually Transmitted Disease program to conduct case investigations; not to exceed \$570,000 from February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025.

An amendment to a contract with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (payor) for continuation of Section 103 Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) grant; not to exceed \$294,246 from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

A new contract with Miles College, Inc. to establish a collaboration to improve the public health of the environment through educational program development, community outreach, and community capacity building, with no exchange of funds, from March 11, 2024, through September 30, 2024.

Title V Permit Fee

Dr. Hicks provided background information on the following resolution to increase Title V Permit fees for Fiscal Year 2024 from \$102 per ton to \$105 per ton. Environmental Health regulates major industrial sources in Jefferson County to make sure they are following federal, state, and local standards. He noted the fees are necessary to properly fund the Title V program. The resolution was discussed, and the Board decided the fee increase was appropriate.

On the motion of Dr. Soong, and seconded by Dr. Kong, the follow resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Air Act and the Jefferson County Board of Health Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations require that the Title V operating permit program fees be established to adequately fund the Title V operating permit program's responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, that the Title V permit fees may be used only for the Title V permit program; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that for Fiscal Year 2024, Title V permit fee revenues, based on a fee of \$105 per ton will adequately fund the **direct** and **indirect** expenses of the Title V permit program for fiscal year 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDAINED, ORDERED AND ENACTED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT:

Title V Operating Permit fees will be assessed at the rate of \$105 per ton for the release of each ton of regulated pollutant as specified in Chapter 16 of the Jefferson County Board of Health Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations for calendar year 2023, which fees will be payable in fiscal year 2024.

Health Officer Report

Report from State Health Officer – February and March 2024

Dr. Hicks reviewed the summary report for the months of February and March 2024 from Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer. Dr. Kong had a question related to the February 2024 State Health Officer's report about immunization for the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Dr. Hicks will get clarification and follow-up with Dr. Kong.

National Public Health Week

Dr. Hicks reported on activities during last week's National Public Health Week. He provided a presentation, "Exploring the Collective Impact of Public Health in Jefferson County" at an event on April 2, 2024, sponsored by the UAB School of Public Health followed by a networking reception. The Overdose Data to Action Regional Task Force was selected to receive the annual Public Health Champion award. Dr. Hicks gave the "State of Public Health in Jefferson County" at an event sponsored by the Birmingham Business Alliance on April 3. The week wrapped up with the dedication ceremony of the Mark E. Wilson pavilion and reopening of the JCDH Annex on April 5.

Bluestone Coke Consent Decree Community Meeting

Dr. Hicks said he along with Dr. Vincent Nathan, Health Equity Director, and Jonathan Stanton, Environmental Health Director, participated in a community town hall meeting in North Birmingham with residents of Harriman Park, Collegeville, and Fairmont on April 9 to discuss the settlement funds from the Bluestone Coke Consent Decree. The residents had an opportunity to voice their thoughts on how the funds could be used in their community to create green spaces and clear blight. The Department has issued a Notice of a Public Input Session to be held on May 31, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A of the Jefferson County Department of Health, 1400 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL. Written comments will be accepted from April 10 until May 31, 2024.

Back-to-School Vaccination Initiative

Dr. Hicks provided an update on activities surrounding JCDH back-to-school vaccination promotion. We are hoping to get children vaccinated before the back-to-school rush in August.

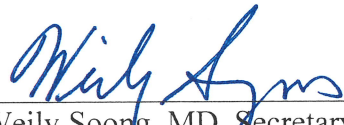
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Dr. Hicks announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is April 13 at locations in Gardendale, Bessemer, and Irondale. Items such as appliances, ammunition, batteries, electronics, paint, and tires are a few of the acceptable items that residents of Jefferson County may drop off. Most suitable items are recycled.

Alabama Medical Association Award

Dr. Hicks informed the Board that he will receive the William Henry Sanders Award at the Medical Association of the State of Alabama's Annual Session this week in Montgomery in recognition of his service in public health.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room.


Weily Soong, MD, Secretary

Approved:


Iris Fancher, MD, Chair