

**Cincinnati Board of Health
Board of Health Meeting
February 28, 2012**

Ms. Kinley, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Health, called the February 28, 2012 meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Health to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Dr. Safi (arrived at 7), Dr. Shambley-Ebron, Dr. Schwen, Dr. Wenstrup, Dr. Wilson (arrived at 6:15), Dr. Graham, Dr. Davis, Ms. Joyce Kinley

Board members absent: Dr. Dato

Senior Staff Present: Dr. Noble Maseru, Dr. Camille Jones (by conference call), Mr. Bob Schlantz, Dr. Larry Holditch, Ms. Joyce Tate, Dr. Steven Englender, Mr. Rocky Merz, Dr. Mohammad Alam, Dr. Crumpton

The first order of business was the recognition and presentation of resolutions to the 2011 Cincinnati Health Department retirees who were in attendance. Dr. Maseru and Ms. Kinley presented each retiree with a resolution and congratulated them.

**JANUARY 12, 2012 SPECIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
(ATTACHMENT 1)**

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 Special Board of Health meeting.”

Second:

Vote: (By Acclamation- Yea/Nay): Unanimously approved

FINANCIAL REPORT –BOB SCHLANZ

Mr. Schlantz gave the annual reports on expenses and revenue in major categories which are given to the Ohio Department of Health each year. In 2011, the total revenue of over \$40 million; general funds were \$18 million; fees, patient revenue etc were at almost \$11.2 million; \$8.7 million in grants; a little under \$2 million in contracts. General funds in 2011 came to 46%. In 2010, about 50% were general revenue funds.

PRESENTATION – NEEDLE EXCHANGE DECLARATION

The speakers gave an overview of drug use including heroin, HIV and Hepatitis C, and their involvement with the programs that had been implemented. Over the years Cincinnati had not had a large problem with intravenous drug use. They presented local and national data pertaining to drug use and needle exchange programs.

Dr. Keeshim introduced data from Hamilton County Coroner's Crime lab which indicated the years 2000-2010 of heroin use. There had been a steady increase in the last ten years. From 1999-2009 there was in fact an increase in endocarditis, with an average of over 60 cases per year. Additional data was presented on hospital stays, age ranges, gender, ethnicity, specific cases and insurance coverage.

Dr. Schwen asked about the testing patterns in the more recent years. Dr. Keeshim said a majority relied on emergency room tests. Dr. Graham asked why this was a problem with the older population. Dr. Keeshim explained that those who were on prescription drugs turned to drugs. Dr. Keeshim said there were not many treatment programs or physicians who were trained to follow-up with patients. The number of Hepatitis C is estimated at 5.2 - 5.7 million.

Dr. Holditch discussed the Health Department's number on Hep. C and HIV testing; prevalence is 1% for HIV and 21.5% for Hep. C.

Mr. Reilly provided packets of information which included national data, studies, Hamilton County epidemiology data by neighborhood for Hep. C and surveys for IV drug users. Most people are injecting at home or at friends' houses. Very few people were obtaining syringes from unreliable resources or finding them. Most people were using alcohol or household cleaners which do not protect against Hep. C. The syringe exchange program puts a value on syringes and which are used for programs that get them off the streets.

Mr. Krueger spoke about the needle exchange program in Cleveland which was started in 1995 as a result of high rates of HIV. Since the program has started it is very difficult to find needle in public areas, making it safer for children. Over 100,000 syringes are confiscated off the streets annually. He described the process for how the program works. Each person who drops off syringes remains anonymous and is offered testing.

Ms. Bratchett spoke of the program in Portsmouth and its successes. She described the nature of the users in the community and why the rates were so high.

Dr. Maseru discussed his experience of the program in Detroit in where he was a health official. He stated that the driver for IV drug use was heroin. He spoke of the evidence needed to indicate whether a program is needed; the number of HIV cases had increased. The overall national prevalence was .03% for HIV, less than the percentage in Cincinnati.

Dr. Holditch discussed the pros and cons of such programs. He provided informational sheets. This emergency order was to allow for legal cooperation and funding.

Dr. Maseru executed the emergency order for the needle exchange program. A discussion began about funding from public and private sectors. Dr. Schwen discussed the health and cost benefits.

Dr. Wenstrup expressed his concern about the involvement of Planned Parenthood; he opposed their involvement and said it would be a reason for him to vote against this program. He recommended the participation of other entities to provide funding instead of Planned Parenthood. He continued to say that although this program saves lives, he could not be involved if funding was provided by Planned Parenthood.

Dr. Feinberg stated that the connection to Planned Parenthood was Mr. Reilly's employment. The state pulled funds which were separated into two directions, one of which was Planned Parenthood. She said that there was no automatic connection with Planned Parenthood, it was just where testing was done and where Mr. Reilly was employed.

Dr. Maseru stated that this emergency order's intent is not for the health department to be the principle entity to operate a syringe exchange program. The best place for this program is within the community.

Public Speakers:

Dr. Judith Feinberg – UC College of Medicine

Dr. Susana Keeshim – UC College of Medicine

Adam Reilly – Planned Parenthood

Chris Krueger – AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland

Bobbi Bratchett – Portsmouth City Health Department

Ms. Kinley proposed a motion, and Dr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health declare the Needle Exchange Program, attachment #2, to be an emergency measure and to become effective immediately per Ohio Revised Code, Section 3709.20.”

Second: Dr. Wilson

Discussion:

Vote/Action:

Dr. Schwen	YES
Dr. Wilson	YES
Ms. Kinley	YES

Dr. Graham	YES
Dr. Davis	YES
Dr. Shambley-Ebron	YES
Dr. Wenstrup	ABSTAIN

Vote: Approved by majority vote

(At this time Dr. Safi arrived to continue the meeting)

PRESENTATION – LITTER PROGRAM OVERVIEW, BILL JACOBY

Mr. Jacoby presented an overview of the Litter Program. It began in 1982, utilizing grant funds and was housed within the department of public works. Four litter patrol officers were responsible for protecting the city from illegal dumping and to ensure that tractor trailers were properly tarped during travel. In the early 1990's there was a significant decrease in funding and the program was severely hampered and eventually eliminated in 1993. As a result departments throughout the city were responsible for these services. In 1999 City Council moved the program to the health department. At that time there were six litter control officers. Currently the staff upholds three Municipal Codes Chapters (714,729 & 731). The biggest section of responsibility within the Waste Disposal Section is the illegal dumping which is prevalent throughout the city.

Dr. Safi asked for the goals of the program, such as freeing the city of litter. Mr. Jacoby stated that the goals were to follow the Municipal Codes. The ultimate goal is to clean up the city.

Mr. Jacoby discussed the day to day responsibilities of the litter program. The primary source of complaints is through the city's CSR system. Each morning a list of complaints is printed out and handed to the litter control officers who each have designated areas. The inspector does an inspection on the property and can issue a citation. If the property is not owner occupied then the ticket is mailed to the owner. After ten days there is a follow up on the property to allow for the possibility of a reduced fine. If after ten days the violation still exists, the property owner will be fined for clean-up costs done by a city contractor.

Dr. Wenstrup asked if there were health issues being addressed or if the program should be in another department. Mr. Jacoby described the health risks that could result from litter and pests.

Dr. Davis asked if there was any positive messaging being done to promote cleaner communities. Mr. Jacoby stated that the program works closely with other programs such as Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and other community organizations to advocate for cleaner neighborhoods.

Dr. Safi asked if there were fines written for city owned properties. Mr. Jacoby stated that the language within the Municipal Code prohibits that. Dr. Safi said he had been cited for litter on his property without a warning and discussed the process he experienced. He agreed with the program's goals and the relation with health issues. He said that if the Health Department is enforcing the law then it should hold itself to the same standard. He asked for everyone to think about this from a broader perspective. He asked how much it costs the city to cite someone versus simply picking it up. He thanked Mr. Jacoby for presenting an overview of the Litter Program and proposed.

There was a discussion about the process of citations, the concern over keeping the Burnet/King campus clean, the goals of the program and the possibility of an internal audit. Board members were invited to

Mr. Jacoby thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent the Health Department. Ms. Kinley said that the next move could perhaps be to approach City Council about the process. Dr. Safi sought legal advice on exactly what the roles could be for City Council and the Board of Health.

Dr. Maseru said that the Litter Program handles 10,000 complaints with a staff of five people and the Health Department works with 3,700 people every day. He said that there is an opportunity for inspection to improve efficiency and it would be valuable for the program staff to be involved in a retreat.

A discussion began about encouraging new Board members to go on inspections with program staff and the process for handling situations similar to these.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (ATTACHMENT NO. 3)

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the four personnel actions on the list identified as Attachment No. 3 dated February 22, 2012.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote/Action: passed and approved

CONTRACTS/GRANTS

- a. University Hospital Women's Health Services – Contract (Attachment No. 4)
Up to \$50,000 2/19/2012 thru 6/30/2012 – Dr. Victoria Wulsin

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and University Hospital Women's Health Services Advanced Nurse Practitioners as contractor to provide comprehensive reproductive health services for the purpose of satisfying RHIC requirements for up to but not in excess of \$50,000. The term for this agreement is effective February 19, 2012 to on or before June 30, 2012.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion:

Vote/Action:

Dr. Schwen	YES
Dr. Wilson	YES
Ms. Kinley	YES
Dr. Graham	YES
Dr. Davis	YES
Dr. Shambley-Ebron	YES
Dr. Wenstrup	ABSTAIN

Vote: Approved by majority vote

- b. J E Williams & Associates LLC – Contract (Attachment No. 5)
Up to \$4,000 1/1/12 thru 5/31/12 - Dr. Camille Jones

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and J E Williams & Associates LLC to provide project coordination services for the *Cincinnati Conversation Phase II* grant for the amount of up to but not in excess of \$4,000 effective January 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion:

Vote/Action: passed and approved

c. Martha Walter – Contract (Attachment No. 6)
Up to \$15,000 Executed date thru on or before June 30, 2012 - Dr.
Victoria Wulsin

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and Martha Walter as Administrative Analyst to provide services for the Reproductive Health Improvement Coalition (RHIC) Director in the amount of up to but not in excess of \$15,000 effective from the executed date to on or before June 30, 2012.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion:

Vote/Action:

Dr. Wilson	YES
Ms. Kinley	YES
Dr. Shambley-Ebron	YES
Dr. Graham	YES
Dr. Wenstrup	ABSTAIN
Dr. Davis	YES
Dr. Schwen	YES
Dr. Safi	YES

Vote: Approved by majority vote

d. Terrence Poole, DDS – Contract (Attachment No. 7)
Up to \$20,160 2/1/2012 thru 1/31/2013 – Joyce Tate

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and Terrence Poole as dental consultant to provide services in the amount of up to but not in excess of \$20,160 effective February 1, 2012 to on or before January 31, 2013.”

Second:

Discussion:

Vote/Action:

Dr. Davis	YES
Dr. Shambley-Ebron	YES
Dr. Safi	YES
Dr. Schwen	YES
Dr. Graham	YES
Dr. Wilson	ABSTAIN

Ms. Kinley YES
Dr. Wenstrup ABSTAIN

Vote: approved by majority vote

- e. Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC)
(Attachment No. 8)
Up to \$273,380 Commencement Date thru 6/30/2012 - Joyce Tate

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) to provide assistance for Ohio’s Community Health Centers. OACHC agrees to pay the Cincinnati Health Department up to but not in excess of \$273,380 beginning on the commencement date to on or before June 30, 2012.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion:

Vote/Action: passed and approved

- f. Jason Meyer, J&M & Associates – Agreement, First Amendment
(Attachment No. 9)
Up to \$123,420 3/1/2011 thru 2/28/2014 - Dr. Camille Jones

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the first amendment to the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and Jason Meyer to perform work to assist with the HUD grant CLOSE program for 300 properties. The amendment will extend the current contract for two additional years for a total of up to but not in excess of \$123,420. The term for this agreement is effective March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2014.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion: Cynthia McCarthy said that Mr. Meyer has construction experience and a unique combination of skills to offer.

Vote/Action: passed and approved

A discussion began about Aetna Better Health, Inc. services contract (addendum to the agenda). The Board recommended other providers be contacted and to gather more data. This contract was tabled until the March Board of Health meeting.

INFORMATION MATERIALS (ATTACHMENT A)

Dr. Holditch discussed the Greater OB/GYN, Inc. contract. In 1990, University Hospital went private. After thirteen years of negotiations, UH agreed to provide OB/GYN providers for ten years at no cost. This was a no money contract to provide OB/GYN services in the health centers. Dr. Holditch provided additional statistical information from the provided attachment. Negotiations have begun with UH regarding the services in the future.

Dr. Safi commented on what a great program it is and that the Department should continue to work in a public/private approach.

HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Jones – The Lead Program received another 100/100 on their evaluation.

Dr. Englander – Planning continued for the World Choir Games. Another meeting was held February 29. Information was being gathered on the growing problems of drug availability, which has affected EMS colleagues.

Dr. Crumpton – Two planning grants were submitted for School Based Health Centers at four schools. Next month's meeting will have a more comprehensive update. Dr. Crumpton provided fliers and updates for the Adopt a Class program and also explained the program to the new Board members.

Dr. Alam – Four papers are to be presented at a conference in D.C. for which two staff members received scholarships. Environmental health will play a major role in the World Choir Games.

Mr. Merz – The Safe Routes to School program produced a “Walkumentary” video which was unveiled at an event. CHD collaborated with Cincinnati Public Schools, Hamilton County and other constituents to promote the SRTS program in Cincinnati.

Dr. Safi thanked everyone for their patience and said there would be no further comments.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Safi adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Minutes Approved by:

Ashley Auciello, Clerk to the Board
Cincinnati Board of Health

Wael Safi, Pharm.D.
Chairman, Board of Health

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