

**Cincinnati Board of Health
Board of Health Meeting
April 26, 2011**

Dr. Wael Safi, Chairperson, Board of Health called the April 26, 2011 meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Health to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Ms. Joyce Kinley, Dr. Jeff Lange, Dr. Wael Safi, Dr. Richard Schwen, Dr. Donna Shambley-Ebron (left at 7:40) and Dr. Brad Wenstrup

Arrived late: Dr. Stephen Wilson (6:15)

Board members absent: Dr. Mark Dato

Senior Staff Present: Dr. Noble Maseru, Dr. Camille Jones, Mr. Bob Schlantz, Dr. Marilyn Crumpton, Dr. Larry Holditch, Ms. Joyce Tate, Rocky Merz

RESOLUTION HONORING CATHY FRANK

The Board of Health honored Cathy Frank for being honored as a recipient of the Florence Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing, hosted by the Board of Advisors of the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing.

Frank works at the Oyler School Based Health Center, often offering students the only access to health care that they receive.

MARCH 22, 2011 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 Board of Health meeting.”

Second: Dr. Jeff Lange

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

MARCH 29, 2011 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the minutes of the March 29, 2011 Board of Health meeting.”

Second: Jeff Lange

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

The agenda order was changed. Dr. Jones gave a presentation on neighborhood-specific mortality data.

Dr. Edward Hooker of Xavier University Masters of Health Administration, Dan Laughlin and Matt Malinak, Xavier students and Intisar Khanani of Cincinnati Health Department.

This project produced detailed information on age, race and sex of each neighborhood. The Health Department used death certificates to attach a census tract to it—divided into 48 neighborhoods.

Crude death rates are calculated by dividing the number of deaths by the population. The number of deaths are expressed per 100,000 population. The Crude mortality rate (per 100,000) for Cincinnati is 1,095.3 for Cincinnati and 928.3 for Ohio.

The project broke out data by sex, race and age. Every age group in Cincinnati has higher death rates than Ohio. Death rates are related to age, poverty, access to healthcare, exercise, healthy food, etc., education, environmental factors, etc.

It is not advisable to compare neighborhood to neighborhood because each neighborhood may have different age composition. Age adjustment looks at what mortality rates would be if every neighborhood had same age makeup.

This data also looked at top 10 causes of death in Cincinnati, including heart disease, cancers, cerebrovascular diseases, chronic lower respiratory diseases. The stroke rate, diabetes and homicide are higher than Ohio large metro areas. The top three causes of death are the same as national top three.

The presentation broke down neighborhood-specific mortality rates for cardiovascular disease, cancer and stroke and compared to national, Ohio large metro areas and Cincinnati rates.

Causes of death are affected by risk factors including high cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, poverty, lack of access to medical care, poor nutrition, lack of physical activity.

What can be done with this information?

The Health Department thinks it is important to work with communities since communities have information that outsiders may not have. Data needs to be easily available to stimulate action. Data has been shared with City Planning and will play into Land Development Code—incentive zoning to address chronic disease risk, environmental justice concerns, etc.

Data will be rolled out through CHD's website, Twitter and Facebook.

The Xavier students are working on a paper based on data.

FINANCIAL REPORT—BOB SCHLANZ (ATTACHMENT NO. 3)

Bob Schlantz prepared a report about each of health centers for Tax Levy Review Committee.

This report included staffing trends, budgets, number of patients, encounters. For example at Cann, average user comes 4.5 times. The information also included insurance information, Medicare patients, etc.

The general fund dollars for primary care has shrunk from \$8.4 million in 2008 to \$6.7 million in 2011 without reducing patient counts.

Furthermore, Rocky Merz briefly explained Tax Levy Committee process. The Committee will make recommendations to County Commissioners who vote in August about what will be put before voters. The Committee seemed to be interested in urgent care and drain on general funds and if services go away what will happen to hospitals if health centers go away.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS (ATTACHMENT NO. 4)

Dale Cornes—There have been retirements in maintenance section so this promotion to Building Maintenance Worker will allow Cornes to do more.

Alvenia Ross—Ross used to work in the lab and with layoffs the Department is trying to find positions for qualified candidates. Ross will fill a vacant position as Health Counselor in STD/HIV division.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the personnel actions on the list identified as Attachment No. 4 dated April 25, 2011.”

Second: Dr. Jeff Lange

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote/Action: Passed unanimously and approved

LAYOFF STATEMENT OF RATIONALE (ATTACHMENT NO. 5)

City Council voted to remove funding to School Health Nursing program halfway through the year (end of 2010-11 school year). In order to meet 30 day notification to unions, the Board of Health needs to approve the layoff statement of rationale and then it will go to Civil Service.

If the layoff statement is approved, it does not mean that layoffs must occur, it is a step necessary in process.

There are no names attached to layoffs—it is positions. There may be positions for school nurses to move into.

Dr. Schwen requested that City Council see the layoff statement of rationale.

The Health Department is working hard to maintain as much of the program as it can. The department is not just going to let the program go away.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the Layoff Statement of Rationale identified as Attachment No. 5 dated April 26, 2011.”

Second: Dr. Jeff Lange

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote/Action: Passed unanimously and approved

CONTRACTS/GRANTS

Humana Health Plan, Inc.—Contract (Attachment No. 6)
Fee for services, Effective for 1 yr of executed agreement date (Joyce Tate)

Joyce Tate explained the Humana Health Contract approves pharmacy rates and see patients who come to health centers with Humana. The fee for service rates are equal to Medicare rates—more than the Health Department is getting now.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement with Humana Health Plan, Inc. to allow the Cincinnati Health Department physicians to serve Humana members in Health Department health centers with reimbursement set at Medicare fee for service rates.”

Second: Dr. Jeff Lange

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote/Action: Passed unanimously and approved

Hamilton County Public Health (PHEP)—Contract (Attachment No. 7)
Up to \$230,000 February 4, 2011—August 9, 2011 (Dr. Steven Englander)

This will allow the PHER funds for pandemic planning, using issues discovered during H1N1 pandemic.

Money has been used already for vaccination outreach in January and February. The money can be used to look at vaccination campaign and see what was successful and what needs to be changed to reach people more effectively. This will also help modernize equipment.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the amendment to the agreement with Hamilton County Public Health for up to \$230,000 to provide funding for the continuation of pandemic preparedness planning and implementation activities begun in 2009-2010 for H1N1 pandemic.”

Second: Dr. Jeff Lange

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote/Action: Passed unanimously and approved

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)—Contract (Attachment No. 8) \$5,000 January 5, 2011 – July 31, 2011 (Dr. Steven Englender)

This \$5,000 is annual funding to help support Medical Reserve Corps. Since it is Cincinnati/Hamilton County the funds are alternated to be given to City and County.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the agreement to allow for the provision of \$5,000 through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to support the Cincinnati/Hamilton County Chapter of the Tristate Medical Reserve Corps.”

Second: Dr. Jeff Lange

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote/Action: Passed unanimously and approved

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

Dr. Larry Holditch--The Health Department had a primary care retreat. It looked at electronic medical records, patients’ medical homes, lab, etc. Committees will be formed to look at these issues.

Dr. Crumpton address what the Health Department is doing regarding funding for School Nurse Program. The Department is working closely with the Health Foundation, who will give money and raise money for program. There was a motion from City Council for \$200,000 and will be referred for report. The department is creating a report with funding options. There is a \$500,000 Family and Children Health Services grant and the department submitted a letter of intent for sleep safe campaign and direct service component. The Health Department is working with Anthem. The Wellpoint Foundation has two types of grant proposals. Furthermore, the department is working on contributions, including individual school communities raising money. There is a 501c3 fund for individuals to donate. Cincinnati Public Schools is also asking for a proposal for school health services.

The Health Department has had discussion with United Way. The problem is foundations have already allocated funds.

The concern is that if nurses are laid off and the program is lost, it will be costly to restore program—training, equipment, etc. The program can be scaled to the funding available.

One concern Cincinnati Public Schools is that there isn't a health service provider in every school, which makes teachers unprepared to provide medical care that takes away from teaching.

Dr. Jones referred to Dr. Alam to discuss Healthy Homes. Recently there was training. When people get called out on nuisance complains, inspectors can look for other issues that affect health in home. All the sanitarians in Environmental are doing this.

Environmental Health is continuing publishing papers and making presentations on this data.

The Litter Program looks at 10,000 complaints a year and is coming into its busy season.

Health Promotions presented at Quality of Life on Creating Healthy Communities and Urban Agriculture.

City Planning community challenge grant is to develop unified code. CHD is a demonstration project to fund an epidemiologist to analyze data.

Joyce Tate discussed the quality of CHD's dental program and that dental is a large unmet need in Cincinnati.

Dr. Steven Englander said Emergency Preparedness is working with Post Office to pass out candy in lieu of pills as part of Biological Detection System.

As part of national FEMA exercise, there will be an exercise as if New Madrid fault had moved. At state level, it is called Shaken Horizon and local level it is Quake 5.7. It will be an ongoing three day exercise.

Another component of national preparedness is National Disaster Medical system. This is testing redistributing non critical patients.

Also there was collaboration between Health Department, schools and counties to do TB testing.

The Health Department is working on bringing in one day seminar about radiation.

Dr. Safi commented on reduction of budgets and the necessity for the Department to think of creative ways to raise money and generate funding.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Safi adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Minutes Approved by:

Kathryn Rosenbaum, Clerk to the Board
Cincinnati Board of Health

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