

**Cincinnati Board of Health
Board of Health Meeting
December 13, 2011**

Dr. Safi, Chairperson of the Board of Health, called the December 13, 2011 meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Health to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Dr. Safi, Dr. Schwen, Dr. Wilson
Dr. Brad Wenstrup, Dr. Camille Graham and Dr. Dato

Board members absent: Dr. Shambley-Ebron and Ms. Joyce Kinley

Senior Staff Present: Dr. Noble Maseru, Dr. Camille Jones, Mr. Bob Schlanz, Dr. Larry Holditch, Ms. Joyce Tate, Dr. Elizabeth Kelly, Dr. Steven Englender, Mr. Rocky Merz,
Dr. Mohammad Alam

Dr. Safi announced that the meeting would end promptly at 7 p.m. and the contracts and grants would be voted on first, with other items to follow.

**November 15, 2011 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 November 15, 2011 Board of Health meeting.”

Second: Dr. Dato

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

Dr. Safi said the contracts would be voted on first followed by everything else which would be in regular order.

CONTRACTS/GRANTS

- A. Hamilton County Public Health —Contract (Attachment No. 7)
Up to \$130,767.05 August 10, 2011 to August 9, 2012

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the contract between the Cincinnati Health Department and Hamilton County Public Health which provides pass-through funding for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) support from the Ohio Department of Health. These funds will pay for preparedness personnel, travel, equipment and incidental expenses involved with the program. This contract is for up to but not in excess of \$130,767.05 effective August 10, 2011 through August 9, 2012.”

Second: Dr. Wilson

Discussion: Dr. Englander said this year’s amount was substantially decreased from last year. A 20% decrease in funds to ODH and a 10% decrease in funds for Cincinnati population.

Vote/Action: unanimously passed and approved

- B. Nancy Steinberg Warren, MS, CGC —Contract (Attachment No. 8)
Up to \$35,000 from December 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and Nancy Steinberg Warren for the position of FIMR Project Coordinator with compensation at the rate of \$26 per hour as funded through a grant received from the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, up to \$35,000. The term of this agreement shall begin on December 1, 2011 and shall end on or before December 31, 2012.”

Second: Dr. Dato

Discussion: Dr. Kelly said that Ms. Warren will replace Ann Packham.

Vote/Action: unanimously passed and approved

- C. Sophie Duval-Austin, DMD — Contract (Attachment No. 9)
Up to \$20,000 January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and Sophie Duval-Austin to work as a pediatric dentist at the Crest Smile Shoppe for up to but not in excess of \$20,000 effective January 1, 2012 to on or before December 31, 2012.”

Second:

Discussion: Joyce Tate

Vote/Action:

Dr. Dato	YES
Dr. Schwen	YES
Dr. Graham	YES
Dr. Safi	YES
Dr. Wenstrup	YES
Dr. Wilson	abstain

Vote: Approved by majority vote

- D. Healthy Housing Solutions — Contract (Attachment No. 10)
Up to \$9,773.32 September 1, 2011 to February 28, 2012

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement with Healthy Housing Solutions to consult with the City and provide a report with strategic recommendations for measuring and tracking results in the lead program and for developing best practices for coordination of work among the various city departments working on healthy housing solutions. This contract is for up to \$9,773.32 effective September 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012.”

Second: Dr. Graham

Discussion: Dr. Jones stated that this contract is for strategic planning for the lead program for the City of Cincinnati and the Health Department. These are remaining funds to produce reports two and three.

Vote/Action: unanimously passed and approved

- E. Children's Hospital Medical Center (DPIC) — Contract (Attachment No. 11)
Up to \$7,500 January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 – Dr. Steven Englander

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to support the Southwest Ohio Infectious Disease Call Center operated by the Drug and Poison Information Center (DPIC) for up to but no in excess of \$7,500 effective January 1, 2012 to on or before December 31, 2012.”

Second: Dr. Graham

Discussion: Dr. Englander said this is the renewal of the contract with the Drug and Poison Information Center part of Children's Hospital that provides services to CHD and other local health departments.

Vote/Action: unanimously passed and approved

(original “F” on agenda was replaced with the addendum below)

- F. Contract - Tevis Foreman (Attachment No. 12)
Up to \$15,000; January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the contract between the Cincinnati Health Department and Tevis Foreman as Urban Farm Coordinator. This contract is for 467 hours of service at an hourly rate of \$30 per hour for a total of \$15,000 and includes \$990 for mileage, materials and supplies for contracted activities to fulfill program goals and objectives for the Ohio Department of Health Creating Healthy Communities Program. This contract is effective January 1, 2012 and will end December 31, 2012.”

Second: Dr. Dato

Discussion: Dr. Camille Jones said that Mr. Foreman would oversee development and maintenance of up to 6 urban farms. He will develop key relationships with schools and communities and will be primarily responsible for the initiative of urban agriculture policy change in Cincinnati. Dr. Safi asked if this is the average rate for this type of consultant. Dr. Jones stated that he has been doing this as part of the grant in the past year but had only three sites.

Vote/Action: unanimously passed and approved

**BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATION #00079 FOOD LICENSE AND FACILITY REVIEW FEES FOR LY 2012-2013 (ATTACHMENT NO. 2)
DR. MOHAMMAD ALAM**

By title only.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the third reading and approval of Board of Health Regulation #00079, Food License and Facility Review Fees.”

Second: Dr. Wilson

Discussion: Dr. Alam

Vote/Action: unanimously passed and approved

**RESOLUTION - 2012 SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION
LICENSURE FOR REPUBLIC SERVICES (CSI)
(Attachment No. 3)**

Dr. Safi proposed the motion and Dr. Wilson seconded the motion:

At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the renewal of the 2012 license for this facility.”

Discussion: Mr. Rick Thornburg, Supervising Sanitarian, stepped to the podium to explain that this is the annual licensing renewal for this facility. This renewal is standard and no violations were found. Dr. Wilson commented on the progress of this program and it is a testament to the work of the leadership team. Staff recommends that the license be renewed.

Vote/Action: Unanimously passed and approved

**RESOLUTION - 2012 SOLID WASTE CLASS II
COMPOST LICENSURE – FINDLAY MARKET
(Attachment No. 4)**

Dr. Safi proposed the motion and Dr. Graham seconded the motion:

At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the renewal of the 2012 license for this facility.”

Discussion: Mr. Thornburg said this is a renewal for the 2012 license. This is a model facility and there are no issues with it. Under the quarterly inspections there have been no violations this year. Staff recommends that the license be renewed for 2012.

Vote/Action: Passed unanimously and approved.

**RESOLUTION - 2012 SOLID WASTE CLASS II
COMPOST LICENSURE – CHRIST HOSPITAL
(Attachment No. 5)**

Dr. Safi proposed the motion, and Dr. Dato seconded the motion:

At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the renewal of the 2012 license for this facility.”

Discussion: Mr. Thornburg said this is a renewal of the license for 2012. There was one complaint but no violations. The area is not accessible to the public. Wood chips were added for odor control. After routine inspections the complaint was closed. Staff recommends that the license be renewed for 2012.

Vote/Action: Passed unanimously and approved.

ROUTINE PERSONNEL ACTIONS (Attachment No. 6)

Akino Kishagawa is a dental hygienist with an anesthesia license. She is recommended as a new hire for Elm Street and Price Hill.

Linda Gross is recommended for a promotion as an administrative technician for PEAP.

Patricia Hollis is recommended for a promotion as an Accountant for the Technical Resources Division.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the three personnel actions on the list identified as attachment No. 6 dated December 6, 2011.”

Second: Dr Dato

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote/Action: Passed unanimously and approved.

PRESENTATION – MATERNAL & INFANT HEALTH BY DR. ELIZABETH KELLY

Dr. Kelly began by presenting the different components of the Maternal and Infant Health: Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC); Cincinnati-Hamilton County Fetal and Infant Mortality Review; City of Cincinnati Home Health Program; Reproductive Health and Wellness Grant; Direct Patient care service in obstetrics and gynecology.

WIC is directed by Betsy Buchannan and the program has been administered by CHD since 1974. There are 16 locations in Hamilton County. In 2010 it served 21,000 clients with an annual budget through ODH of \$3.2 million.

Cincinnati-Hamilton County Fetal and Infant Mortality Review is directed by Nancy Warren addresses infant mortality by taking each case of infant or fetal death and treating it as a sentinel event. This is a community action-oriented group of people who review every case and make comments for systems improvements. This program is housed at CHD and an annual report has been published on ODH's website.

City of Cincinnati Home Health Program is directed by Jill Byrd and has provided services since 1995. The staff includes public health nurses, community health workers, a social worker and a home health aide. The program goes into the homes of pregnant women and post-partum women and assesses them for medical needs. In 2010 the team had 3,500 visits.

Reproductive Health Improvement Collaborative is part of the Reproductive Health and Wellness Grant. Direct Patient Care services in obstetrics and gynecology are provided at all CHD health centers. In 2010, the University Hospital/Cincinnati Health Department (UH/CHD) team did 10,274 patient visit with 537 deliveries. Cesarean rate is below the national average of 32% and particularly below the national average for the high risk population served. The national average for patients with infant low birth rate ranged between 12-14%; our rate was at 10.5%. National average for preterm birth rate was 12.2% ; our rate was at 8.8%. The national average for preterm birth for African Americans was at 19%; our rate was 10.7%

CHD's infant mortality rate has remained below the state and Cincinnati-Hamilton County average for 2006, 2007 and 2009.

Dr. Kelly asked for questions or comments.

Dr. Kelly stated that the most common cause of infant mortality nationally is congenital anomalies, followed by prematurity secondary to spontaneous labor and the third etiology is SUID. The fourth leading cause is prematurity secondary to medical complications of pregnancy. In Hamilton County there are excess deaths due to all four categories. Disparity is about 3:1, Black to White which is above the national average of about 2.5.

Dr. Dato asked about the tracking of progress. Dr. Kelly said that the Hamilton County data is aligned across the board as is Ohio/US so those are minor discrepancies. As the collaboration progresses and data is more aligned there will be a point of discussion and resolution.

Dr. Wenstrup asked about the 3:1 ratio and if it was due to population. Dr. Kelly stated that it was not; the ratio was derived from black to black and white to white comparisons. The working hypothesis is from social determinants of health inequity. She also said that this could be the reason for the lower than national average infant mortality rate.

Dr. Crumpton asked Dr. Kelly to comment on Safe Sleep. This grant comes through ODH which recruits ambassadors in the community to talk about safe sleep. The bigger initiative which has not begun yet is an algebra rhythm that's evidence-based around the many steps that need to take place around safe sleep. All of those components will be looked at. In 2010, suffocation rollover deaths in infants were primarily in African American women between 19 and 28 years of age.

**HEALTH COMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/BOARD MEMBERS'
COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Maseru discussed the latest correspondence that pertained to the STD grant. Senator Kearney facilitated a meeting that included representative Denise Driehaus and Representative Dale Mallory along with the COO of ODH. ODH stated that they would accept the corrections however they would not fund the grant for CHD due to a requirement by the CDC that the HIV grant must also be funded in order for the STD grant to be funded. Dr. Maseru asked ODH to provide documentation for this requirement. No documentation had been provided to date.

Two regions had submitted a response to receive funding to conduct the STD/HIV grant. The region that gets the funds will work with an intermediary, expected to be Hamilton County Public Health.

Dr. Dato asked if the grant process for ODH is accessible. Dr. Maseru said he was waiting for written documentation. However, documentation was provided from ODH regarding syphilis cases.

Dr. Holditch read descriptions of seven individual cases of syphilis that occurred in 2011 in women during prenatal visits. He stated that almost all of the cases were discovered at delivery, leaving little time to intervene.

Dr. Maseru said that the point of intervention would optimally be by the provider. Dr. Holditch said that major programs agreed that there needs to be a way to inform providers and get the message out. He said that the number of cases of congenital syphilis in the last two years has been seven or eight, and it should be zero. There may be interventions in the future using community health care workers to make sure they are getting the testing they need.

Dr. Wenstrup asked if the patients were aware that a negative test result does not mean clearance of syphilis. Dr. Holditch stated that a test could be negative in the early stages of syphilis and that this would be an opportunity for education.

Bob Schlantz discussed the budget. The 2011 general fund budget was about \$13.7 million. A submission for the continuation budget for almost \$14.9 million established by the City manager and the budget office. Some funding was available to restore positions for things such as environmental and home health. Currently, the budget is projected to be \$14,440,000.00 for 2012. Mr. Schlantz said this was good news compared to past years. The City Wide Community Block grant budget was reduced by 15% (\$105,000). These dollars are used to run the lead inspection program. This translates to about 1 ½ FTEs.

Rocky Merz commented on the budget proposal. He discussed the briefing which was held for the four new council members. Other representatives attended and it was an overall success. He mentioned a presentation that will be held about health care reform and more details would come.

Dr. Safi thanked everyone for their work for the last year and their commitment to their work. He mentioned the STD grant as an example of the challenges CHD might continue to face. He reminded the Board members of the Sunshine laws to apply at the Holiday event following the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

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

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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