

**Cincinnati Board of Health
Board of Health Meeting
April 24, 2012**

Dr. Safi, Board Member of the Board of Health, called the April 24, 2012 meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Health to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Dr. Schwen, Dr. Dato, Dr. Graham, Dr. Davis, Ms. Kinley, Dr. Safi, Dr. Wenstrup, Dr. Wilson

Board members absent: Dr. Shambley-Ebron

Senior Staff Present: Dr. Noble Maseru, Dr. Camille Jones, Mr. Bob Schlanz, Dr. Larry Holditch, Ms. Joyce Tate, Dr. Steven Englender, Mr. Rocky Merz (arrived at 7 p.m.), Dr. Mohammad Alam,

**February 28, 2012 MINUTES
(ATTACHMENTS 1)**

Dr. Safi proposed the motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2012 and Dr. Wilson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**March 27, 2012 MINUTES
(ATTACHMENTS 2)**

Dr. Safi proposed the motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2012 and Ms. Kinley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE RECOGNITIONS

Statewide 300 nurses were nominated and six nurses received the Florence Nightingale Awards. Out of those six, three were CHD nurses. Dr. Maseru introduced Kathy Zix, one of the award recipients who was present. Ms. Zix works in the CHD School and Adolescent Health program, assigned to Winton Hills Academy. Over 100 students were being treated with asthma.

Ms. Zix thanked everyone for her recognition and also the other nurses for their work especially during a difficult year. At Winton Hills the rate of students with asthma was 25% among students. She credited the various partnerships involved which enabled students to get quick medical care for asthma.

Dr. Maseru stated that the school health program was part of the integrated, preventive and primary care network and many CHD employees go to homes for follow-ups with students to assess any challenges that exist which may trigger asthma.

Dr. Holditch congratulated Ms. Zix for her work. Beth Gay was also a winner of the Florence Nightingale Award and in addition was one of the top three finalists for the CDC National Immunization Champion Award for the State of Ohio. She had been leading the Immunization Action Program for a number of years.

Dr. Safi thanked the nurses for their services, and Dr. Maseru mentioned the \$1,000 monetary award that the winners also received.

CHD OFFSITE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

A leadership staff meeting was held off-site earlier in April and Dr. Maseru provided an update. The leadership staff gathered for two days to determine what had been achieved at previous meetings and also goals, strategies and expectations. A presentation was given on accreditation for local health departments to be a part of a national responsibility in terms of credentialing. Kelli Kohake provided what the requirements were for accreditation. Out of the three, two had already been accomplished by CHD. Representatives also gave a presentation on the metrics for meeting the goals for the City Manager in terms of having 30% SBE participation in City contracts. A SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) analysis was conducted in small groups. An update was also provided on the electronic medical records. A presentation from the Community Development Office was given to determine opportunities for collaboration and partnerships. The next was for a report to be put together which would be given to the Board, CCPC and the Group of 50; in addition a dialogue with staff was planned followed by a final report to be given to the Board of Health.

Dr. Safi said that this SWOT assessment would create opportunities for Board members to send questions to Dr. Maseru and his staff to have a dialogue. As members of the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), Board members were asked to send questions or topic suggestions to Dr. Safi regarding training opportunities. The NALBOH website link would be emailed to Board members.

No major changes would be made with regard to how the Board operates. In June there would be a milestone decision made by the Supreme Court. A discussion began about the budgeting and the scope of the Charter for the Health Department and the Board of Health.

**RESOLUTION –
SEPARATION OF ELM STREET AS A SUBGRANTEE FROM
NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CARE, INC. (ATTACHMENT NO. 3)**

Joyce Tate – In 2003, Neighborhood Health Care became the major grantee over Elm Street Health Center and Crossroads. The ability to access additional Federal dollars to expand services or do something different became limited as a sub-grantee under Neighborhood Health Care. Annually, Neighborhood Health Care gave funds from their grant to help sustain the Health Department’s needs in terms of taking care of the uninsured. The separation from Neighborhood Health Care, Inc. was recommended in order to apply as an independent FQHC. The services would be the same and the patients would be the same; however, this change in status from a sub-grantee to a full FQHC would allow for more opportunities of additional funding. There would be no guarantee of federal funding for the previous amounts. The CCPC had already given approval. The Ohio Association of Community Health Centers provided \$10,000 for legal support to review this Resolution. Neighborhood Health Care, Inc. was in agreement with this separation due to previous challenges. Dr. Wilson asked for the timeline of the FQHC application process. The federal announcement would occur in July or August, the application would be submitted within 30-60 days to HRSA and the application results would be given in December. The separation would be slated for January of 2013. There would be no additional liabilities in the separation.

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board of Health approve the termination of the existing sub-recipient arrangements between the Board of Health and Neighborhood Health Care Inc. so that the Board of Health can participate in the 2012 Service Area Competition process as an individual applicant.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion:

Vote/Action: passed and approved

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bob Schlanz – The CPS was working on the school and adolescent health budget for the 2012-2013 school year. The school nursing program consisted of registered nurses and no health assistants. Due to budget cuts, the number of nurses was reduced to 26 and school health assistants were added, saving the program about \$400-\$500,000. The ideal model for the program would be over 20 school-based health centers (SBHCs). A total budget for the first model with three SBHCs is about \$3.5 million; the total budget for the second model with five SBHCs is about \$3.9 million. In 2010, the budget was a little over \$3 million; CPS covered a third and the health department general fund covered a third. Mr. Schlanz referred to the last page of the document which gave an overview of the individual SBHC budgets for the 2012/2013 school year. These CPS schools have some of the highest populations of Medicaid rates. Part of the model for the SBHCs included possible funding assistance from the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. Dr. Graham asked what the total patient population was for the SBHCs. There must be 800-1,000 patients with consents at each health center to make them viable.

ROUTINE PERSONNEL ACTIONS (ATTACHMENT NO. 4)

Dr. Safi proposed the motion and Ms. Kinley seconded the motion,

“That the Board of Health approve the personnel actions on the list identified as Attachment No. 4 dated April 18, 2012.”

Discussion: no further discussion

Vote/Action: passed and approved

CONTRACTS/GRANTS

- a. J E Williams & Associates – Contract, 1st Amendment(Attachment No. 5)
Up to \$11,000 1/1/2012 thru 5/31/2012 – Dr. Camille Jones

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the 1st amendment to the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and J E Williams & Associates to increase the original amount of the agreement by \$7,000 for a total of up to but not

in excess of \$11,000. The term for this agreement is effective January 1, 2012 to on or before May 31, 2012.”

Second: Dr. Wilson

Discussion: The original contract was for \$4,000 for personnel work. The amendment would compensate for not only the supplies but also the time of work put in.

Vote/Action: passed and approved

- b. Competitive CRI application to ODH (Attachment No. 7)
Up to \$437,833 8/10/2012 thru 6/30/2013 - Dr. Steve Englander

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the Cincinnati Health Department’s request to apply for and accept the CDC Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) grant from ODH in the amount of \$437,833 effective August 10, 2012 to on or before June 30, 2012.”

Second: Dr. Dato

Discussion: The CRI grant is funding given through the state from the Federal government to provide prophylaxis for an anthrax attack within 48 hours. The Health Department is principle grantee. This was the first of the next competitive cycle of three years. The Board was asked to approve the application for this grant. About \$70,000 is for personnel, about \$48,000 supports contracts with CRI coordinators and remainder goes to local health departments.

Vote/Action: passed and approved

(C & D may be voted upon together)

- c. Hamilton County Public Health (DPIC) – Contract (Attachment No. 8)
Up to \$6,189 7/1/2012 thru 6/30/2013 - Dr. Steve Englander
- d. Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department (DPIC) – Contract
(Attachment No. 9) Up to \$1,311 7/1/2012 thru 6/30/2013 - Dr. Steve Englander

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the contracts for participation in regional infectious disease answering services provided by the Cincinnati Drug and

Poison Information Center effective July 1, 2012 to on or before June 30, 2013.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion:

Vote/Action: passed and approved

(e and f were voted on together)

- e. Cynthia Heinrich – Contract, 2nd Amendment(Attachment No. 10)
Up to \$36,000 8/31/2011 thru 8/31/2012 – Dr. Elizabeth Kelly
(original contract was \$18,000; 1st amendment added \$8,000)
- f. Karen McGee – Contract, 2nd Amendment(Attachment No. 11)
Up to \$36,000 8/31/2011 thru 8/31/2012 – Dr. Elizabeth Kelly
(original contract was \$18,000; 1st amendment added \$8,000)

Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the 2nd amendments to the agreements between the Cincinnati Health Department as stated in attachments No. 10 and 11 to increase the original amounts by \$10,000 each for a total of up to but not in excess of \$36,000. The term for these agreements is effective August 31, 2011 to on or before August 31, 2012.”

Second: Ms. Kinley

Discussion:

Vote/Action: passed and approved

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

Dr. Holditch - It was determined at a previous Leadership staff meeting that additional EMR expertise was needed for providing patient medical homes.

Dr. Jones – The Xavier presentations were discussed. This was the fourth year of collaboration with Xavier students. There were three projects related to the Health Department; Employee Satisfaction Survey, adherence to asthma treatment guidelines study and cancer mortality study. The presentations would be provided at a later date.

Mr. Merz –City Council’s Rules and Government Operations Committee, chaired by Councilmember Young, held a meeting at a local Baptist church to discuss a resolution to support the President’s effort to add funds to the FQHCs.

The City’s Neighborhood Summit would be held at the School for Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA) on May 19, 2012. The Cincinnati Health Department would be in attendance.

Representatives from the Health Department gave a finance presentation to City Council’s Finance Committee as part of the new budget process. The presentation demonstrated how the general funds had decreased and the revenues had increased for the Health Department.

There was a presentation given to City Council on the new Vision Center at the Oyler SBHC. OneSight and The Cincinnati Eye Institute provided funds.

New York representatives from the State’s Teacher’s Union came to Oyler to learn about the SBHC. This was the second or third visit for some of the representatives and having SBHCs was now a policy item in New York City.

Dr. Alam – The Litter Control staff had been working with City Council members to forgive first-time offenders of litter violators. There were five presentations given from the Health Department at the HIA meeting in D.C. There were three entities who presented from Ohio; Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland. There were copies of the presentations available electronically.

Dr. Maseru – Expanded dental hours began April 2 with over \$300,000 in funds provided by Council. Expanded hours were at all health centers except the Braxton Cann center. The hours vary but patients were encouraged to call (513) 357-7383. Council approved the resolution for fracking. The Community Health and Environmental Services division had been working on several public health assessments including the impact of the viaduct demolition.

Dr. Holditch – The Health Department doesn’t work to keep people out of the health centers but instead tries to maximize their health by doing preventative services through the health centers.

Dr. Safi said to keep up the momentum and good work, and gave the information for the NALBOH website. He spoke of the five main focus areas of this organization.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Safi adjourned the meeting at 7:27 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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