

**Cincinnati Board of Health
Board of Health Meeting
February 25, 2014**

Ms. Kinley, Chairperson of the Board of Health, called the February 25, 2014 meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Health to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Ms. Joyce Kinley, Dr. Richard Schwen, Dr. Kelly Firesheets, Dr. Camille Graham, Dr. Donna Shambley-Ebron, Dr. Mark Dato, Mr. Daniel Molina, Dr. Denise Davis

Board members absent: Mr. Ernest McAdams

Senior Staff Present: Dr. Steven Englender, Mr. Bob Schlantz, Dr. Marilyn Crumpton, Dr. Lawrence Holditch, Dr. Noble Maseru, Ms. Tate, Ms. Patricia Carlyn and Mr. Rocky Merz

RECOGNITION - JUDGE TYRONE YATES

Judge Tyrone Yates was recognized by the Health Commissioner and the Board of Health for his efforts in the Medicaid Maximization, which brought approximately \$2.5 million to the Health Department. Mr. Yates thanked everyone for their support. He spoke briefly about the heroin epidemic and the importance of the Board's support for the Needle Exchange program.

PRESENTATION: NEW INFANT MORTALITY RATE, DR. NOBLE MASERU

Information was provided about infant mortality and the City's infant mortality rate (IMR). The IMR for the city in 2012 was 13.3; however, the IMR for the First Steps Program, a surveillance network comprised of a number of local organizations and hospitals, was 9.2. The City's goal was to achieve a single digit IMR. In 2013 this goal was accomplished with an IMR of 9.9. A chart of the 17 target zip codes was provided, showing the IMR for eleven of those zip codes had decreased.

Ms. Kinley acknowledged the presence of several nursing students who were in attendance. A discussion began about the participation of hospitals and other organizations in the initiative to lower IMR in Cincinnati. Keeping mothers out of the NICU, home visitation provided by nurses, programs such as WIC and other components contributed to the IMR decline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PER OHIO REVISED CODE

Ms. Kinley proposed the motion and Dr. Graham seconded the motion.

“That the Board of Health go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1).

Discussion: none

Vote/Action: passed unanimously and approved

*The Board reconvened at 7:20 p.m. following the Executive Session

RECOGNITION - NANCY CARTER

CHD Associate Dental Director, Nancy Carter, was recognized for her recent nomination as a Health Care Hero. Her work in the Dental program was acknowledged by the Board and Dr. Maseru.

JANUARY 28, 2014 MINUTES (ATTACHMENT NO. 1)

Ms. Kinley proposed the motion and Dr. Davis seconded the motion to approve the January 28, 2014 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

ROUTINE PERSONNEL ACTIONS (ATTACHMENT NO. 2)

Ms. Kinley proposed the motion and Dr. Shambley-Ebron seconded the motion.

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. 2 dated February 19, 2014.”

Discussion: Katherine Harmon was recommended as Nurse Practitioner; Tiffany Cross was recommended as Casework Associate. Both in the School and Adolescent Health program.

Vote/Action: passed and approved

CONTRACTS/GRANTS

A. LabCorp – Contract (Attachment No. 3)

Up to \$500,000 3/1/2014 thru 3/31/2019 - Bob Schlanz
Proposed Motion: At the request of the Health Commissioner,

“That the Board approve the agreement between the Cincinnati Health Department and LabCorp to provide lab services in the amount of up to but not in excess of \$500,000 effective March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2019.”

Second: Dr. Dato

Vote/Action: passed and approved

B. Board of Health Motion (Attachment No. 4)

“That the Board of Health directs the Health Commissioner to apply for the Service Area Competition grant for the area formerly served by Neighborhood Health Care, Inc, as described in Attachment No. 4.”

Second: Dr. Dato

Discussion: Dr. Graham, a Board member and pediatrician at Mid-City Pediatrics, spoke of the potential impact of the closure of Neighborhood Health Care Inc., which included the closure of two of its health centers and inadequate supplies at a school-based health center. Efforts by community stakeholders, including the Health Department, had taken place prior to the closure of Neighborhood HealthCare Inc. The closure of all Neighborhood HealthCare Inc. health centers left patients with no access to medical records.

Vote/Action: passed and approved

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

Dr. Englender – The Cities Readiness Initiative score for the Health Department was 99/100%. An emergency management exercise was scheduled to take place in mid-April.

CCPC Board Chair Howard Bond spoke about the importance of providing excellent care to Cincinnati citizens, putting the health of patients first.

Dr. Holditch – There would be a presentation at the March meeting regarding two initiatives.

Dr. Jones – Neighborhood Mortality data was presented at the Neighborhood summit In February at the Cintas Center. More information was made available online at the Health Department’s website. The Health Promotion and Worksite Wellness program included healthy Mondays initiatives such as Mentoring Meals Monday.

Ms. Carlyn – The Perinatal Bundle was rolled out at three of the health centers, which would include a tobacco piece.

Mr. Schlanz – All departments would need to submit continuation budgets for the next fiscal year by the end of March. The next fiscal year would begin July 1.

Ms. Tate/Ms. Wagner – An upcoming grant opportunity would allow for the Health Department to expand preventative screenings at the health centers. These include depression screenings, substance and alcohol abuse screenings and tobacco cessation.

Dr. Crumpton – Children’s Hospital Medical Center was able to complete a credentialing process in 39 days to continue operations at several health centers without interruption to patients. The school-based health centers, as part of the Community Learning Center model, would be presented at the National Coalition of Community Schools April 9,10 and 11. Building Mental Wellness, a project of the Ohio Academy of Pediatrics, was a new process for incorporating mental health screenings in school based health centers. A presentation was scheduled for March 13 before the Board of Education to discuss the school health model.

Mr. Merz – The Neighborhood Summit had taken place the previous Saturday. The Health Department also had a session. National Public Health Week would be April 7-13.

Dr. Maseru thanked Dr. Englander for his work in emergency preparedness, having been locally and nationally known. As reported by Dr. Jones’ team, there was a 20 year differential in life expectancies across Cincinnati. Cincinnati’s number was two years less than the national average, which could be improved through the work of studies such as

Life Expectancy. The third leading cause of death in the U.S. was hospital infections. Annually, 18,000 people die who are uninsured. The local number people can call to sign up for health insurance: 513 56 4CARE (2273).

Ms. Kinley read a letter of thanks from a person who needed to buy a birth certificate, and how pleasant the process was for him. She thanked everyone for their services with the Health Department.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kinley adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Minutes Approved by:

Ashley Auciello, Clerk to the Board
Cincinnati Board of Health

Dr. Richard Schwen
Chairperson, Board of Health

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