CINCINNATI BOARD OF HEALTH
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JUNE 25, 2019

Dr. Philip Lichtenstein, Chair of the Board of Health, called the June 25, 2019, meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Health to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

**Board Members Present:** Dr. Philip Lichtenstein, Dr. Amar Bhati, Ms. Carrie Douglas, Dr. Joe Hackworth, Mr. Gary Hagopian, Dr. Chris Lewis, Ms. Chandra Yungbluth.

**Absent:** Dr. Monica Mitchell (excused) and Ms. Kate Schroder-Juech (excused)

**Others Present:** Ms. Melba R. Moore, Mr. Domorphic Hopson, Ms. Jill Byrd, Dr. Camille Jones, Mr. Antonio Young, Mr. Ronald Robinson, Ms. Ashanti Salter, Mr. Harry Barnes, Dr. Grant Mussman, Zach Southwood, Assistant City Solicitor, Mr. Robert Brown, Primary Care.

II. AGENDA

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<td>Minutes</td>
<td>Motion: That the Board of Health approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Board of Health meeting.</td>
<td>Ms. Rosemary Stemerick</td>
<td>Motion: Lichtenstein Second: Hagopian Action: Passed</td>
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<td>Presentation</td>
<td><strong>HIV, STD, and TB Program Update</strong></td>
<td>Hamilton County Public Health (HCHP) Department. Tim Ingram, Health Commissioner; Dr. Steve Feagins, Medical Director, Hamilton County Public Health</td>
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<td>HCPH serves over 460,000 residents of Hamilton County living outside the cities of Cincinnati, Norwood, Sharonville and Springdale. The foundation of public health is preventing the spread of disease. HCPH manages the TB program for the county for active and latent infections. HCPH provides testing and partner services for the care of HIV and syphilis within the county. In 2019 the HIV/Syphilis region was expanded to include 6 additional counties (Region 8).</td>
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<td>Moving forward:</td>
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<td>a) Reduction of HIV in U.S. by 90%,</td>
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<td>b) Elimination of congenital syphilis</td>
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c) overall reduction of STDs
d) enhance TB case management.

Discussion: About ⅔ of the cases of syphilis treated in the county are late latent.

BCG is a vaccine for TB. This vaccine is not used in the United States, but it is often given to infants and small children in other countries.

Monthly reports tracking STD and Tb infection activity are available on HCPH.org.

Presentation: 2018 Infant Mortality Data

Infant Mortality Rate is the ratio of number of deaths per 1000 live births. A live birth is defined to be a newborn baby of any gestational age who has a pulse or takes a breath or shows movement of voluntary muscles.

In 2018 Hamilton County had fewer infant deaths (8.6 per 1000) than ever, however is still higher than the state (7.2) and national (5.8) averages. Causes include Preterm birth, Birth defects and Sleep-related.

2018 – there were slight improvement in pre-term related deaths but increased numbers in the areas of birth defects and sleep-related deaths.

Bad news: Infant Mortality in Hamilton County continues to vary significantly by race: African American - 16.7, Caucasian - 5.0.

Good news: The number of pre-term births has fallen dramatically in Price Hill, Roll Hill and Avondale in response to several efforts to identify mothers early in pregnancy and to provide

Ryan Adcock, Director, Cradle Cincinnati
comprehensive support for them until they deliver. These efforts are continuing; it is intended that these programs will be spread to other neighborhoods over the next year. The partnership between Cradle Cincinnati and CHD was discussed at some length. Jill Byrd’s leadership in these efforts was recognized. Discussion: What else can we do? Getting our community to understand that racial disparities with respect to access to pre-natal obstetrical care and post-natal primary care lies at the core of these statistics. The key to improving outcomes involves bringing more health workers and case management services into the neighborhoods where large numbers of pre-term births continue to occur.

An example of this kind of effort has been on smoking during pregnancy, a known contributor to pre-term birth and small for gestational age infants. One of the contributing factors for the reduced number of pre-term births in Price Hill has a program, conducted by staff at the Price Hill Health Center, that has resulted in a decrease in the number of women who stop smoking during their pregnancy.

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Presentation **Tobacco 21 Resolution**

Disrupts the social availability of tobacco products to young people. 95% of people who smoke started before the age of 21. Raising the age of tobacco sales will reduce use prevalence by 55% of adolescents within 7 years.

Tobacco Retail License empowers the Board of Health to enforce the Ordinance

Antonio Young, R.S., Teminjesu Ige, PhD, CHES
Zach Southwood
passed by the City Council enabling the creation and maintenance of a database of retailers, creates a funding source and ensures sustainability of the T21 efforts.

City Council adopted Ordinance 3632018 which went into effect on 12/12/2018. It governs the sale and distribution of tobacco products and paraphernalia.

The purpose of the resolution is to facilitate enforcement of the ordinance which requires retailers & distributors to obtain a tobacco retail license, display the license and sign indicating age requirements to buy products and refrain from the sale of products to persons under 21.

Proposed Fees:
License Fee: $500.00
Temporary TRL - $150.00

Fees are expected to generate enough revenue to pay for full implementation of the program, thus making the program self-sustaining. An initial grant has been obtained to help underwrite the program for the next two years after which time the program should achieve self-sustainability. When the program is fully deployed, the combination of licensing fees and civil fines should be sufficient to offset the cost to the city. Currently there are an estimated 450 retailers within the city that sell tobacco products.

Enforcement includes a) inspections to identify under-age purchasing attempts and b) civil citation penalties. – Civil Code 609.

Zach Southwood:
  a) The Board may choose to waive the customary three readings of the resolution and vote immediately on the resolution.
However, a meeting of the working group still must be held for any final revisions, comments and last-minute changes. Recommendation: the board should not vote on the matter at this meeting. Once the final version is solidified, the board can vote to waive the 3 readings and vote on passage of the matter.

b) The Board must still vote on the license purchase fees and enforcement authority.

Finance Committee

Minutes were provided from Finance Committee Meeting on May 21, 2019.

Dr. Bhati: Contract approved for Aiken HS to engage one full-time community health worker to support Cradle Cincinnati’s partnership to the life course with the school-based health center at Aiken High School. Original Amount: $49,140. Amended Amount: $98,280

Presentation last week from Nabeel Kaukab Phamily Program. Discussed the 3-month pilot that will interface well with EPIC. 176 claims – they were able to recover about $54 each with a total reimbursement of just under $10,000. Patient satisfaction was 9.4/10. Challenges: Ambiguity with co-pays which can be solved. Enrollment.

He believed 80% of patients eligible would not have a co-pay. Cost to CCPC per patient: $8 with potential for volume discount.

The issue that will come into play is the sliding fee scale.
Mr. Robinson: No dashboard due to staffing. There are a series of hires coming within the next 45 days to bring the department back to full staff.

Issues regarding Chronic Care Mgt. Several completing issues. One is an existing program in place that addresses the Medicaid population that conflicts with the ability to offer chronic care services to that population. The Finance Committee will need to review how those programs compete.

The other issue related to the sliding fee scale. It is a high value component of the family health care system taking into the income and make-up of the family. We need to apply that measure to every patient that presents themselves.

We are closing our fiscal year 2019 by the end of the week and convert everything to fiscal year 2020. For the first time, the CHD will be presented as a major fund in the city’s accounting system. We will be audited independently from the city.

Discussion: Dr. Lichtenstein – We are discussing two competitions. 1. The Chronic Care Management (CCM) reimbursement program for Medicare and Medicaid patients is being studied at two different centers (Braxton Cann and Northside) using different software management systems. The Phamily Program which is being piloted at Braxton Cann is being compared with the tracking system for the CCM program that resides within the EPIC EMR system we currently use (being studied at the Northside Health Center). The question is which software program has the greatest potential to produce the best results and income.
Second: Will the CCM program provide greater income than the Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) program, another Medicaid disease management program that we are currently participating in. We do not yet have enough data to know which program will be more beneficial in terms of patient outcomes and reimbursement. We are NOT permitted under federal regulations to enroll individual patients in both programs.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Hobson and Mr. Robinson have been spending a great deal of time with the EMR provider, OCHIN. The service is costly, they are working to extract maximum value from the relationship with OCHIN.

Contracts & Grants

Contract #85x10309 from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center with the Family Health Division. The contract will be used for one full-time community health worker to support Cradle Cincinnati's community partnership to incorporate the life course perspective at Aiken High School. The agreement amount is $98,280 effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Phyllis Richardson

Motion: Lichtenstein
Second: Douglas
Action: Passed

Personnel Actions

Motion: That the Board of Health approve the personnel actions on the list identified as Attachment 6 dated June 25, 2019.

Board of Health

Motion: Lichtenstein
Second: Hackworth
Action: Passed

VII. Health Commissioner's Comments/Board Members' Comments/Other Business

Health Commissioner Comments:
- Jon Lawniczak has joined CHD from the Assistant City Manager’s office to provide support for three senior leaders and other matters.
- Safe Places Cincy Report
- Discussions with Caracole to provide FTE support on Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. to link patients with a pilot site (Northside).
• Meeting with Judges in drug and mental health court to assist individuals coming out of the system and into a system of care.
• Continue discussions with Talbert House on a beneficial partnership at our Walnut Street site.
• Working on a contractual agreement with OneCity Against Heroin (OCAH) in Butler County.
• Comm. Moore had a conversation with Police Chief Simon regarding a meeting with Nationwide Insurance media campaign regarding their program of Don’t Live in Denial Ohio to raise awareness of opioid use.
• May 7, 2019, Comm. Moore and Jill Byrd had a discussion with TriHealth regarding an OB postpartum home health care program for hypertensive mothers. 15 to 20 mothers a month. First referral was June 10, 2019.
• Jill Byrd will continue to work with home health along with Doris Nelson. Jill has volunteered to reestablish our call center and she will be over seeing that along with risk management.

Board Member Comments:
• Commend the Commissioner and Antonio Young with the way they handled the interview with the Cincinnati Enquirer.
• Mr. Hackworth: Thanks to Mr. Ingram and Dr. Feagins for their presentation. And to Mr. Adcock for his presentation as well.
• Dr. Bhati: Pleased that Mr. Robinson has been able to put together a solid Finance team.
• Ms. Douglas: Very informative meeting and great emphasis on the CHD employees.
• Dr. Lewis: Page 14 of Commissioners report: Recognition that Braxton Cann had 5th highest patient care volume and the medical assistant that saved a child’s life.

Chairperson’s Comments:
• Annual Performance Evaluation for the Commissioner. A 3-member committee should be formed to meet 3x over the next 6 weeks. A formal evaluation will be prepared to look at in executive session in August and presented to the Commissioner to discuss the evaluation in September. Committee: Lichtenstein, Mitchell, Hackworth.
• Commissioner has requested the board present her with a set of goals and objectives for her to achieve and work on for the next 12 months. A request form soliciting recommendations regarding goals and objected will be sent to each BOH member prior to the next Board meeting.
8:27 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

This meeting is available online: c:\Board of Health 6-25-19 Meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

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Angela L. Bredestege, Clerk
Cincinnati Board of Health

Minutes Approved by:

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Dr. Philip Lichtenstein
Chairperson, Board of Health