

LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 7, 2022

Voting Members Present: Karyn Hascal, Dr. Patricia Bautista-Cervera, Dr. Emerald Echols, Dr. Paula Grisanti, Margaret Handmaker, Heidi Margulis, Dr. Tony Zipple, Dr. Dwayne Compton, Dr. Ed Miller

Advisory Board Members Present: Bart Irwin, Jeffrey Howard, Craig Blakely, Eva Stone, Ashley Shoemaker

Others Present: Rebecca Hollenbach, Taylor Ingram, Connie Mendel, T. Gonzalez, Stacie Ingram, Paul Kern, Arlana Glenn, Kristen Shanahan, Stephanie Lokits, Catalina Cordova

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was held virtually.

Approval of Minutes

The November 2, 2022 minutes were approved as distributed.

Board Action

The board unanimously approved support for the [public policy statement: Investing in Public Parks and Greenspace, Letter of Support for R-189-22](#).

Chair's Update: Heidi Margulis

- The Chair expressed gratitude to the health department team for their incredible service to the community this year and wished them/families a healthful and insightful 2023.
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- Ms. Margulis offered congratulations to Kim Schatzel, new president-elect at the University of Louisville, and for Interim President Lori Stewart Gonzalez who remain as Provost. They will make a strong team as both have records aligned with the priorities of the Board of Health.
- Mayoral transition
 - The health department is meeting the transition team for the first time tomorrow.
 - Chair Margulis has continued to have dialogue with Mayor-elect Greenberg, since he spoke to the Board in August and is meeting with his transition team later today.
 - The Board will invite Mayor-elect Greenberg to a future meeting to follow-up on his priorities as shared with the Board and discuss his plans for public health.

LMPHW Director's Report: Dr. Jeffrey Howard

- The CDC has awarded LMPHW \$9.4 million over the next 5 years as part of strengthening public health infrastructure, workforce, and data systems. This funding will sustain foundational capabilities built during the pandemic.
- The flu season has picked up. Hospitals and ER's are full. Dr. Howard asked the Board to use their influence, networks, and platforms to encourage individuals to receive their flu vaccine. The flu vaccine has demonstrated its effectiveness.

Family Health Centers: Dr. Bart Irwin

No report.

JCPS Health: Eva Stone

Flu

- There are up to 700 reported cases.
- Using grant monies, JCPS has been about to monitor health care status through an electronic health record system. The data is used to prioritize locations for rapid response teams to go to the schools to give vaccines to students and staff.

- The State sent flu vaccines to JCPS for students. Clinics started this week.

GLMS: Dr. Val Briones-Pryor

No report.

Kentucky Nurses Association: Delanor Manson

No report.

Greater Louisville Inc.: Shelby Somervell

- Links will be shared with the board to GLI's state policy agenda and public policy agenda for Louisville.

Committee Reports

Immunizations: Dr. Emerald Echols/Dr. Patricia Bautista-Cervera

No report.

Health Care Coverage & Outreach Coalition: Ashley Shoemaker

- Open enrollment for qualified health plans on Kynect continues through January 15.
- The next Coalition meeting is Monday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Board Announcements

- The next board meeting will be Wednesday, January 4 at 8:00 a.m. and will be virtual only. The Perspective Session will be on the impact of redlining on public health by Dr. Kelly C. McCants.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Heidi Margulis, Chairperson