



**LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 3, 2022**

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

Advisory Board Members Present: Craig Blakely, Dr. Jeffrey Howard, Bart Irwin, Delanor Manson, Ashley Shoemaker, Valerie Briones-Pryor

Others Present: Kristen Shanahan, Taylor Ingram, Arlana Glenn, Catalina Cordova, Connie Mendel, T. Gonzalez, Karen Handmaker, Kathy Turner, Stacie Ingram

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. This was a virtual meeting.

Approval of Resolution

A resolution, recognizing the achievements of former Public Health Director, Dr. Adewale Troutman in memoriam, was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The July 6, 2022 minutes were approved as distributed.

Board Action

The Board unanimously passed a motion appointing new member Alexander Lee to the FHC Board of Governors; and the reappointment of Charles Broadus, Dr. Veronnie Faye Jones, Solomon Parker and Bob Rich to the FHC Board of Governors.

The Chair provided a reminder to the board, staff, counsel from the county attorney's office and other partners related to submitting information well in advance of a meeting in order to ensure proper review of documents. Items that would require consideration for Board action should first be submitted to the staff representative - Taylor Ingram, Board Secretary - Arlana Glenn or Board Chair - Heidi Margulis. It is understood issues may arise on short notice, but the norm should resemble advanced planning and preparation.

Perspectives: Mayoral Candidates' Forum #1 Democratic Vision for Louisville & Louisville/Public Health Priorities

Candidate Greenberg grew up in Louisville attended public schools, graduated from the University of Michigan and received his law degree from Harvard Law School. He practiced law in Louisville at Frost Brown Todd. As an entrepreneur, he helped start and build 21c Museum Hotels and helped revive Main Street in Louisville. Mr. Greenberg has experience enacting reforms for good government transparency. As a community leader he was a

member of the University of Louisville Board of Trustees and served on boards at Metro United Way and the Louisville Jewish Community Center. He is also an avid runner that has literally ran through all 623 precincts in Louisville.

Candidate Greenberg stated his belief that “together, we can and must build a safer, stronger and healthier Louisville for everyone.” He recognizes one of the many things that bind the city together is public health. It is an area that must be a priority for the entire community. We must have a sense of urgency in educating and broadly defining public health in the community.

As he examines public health in Louisville, some of his immediate concerns are:

- Health inequity
 - Black and Brown communities
- Mental health
 - More resources
 - Elevate current deflection programs with 911 calls
 - Suicide – guns and mental health
- Universal Pre-K
 - Start public/private partnerships and meet with larger foundations to fund
- Crime
 - Violent crime crisis
 - Improve public safety
 - Take illegal guns off the street
 - Community violence intervention programs – looking at root causes
- Green spaces
 - Maintain/improve quality of parks – excellence in every location
 - Formation of new parks
- Quality, affordable housing
 - Louisville is 30,000 units short
 - Not just renting, but homeownership
 - In every part of the community
 - New American population
- Homeless community
- Food deserts

Mr. Greenburg knows this is not a one-person fight. There are people throughout this city who want to be a part of the solution. He will also continue to work with all parties and levels of government to find solutions.

He will measure his successes using descriptive checklist to keep him accountable as well as examining shortcomings and being transparent about what he learns.

Candidate Greenberg stated the city has big challenges, but he believes that with big challenges, there are bigger opportunities. It will require a strong, diverse, empowered, administration along with those in the community who want to be a part of the solution to continue making Louisville a safer, stronger, healthier city.

Chair's Update: Heidi Margulis

Chair Margulis stated how the direct impact of climate change can best be seen in the recent historic, disastrous flooding across our Commonwealth. She shared a [link](#) to the State's Flood Relief Fund for those who might wish to contribute to those most affected.

She reminded us how high-water levels adversely impact Louisville's low-lying neighborhoods--a majority of which are in low income, vulnerable areas. Disaster preparedness is a public health issue-need for which she and Dr. Howard are working with health care system partners, funders, and public/private sector entities. Chair Margulis voiced how local government needs to not only work with federal and state governments, but we also need to act locally to expedite system change.

Additionally, she and Dr. Howard are working on securing digital health analytics-driven (software) solutions to provide the Department and the community with real-time surveillance, information and actions needed. With that data, the Health Department should be able to compare it to current statutes, regulations and policies and examine whether there are new/revised public health policies needed. She believes this should be a priority for the incoming city administration.

As always, Chair Margulis encourages each Board Member to reach out to colleagues, networks, and organizations to help with public health education. She believes better informed communities help combat public health issues.

LMPHW Director's Report: Dr. Jeffrey Howard

Monkeypox is a national issue. Vaccine allocation is being driven on the Federal and State level and have guidance that must be followed. There are limited supplies of vaccine and treatment. We currently have 20 vaccine doses for treatment and are expecting 540 vaccines in the coming weeks for prevention. Increased production of vaccine is expected; LMPHW will be focused on ensuring vaccine does not remain on the shelf.

The team continues to ramp up public messaging and communication to through multiple platforms. Anyone can get monkeypox. Currently it tends to spread more in the MSM populations. We are focusing messaging and information to our LGBTQ+ communities and held roundtable discussions with about 40 LGBTQ+ business and organization leaders. We are careful not to voice stigmatization in our messaging. We plan to address awareness at universities.

We are proactively working with community leaders and organizations on a plan to disseminate the monkeypox vaccine to those at highest risk. We have identified our infectious disease doctors as our likely roll out sources for preventative vaccines. A plan has been developed that incorporates our HIV health providers as additional partners to help inject vaccines. We continue to develop plans with multiple healthcare providers to help ensure timely accessibility of vaccines to our citizens.

LMPHW is standing as a thought leader and coordinating efforts to effectively communicate and combat the Monkeypox virus. Dr. Howard held a meeting with Medical Directors at Lexington-Fayette County & Northern Kentucky to organize responses with the 3 largest metropolitan areas in Kentucky. He also hosted a roundtable with Medical Directors of counties surrounding Jefferson county, including Southern Indiana. Both meetings were very insightful and productive.

The department is open to comments and insights that can improve this effort. The goal of LMPHW is to make sure we are doing the best we can to protect our citizens.

JCPS Health Update: Eva Stone

- JCPS will implement masking for back to school.
 - Their protocols will follow CDC & state guidelines for masking based on community levels.
 - The Board did vote to reduce quarantine & isolation to 5 days of masking.
- They are hosting vaccination clinics around the district.
 - 1st the end of August at Newcomer Academy as they have the lowest percentage of students vaccinated.
 - Received a grant from the Kentucky Association of Health Plans that will be used to purchase gift cards for incentives for COVID vaccines.
- JCPS COVID Testing
 - Funding for previous drive through testing is gone.
 - School nurses will give rapid antigen testing to students and staff and offer at home testing for families with students who have tested positive to take home.

GLMS Update: Dr. Val Briones-Pryor

No report.

Kentucky Nurses Association Update: Delanor Manson

- KNA has restarted COVID testing in many of the homeless shelters and some schools.
- They are in the process of partnering with JCPS in providing vaccinations for back to school.
- They are taking staff and supplies to Eastern Kentucky flood areas and have started a GoFundMe to support this effort.
- Addressing the nursing shortage:
 - They are looking at public and private partnerships.
 - They are developing a Nursing Emeritus program with the first two pilots to be in the Louisville area.

Greater Louisville Inc Update: Shelby Williams

No report.

Committee Reports:

Immunization: Dr. Patricia Bautista-Cervera

- Immunization & JCPS
 - KYIR accessibility to records is still pending.
 - There is still potential between Louisville Metro and JCPS for a mobile unit.

Behavioral Health: Craig Blakley

- Diversion Project
 - Negotiating Phase II of the project.
 - Slowly moving to taking project to scale.
 - Report for Phase I is close to being released. Will advise Board when it is ready disseminate.

Coverage & Outreach Coalition: Ashley Shoemaker

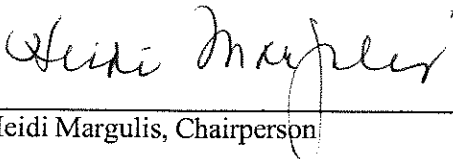
- Upcoming committee meeting on Monday August 8th to discuss the following:
 - Open enrollment which starts November 1st
 - Changes to the Kynect system,
 - Planning the start of outreach efforts.

Board Discussion

Please submit future Perspective ideas to Chair Margulis.

The next Board meeting will be September 7th at 8:00 am and will be in person meeting with a virtual option. The Perspectives Session is to be determined.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Heidi Margulis, Chairperson