

**LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**June 1, 2022**

**Voting Members Present:** Dr. Tony Zipple, Heidi Margulis, Margaret Handmaker, Karyn Hascal, Emerald Echols

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Dr. Jeff Howard, Bart Irwin, Ashley Shoemaker, Delanor Manson, Eva Stone, Natalie Johnson, Shelby Somervell

**Others Present:** Kristen Shanahan, Paul Kern, Amanda Clark, Catalina Cordova, Dr. Stephanie Lokits, Connie Mendel, Carolyn Hicks, Karen Handmaker, Kelly Monahan

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am. This was a hybrid meeting. All voting members were visible and audible either in the room or on WebEx.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Postponed due to lack of quorum.*

**Perspectives: Dr. Jeffrey Howard Moving Forward: Priorities for Public Health Transformation**

Public Health Transformation is necessary to ensure fiscal sustainability of local public health departments, to align resources with public health priorities, and increase accountability. HB 129 was passed in 2020 to modernize funding and prioritize core public health functions.

Dr. Howard believes that every Kentuckian should have access to high quality public health no matter where they live; that there should be accountability at all levels; that evidence based public health approaches and best practices should be implemented; and that the public health ecosystem should be considered when planning. His vision is an agile and action-oriented health department focused on preventative strategies, preparedness and building public-private public health partnerships. It is essential that we modernize public health's technology so that we can collect data and use evidence to support community needs and conduct surveillance. Each priority should be developed using evidence, should undergo performance and quality management and have an exit strategy. Dr. Howard has made changes to LMPHW's organizational chart, including moving administration under operations, and plans to move the policy team from the Center for Health Equity to reporting to his Chief of Staff.

Dr. Howard asked the Board to understand and promote public health, utilize their convening power to support public health and to work to influence policy.

**Chair's Update: Heidi Margulis**

No report.

**LMPHW Director's Report:**

The Board received the June Director's Report via email.

**JCPS Health Update: Eva Stone**

JCPS held their first (pilot) Vaccines for Children (VCF) program clinic which was successful. They are focusing on decreasing the disparities in vaccination rates between schools as it ranges from 7% to 84%. The Chair asked to receive a list of schools with vaccination rates so that Board members can advocate.

**GLMS Update: Dr. Val Briones-Pryor**

No report

**Kentucky Nurses Association: Delanor Manson**

KNA completed their last vaccination mission with LMPHW in May. KNA is engaged in suicide prevention and implicit bias activities for their members. Next, they plan to focus on racism in nursing.

**Greater Louisville Inc Update: Shelby Williams**

GLI is hosting a mayoral candidate forum on June 14. They will begin working on their legislative agenda for next session in August.

**Committee Reports:**

Immunization:

The committee will continue to focus on policy, particularly around increasing access to and utilization of KYIR. The Chair requested that Taylor Ingram, LMPHW Chief of Staff, assist the committee.

Behavioral Health: Dr. Tony Zipple

A report on the 911 deflection pilot program will be presented to Metro Council this month and the committee will present the report to the Board at the next meeting. The committee is seeking additional members.

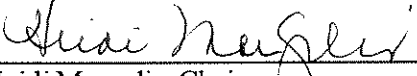
Coverage & Outreach Coalition: Ashley Shoemaker

The emergency declaration is expected to be extended to October. The next meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**Board Discussion**

The next Board meeting will be July 6 at 8:00 and will be a virtual meeting. The Perspectives Session will feature Republican Mayoral Candidate, Bill Dieruf, Mayor-Jeffersontown. The August meeting will feature Craig Greenberg, Democratic nominee for Mayor.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

  
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Heidi Margulis, Chairperson