

LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 4, 2022

Voting Members Present: Dr. Tony Zipple, Heidi Margulis, Margaret Handmaker, Dr. Maria Fernanda Nota, Dr. Edward Miller, Dr. Dwayne Compton, Dr. Paula Grisanti, Karyn Hascal

Advisory Board Members Present: Dr. Sarah Moyer, Bart Irwin, Ashley Shoemaker, Delanor Manson, Dr. Val Briones-Pryor, Eva Stone, Natalie Johnson

Others Present: Kathy Turner, Paul Kern, Amanda Clark, Catalina Cordova, Dr. Stephanie Lokits, Connie Mendel, Carolynn Hicks, Karen Handmaker, Dr. Jeffrey Howard

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am. This was a virtual meeting. All voting members were visible and audible on WebEx.

Approval of Minutes

The March 30 minutes were accepted as distributed.

Perspectives: Chrissie Juliano of Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC)

BCHC is a forum for leaders of America's metropolitan health departments to exchange strategies and jointly address issue to promote and protect health and safety of the 61 million people they serve. BCHC was founded in 2002. Membership is based on city population and member cities must have at least 500,000 residents and be locally (not state) controlled. There are 35 member jurisdictions including Louisville. In 2021 a needs assessment was conducted and members reported that they found most value in collaboration, sharing of best practices and BCHC's advocacy on the national stage. BCHC's strategic goals focus on innovative best practices, infrastructure and leadership development, and health policy advocacy. They publish reports on public health challenges in big cities such as substance use disorder, violence prevention, health equity/racism and tobacco regulation. They also work on workforce and infrastructure issues.

BCHC works on operationalizing health equity and racism as a public health crisis. They released a tool for Covid-19 response with an equity lens to support members in ensuring equity in their responses. Many jurisdictions declared racism as a public health crisis but lacked resources to move forward with next steps. BCHC is engaged in a pilot project and will share lessons learned with members. BCHC is also heavily engaged in substance use disorder advocacy and leadership, curates a Big Cities Health Inventory Data Platform, and supported Covid-19 response. There is a member summit in June which will focus on the future of urban health.

Chair's Update: Heidi Margulis

The Chair announced that Dr. Moyer will be transitioning to the private sector and discussed many of Dr. Moyer's accomplishments. The Chair introduced Dr. Jeffrey Howard, LMPHW's Medical Director, who will be Interim Director.

Following the Mayoral primary, the Republican and Democratic candidates will be invited to be the Perspectives speaker at the July and August Board meetings respectively. They will have the opportunity to share their public health priorities.

LMPHW Director's Report: Director Dr. Sarah Moyer

Dr. Moyer thanked the Board for their support over the last seven years.

JCPS Health Update: Eva Stone

JCPS's Covid Cases have been trending upwards. They have been holding vaccination clinics however the total vaccination rate is 33% (ranging from 7% to 80% with the lowest rates being in the most at-risk schools). Funding for asymptomatic screening and home testing kits will end in June. This is expected to exacerbate disparities.

GLMS Update: Dr. Val Briones-Pryor

Strategic Planning continues. Dr. Briones-Pryor will become president of GLMS next month.

Kentucky Nurses Association: Delanor Manson

KNA is ending vaccination and testing clinics in homeless shelters due to lack of funding. KNA is engaged in suicide prevention activities for their members. KNA worked with Kentuckiana Health Collaborative to publish Principles of Health Care Equity.

Greater Louisville Inc Update: Shelby Williams

GLI is hosting a mayoral candidate forum on June 14 and you can register on GLI's website.

Committee Reports:

Immunization:

No report

Behavioral Health: Dr. Tony Zipple

Data collection on the deflection project will end in the next week and the report on the pilot project will be completed in early June.

Coverage & Outreach Coalition: Ashley Shoemaker

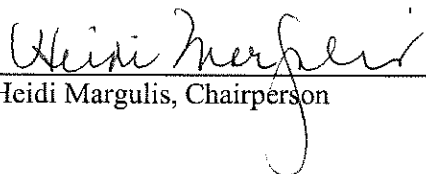
Record numbers of individuals enrolled currently largely due to the federal public health emergency which is expected to end soon. 75,000 Kentuckians are expected to lose eligibility and 200,000 more will need to re-enroll.

Board Discussion

Board members gave thanks to Dr. Moyer for her service and wished her well in her new role.

The next Board meeting will be June 1 at 8:00 and will be a hybrid meeting with the in-person location being the UofL Clinical Translational Research Building.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Heidi Margulis, Chairperson