

LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 2, 2021

Voting Members Present: Dr. Karen Cost, Dr. Tony Zipple, Margaret Handmaker, Heidi Margulis, Dr. Fernanda Nota, Dr. Paula Grisanti, Dr. Dwayne Compton, Dr. Emerald Echols, Mayor Greg Fischer

Advisory Board Members Present: Dr. Sarah Moyer, Bill Wagner, Natalie Johnson, Angela Hayes , Dr. Craig Blakely

Others Present: Amanda Clark, Kathy Turner, Paul Kern, Connie Mendel, Gabriell Gassaway, T Gonzales, Dr. Sarah Beth Hartlage, Ozzy Gibson, Dr. Edward Miller, Eva Stone, Spencer Bruce, Tony Parrott, Paul Thompson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am. This was a virtual meeting as per an Executive Order for social distancing due to Covid-19. All voting members were visible and audible on WebEx. A quorum was reached.

Mayor's Proclamation to Bill Wagner

Mayor Fischer presented a Proclamation to Bill Wagner upon his retirement for his dedication and leadership of Family Health Centers and outstanding service to the community.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 2021 Board meeting were adopted as written.

FHC Board of Governors

A motion was made to reappoint Ms. Betty Fox, Mr. Byron Belton, Jr., Ms. Karina Barillas and Rev. Katherine Doyle to the Family Health Centers Board of Governors. The motion was unanimously approved.

Perspectives: Building Resilience in Public Health Panel II-Traditional Infrastructure: Spencer Bruce-President, Water Co., Tony Parrott, Executive Director-MSD, Paul Thompson, President-LG&E/KU

Spencer Bruce: Louisville Water Company had a pandemic plan in place before Covid-19, but learned to be flexible and patient when Covid happened. Learnings included practical matters like having laptops for employees (ease for Work-at-Home) and improving communication with the public about water safety. Additionally, they learned the importance of keeping technology updated so that they are prepared for the next emergency. Every five years they update their twenty-year facilities plan. Each of their buildings and systems is inspected every six years so that they can repair weak spots before they break. There are multiple redundancies in each system; there has been significant investment in an asset management program. They have also segregated vital computer systems from the internet to improve cyber security.

Tony Parrott: MSD provides flood protection, wastewater treatment and sewer system management twenty-four hours a day. Most MSD workers are essential employees. Prior to Covid they had in place

emergency preparedness plans (for weather, calamity, pandemic etc.). MSD is the largest and oldest wastewater treatment facility in Kentucky and the infrastructure is aging. Inside of I-264, much of it dates back to the 1860s. They have identified critical repair and replacement needs over the next 20 years with a \$4B price tag. Without grants and government funding, these costs will be borne by the public. Mr. Parrott believes that it is vital for the economic development of our city that grants are provided. MSD worked with UofL's Envirome Institute on an innovative local wastewater sampling study and worked with Harvard on a national study. They will continue Covid surveillance throughout 2021.

Paul Thompson: LGE-KU's had a pandemic plan before Covid, but discovered that there was much more uncertainty than they expected. They found it important to frequently communicate with employees and that their IT infrastructure was up to the task of moving a third of their workforce to remote work. Vital staff that remained on site were sequestered from each other. Mr. Thompson believes that they are capable of operating for a short time with employees at home, but in order to develop new leaders who have adequate understanding of the operation, they need staff to be on site. LGE has a compact with utilities in neighboring states for mutual aid during disasters. In Kentucky, we have accountability because our utilities have not been deregulated. LGE-KU is engaged in multi-year planning and upgrading systems. Over \$8B was spent in the last 20 years on major programs including cyber security.

Metro Government provided funding to residents who could not cover their utility account balances during the pandemic, but utility disconnections will resume in June. LGE and Louisville Water have payment plans and there are programs to assist low income residents with their utility bills. The Board can help communicate about the assistance programs and payment plans to the community.

LMPHW Director Dr. Sarah Moyer

The Board received the Director's Report.

The LouVax mobile units are booked through June. The Board can continue to refer potential locations and partners. Over 50% of Louisville is now vaccinated.

JCPS: Eva Stone and Angela Hayes

JCPS placed nurses in almost every school site before the end of this school year. Currently they are working on placing 114 nurses in sites where summer learning is taking place. Nurses will be ready to vaccinate students with required immunizations when school begins in August.

Committee Reports

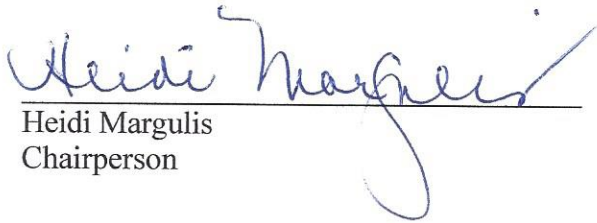
SPIRE: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and LMPHW are launching a pilot stigma-free workplace program in Metro government (LMPHW Dept) which supports employers in reducing stigma around mental health and increases access to mental health services when needed. If successful, the program will be expanded across city government. On a different initiative, UofL School of Public Health and Spalding University are in the data collection stage of a project working on deflection of police response to 911 calls involving behavioral health.

Outreach and Enrollment Coalition: The Coalition will meet on June 14. Kentucky is seeing record levels of Medicaid enrollment, and the number of uninsured is down. Ashley Shoemaker will chair the coalition following Bill Wagner's retirement. The FHC Board announced that Dr. Bart Irwin will be Interim CEO starting July 1. Mr. Irwin will attend the next BOH meeting until a successor CEO is named

Board Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am. The next meeting will be on July 7 and will be in person in the LMPHW Forum. Joining by WebEx will also be possible.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Heidi Margulis
Chairperson