

**LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**October 5, 2021**

**Voting Members Present:** Dr. Tony Zipple, Heidi Margulis, Margaret Handmaker, Dr. Paula Grisanti, Dr. Emerald Echols, Dr. Edward Miller, Dr. Maria Fernanda Nota

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Dr. Craig Blakely, Dr. Sarah Moyer, Ashley Shoemaker, Natalie Johnson, Dr. Bart Irwin, Angela Hayes, Shelby Williams

**Others Present:** Dr. Nwando Olayiwola, Catalina Cordova, Kathy Turner, Dr. Sarah Beth Hartlage, Kellie Kane, Leanne French

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am. This was a virtual meeting due to Covid-19. All voting members were visible and audible on WebEx. The meeting was streamed live on Facebook.

**Approval of Minutes**

*The September minutes were accepted as distributed.*

**Chair Notes: Heidi Margulis**

The Chair encouraged everyone to get a flu shot and to continue wearing masks indoors even if vaccinated when there are groups of people present

**Perspectives: Dr. Nwando Olayiwola**

Dr. Olayiwola has been Chief Health Equity Officer and Senior Vice President at Humana Inc. for six months. Humana defines health equity as the elimination of unnecessary, avoidable and unjust differences in health and healthcare. Differences can be based on your background, where you live, the resources you have or systemic factors such as racism and discrimination. Humana uses Five Keys for achieving health equity. These include social and structural determinants of health (ex. food security), comprehensive clinical care (ex. access to primary and preventive care), an enhanced consumer journey (ex. value-based care), academic partnerships and workforce development, and community engagement and partnerships. Humana applies the cross-cutting levers of data analytics, research and innovation, and cultural competence/implicit bias to improve the Five Keys.

Humana did a series of community conversations with African-American residents of Louisville following the death of Breonna Taylor. Most were living with stress from working multiple jobs, lack of opportunities, being perceived as “less than white people”, violence, increased scrutiny from police, and less access to healthcare. Humana focused on access to healthcare by investing in a program called Community of Opportunity. This program includes a Community Health Worker Program and partnership with Volunteers of America and the Unite Us referral platform. Humana is identifying members in target zip codes who have chronic conditions but have not made a claim for a primary care visit in the last 18 months. VOA’s Community Health Workers will conduct outreach to members and connect them to services through Unite Us.

LMPHW’s 2017 Health Equity Report and the partnerships which LMPHW created served as an important starting point for Humana’s equity work.

**LMPHW Director’s Report: Director Dr. Sarah Moyer**

LMPHW is developing an 18-month bridge strategic plan which will focus on restoration for staff and infrastructure improvement. LMPHW will be refocusing on what we do well, filling gaps in community

services, and conducting required enforcement activities. Dr. Moyer asked the Board to advocate for funding for an electronic health record system for the Department, a new main building and market-rate salaries for LMPHW. Advocacy is critical as public health seems to be less of a priority for the community as Covid-19 becomes endemic.

**JCPS Health Update: Angela Hayes**

JCPS is onboarding nurses and will have a nurse in every building. School nurses are mostly performing contact tracing. They are doing weekly testing and using a “test to stay” protocol to keep children in school. They are providing community clinics for routine immunizations to increase immunization rates in the student population. There will be an update on student mental health next month.

**Greater Louisville Inc Update: Shelby Williams**

GLI is working on their state and local legislative agenda. A Federal pregnant workers’ rights bill will be voted on soon in the U.S. Senate. GLI is also trying to help mitigate the healthcare worker shortage.

**Committee Reports**

**Immunization: Dr. Echols**

There are no updates since last month.

**SPIRE: Dr. Zipple**

The deflection project draft proposal is being reviewed by Metro government and will go before Metro Council soon. NAMI and LMPHW are working together on stigma reduction pilot project.

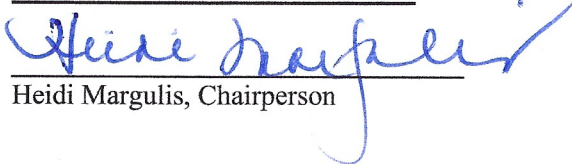
**Coverage & Outreach Coalition: Ashley Shoemaker (Family Health Centers)**

The next Coalition meeting is Oct 11. They continue to monitor enrollment data as presumptive eligibility comes to an end. Open enrollment periods will start soon and Kynect should make it easier for people to obtain coverage this year.

**Board Discussion**

The next Board meeting will be virtual, and will be on Tuesday November 2 at 8am. Dr. Allison Smith, Assistant Director of the Office of Sustainability within LMG, is being invited to discuss brownfields in Louisville during the “Perspectives Session.”

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

  
Heidi Margulis, Chairperson