

MINUTES
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board
October 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board was held Monday, October 17, 2016. Chair Shannon Oury called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

David Ambler made a motion to approve the Agenda for October 17, 2016. Kevin Stuever provided the second and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

Sandy Praeger made a motion that the Minutes of September 19, 2016, be approved. Shaun Musick provided the second and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Jennie Henault, director of administrative services, reviewed the September Monthly Financial Report. After discussion, Sandy Praeger moved that the September Monthly Financial Report be approved. Steve Fawcett provided the second and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet with Russ Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Dan Partridge, director, introduced Russ Johnson, chief executive officer of Lawrence Memorial Hospital (LMH). The Health Board and staff introduced themselves. Russ shared what his objectives are for LMH. Russ stated LMH has excellent staff and good colleagues and he is excited to be a proactive partner in the community. Russ also stated there is a team at LMH reviewing their Strategic Plan.

2017 Budget Study Session

Dan Partridge, director, reviewed the proposed 2017 budget. On the revenue side, Dan reported anticipating increased Medicaid match funds. The budget adds a 0.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for an assessment coordinator. The expenses of this position would be partially offset by the Medicaid match funds. Program fees increase by \$52,852 as we expect to continue to see improved collection rates. Federal grants increased by \$96,063 due to the new Department for Children and Families (DCF) fatherhood grant. Overall, 2017 revenue is budgeted at \$89,794 more than 2016.

On the expense side, Dan reported a clinic assistant who is at 0.81 FTE is resigning to become a nurse. We are budgeting this as a full-time position. The budget includes \$40,000 for merit increases and that represents approximately two percent. Health insurance also increased by six percent. For contractual services, for the Academic Health Department, we increased from \$11,000 to \$30,000. This is for community health planning support and an additional person to help support student interns. Dan stated there is \$10,000 budgeted for staff training day and tuition assistance. Service and licensing contracts increase by \$20,285 due to additional CYMA licenses and the expansion of GIS software as well as performance management software needs. For commodities, Dan reported a three to eight percent cost increase was factored in for all.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Grant Amendments

Dan Partridge, director, reported receiving increased funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The Family Planning grant award was amended by \$39,579 to \$197,896. The Chronic Disease Risk Reduction (CDRR) grant award was amended by \$15,000 to \$115,000.

Land Application of Septage

Dan Partridge, director, reported that the application to land apply septage discussed at the September Board meeting has been approved. He and Charlotte Marthaler, assistant director, met with Craig Weinaug, county administrator, to discuss land application and amending the Sanitary Code. Craig recommended the Health Department initiate a memorandum to amend the Sanitary Code process.

Unified School District #497 Condom Distribution

Dan Partridge, director, reported condom distribution is in place in the Lawrence high schools. Kim Ens, director of clinic services, stated a proposal to dispense condoms in the high schools was presented to the Unified School District (USD) #497 school board and was approved. Kim reported the condom dispensers are located in the restrooms of the school nurses office.

Community Health Issues Survey

Dan Partridge, director, reported a Local Public Health System Assessment was held on October 11, 2016, at the Health Department. Dan stated every five years Douglas County takes a comprehensive look at the health of our community through this process. The Health Department and community partners will be distributing a survey to solicit public input on the health issues confronting Douglas County residents. Our goal is to receive 2,500 completed surveys. Surveys will be distributed electronically, hard copy and through social media.

Commission Forum

Dan Partridge, director, reported there will be a County Commission Candidate Forum on mental health and incarceration Saturday, October 29 at 10 a.m. at the Lawrence Arts Center.

Heartland Community Health Center Co-location of Services

Dan Partridge, director, reported Heartland Community Health Center (HCHC) has received approval Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA). HCHC will begin providing services at the Health Department beginning November 14, 2016.

Health Care Access Staff Placement

Dan Partridge, director, reported Health Care Access will provide a health insurance navigator at the Health Department two days a week.

Announcements

LiveWell Lawrence will mark their eighth anniversary with a celebration breakfast at the Lied Center at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016. The event is free and open to the public.

Other New Business

1. The next scheduled Health Board meeting will be Monday, November 21, 2016, at 5 p.m. in the first floor meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. on a motion by David Ambler and a second by Shaun Musick.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Partridge,
Secretary

Present:	David Ambler
	Judy Brynds
	Steve Fawcett
	Shaun Musick
	Shannon Oury
	Sandy Praeger
	Kevin Stuever
Ex Officio:	Dan Partridge
Other:	Mary Beverly
	Karrey Britt
	Kathy Colson
	Kim Ens
	Jennie Henault
	Colleen Hill
	Charlotte Marthaler