

MINUTES
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board
January 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board was held Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Chair Shannon Oury called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shannon Oury stated the Board is not ready to discuss the evaluation of the director. Sandy Praeger made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to defer agenda item number eight to the February Board meeting, "Convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters related to the evaluation of the Director to return into public session at _____ p.m." Doug Dechairo provided the second and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2016

Doug Dechairo made a motion that the Minutes of December 19, 2016, be approved. Shaun Musick provided the second and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DECEMBER MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Recognition for Vince Romero for Five Years of Service

The Board signed a Letter of Recognition congratulating Vince Romero for five years of service.

Consider Transfer to the Funded Depreciation Fund to Prepare for Electronic Health Record (Insight) End of Life

Dan Partridge, director, reported the Health Departments current Electronic Health Record SQL platform has an end of life July 2019. We are considering options including migrating to a new platform called MyInsight. Dan stated we have been working with Johnson and Wyandotte Counties to standardize and streamline our data entry and reporting. Dan stated we are exploring a joint vendor search and have already met with Netsmart regarding MyInsight. We are searching for vendors able to provide a shared system solution. Netsmart stated if we did this individually it would cost \$1.2 million for all departments, but if we purchased it all together it would collectively cost \$600,000. Dan stated currently we pay \$26,000 for hosting and maintenance per year. With MyInsight, after the initial implementation fee, each Health Department would pay \$18,000 per year for maintenance and hosting. To start planning for this migration, staff recommends moving \$82,000 from our operating fund to the funded depreciation fund. After discussion, Doug Dechairo made a motion to transfer \$82,000 from the operating fund to Funded Depreciation. Shaun Musick provided the second and the motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mumps Outbreak Status Report

Mary Beverly, director of epidemiology and environmental public health, updated the Board on the Mumps outbreak. Mary reported there is no treatment for mumps but there is vaccination. Mary stated this disease is highly contagious and some of the symptoms of mumps are low grade fever, muscle aches, weakness, loss of appetite etc. Mumps can be spread from one person to another through saliva two to three days prior to cheek swelling to up to five days after. Mary reported the Health Department received two telephone calls within 30 minutes on Monday, December 12, 2016, from the University of Kansas Watkins

Health Center and from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Sonia Jordan, Epi/PHE Coordinator, went to visit sororities and fraternities at the University of Kansas and then set up the Incident Command System. On December 14, 2016, a new case was reported that a University of Kansas female student had an association with the University of Arkansas. On December 15-29, 2016, investigations continued, we were waiting for lab results, epi-linked one case to a case at the University of Missouri and things seemed to be closing down. On December 29-30, 2016, two new cases were reported to us and one to Johnson County Health Department. There was a positive lab result on a University of Kansas student with no fraternity association. On January 4, 2017, we had our second confirmed case. There were three confirmed cases, six probable cases, two investigated and were considered not a case, and one pending case. Highlights were this demonstrated partnerships with the University of Kansas Watkins Health Center, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Johnson County Health Department, Lawrence Memorial Hospital and healthcare providers.

Communications Report

Karrey Britt, communications coordinator, presented the Communications Report. Karrey reported from July to December 2016, 111 stories appeared in the media, which is an average of 4.5 stories per week. Karrey stated 1,802 people “like” or follow the Health Departments Facebook page and 968 followed Twitter. There were 419 subscribers to the “Healthier Together” E-Newsletter.

Karrey stated highlights were the first Global Big Latch On event during World Breastfeeding Week, Healthy Dads program, Spotlight movie screening to raise awareness about prevention of child sexual abuse, Heartland Community Health Center integration, Walk to School Day, flu vaccination, Community Health Issues survey, LiveWell Lawrence celebration, Freedom From Smoking program and winter weather safety tips.

Current events are mumps cases at the University of Kansas and working on the annual report.

Upcoming events are the Community Health Assessment, National Public Health Week in April and National Bike Month in May.

Staffing Reorganization

Dan Partridge, director, reviewed changes in the Health Department Organizational Chart. Dan stated one environmental health specialist left to pursue another career and the second environmental health specialist is being deployed to Africa in June for eight months. We have responded by strengthening our alignment with the Foundational Public Health Service model by moving Mary Beverly, director of performance management, to director of epidemiology and environmental health public. Mary's background is in environmental health. She will be supervising the environmental health specialist and she will take over doing the direct work of environmental health during his deployment. She will also be supervising child care licensing and be responsible for epidemiology and preparedness. We will hire a pool inspector for the summer and child care licensing will do school inspections.

Charlotte Marthaler, assistant director, will now be responsible for performance management and quality improvement.

Legislative Pre-Session Hearing Presentation

Dan Partridge, director, reported he presented at the Legislative Pre-Session Hearing on January 6, 2017. Dan reported in 2015 the legislature passed legislation creating a tax on e-cigarettes and have not yet begun collecting this tax. Dan stated his message was to support the collection of a sales tax on e-cigarettes. Dan also reviewed how the Health Department is funded.

Announcements

Dan Partridge, director, stated David Ambler's second term expires on March 31, 2017, and asked the Board for recommendations for David's replacement.

Dan Partridge, director, stated there will be a Health Board mixer with the Heartland Community Health Center Board on Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017, at 6 p.m. It will be held at the All Season's Den at the Oread Hotel.

Other New Business

1. The next scheduled Health Board meeting will be Monday, February 21, 2017, at 5 p.m. in the first floor meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on a motion by Sandy Praeger and a second by Steve Fawcett.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Partridge,
Secretary

Present: Doug Dechairo
Steve Fawcett
Shaun Musick
Shannon Oury
Sandy Praeger
Kevin Stuever
Ex Officio: Dan Partridge
Other: Mary Beverly
Karrey Britt
Kim Ens
Jennie Henault
Colleen Hill
Charlotte Marthaler