

MINUTES
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board
February 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board was held Monday, February 19, 2018. Chair Shaun Musick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie Uffman asked that public comment follow discussion of City of Lawrence sidewalk hazard repair policy. Request granted by chair Shaun Musick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shannon Oury made a motion to approve the Agenda for February 19, 2018. Vern Norwood provided the second and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2018

Sandy Praeger made a motion that the Minutes of January 16, 2018, be approved. Steve Fawcett provided the second and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE JANUARY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition of Kim Ens, Twenty Five Years of Service

The Board signed a letter recognizing Kim Ens's upcoming retirement after twenty five years of service.

Consider Request by City of Lawrence Regarding Sidewalk Hazard Repair Policy

Brandon McGuire, assistant to the city manager, presented a request by the City of Lawrence to the Health Board requesting they authorize the Board chair to sign a letter of support for the proposed Sidewalk Hazard Repair Program policy which will be presented to the Lawrence City Commission. Sidewalks in good repair are in the interest of public health. Brandon reported since 1941, state law places responsibility on homeowners for sidewalk repair. Brandon reported city staff estimates over 40 miles of sidewalks are in need of repair or replacement. These hazards create barriers to the public health, safety and welfare. Brandon reported the city has done significant research and worked with the Pedestrian Bicycle Issues Task Force and has input from advocacy and special interest groups, citizens and stakeholders. Brandon also stated financial assistance based on US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annual income thresholds, if funding is available. There is also cost-sharing of 50/50 if property owner's sidewalks are adjacent to two or more sides of the property. This policy does not apply to rental or commercial property.

Public Comment

Bonnie Uffman agreed sidewalks are good for health and agrees it will be expensive to repair. She disagrees on whose responsibility it is whether you have a sidewalk in front of your house or not. She stated we all walk on sidewalks and it should be everyone's responsibility. Bonnie stated the City is not focused on how we make this everyone's responsibility. She hopes commissioners hire a consultant to say what the options are. Right now, they are directed to find a way to make homeowners have responsibility. She also believes the financial assistance is problematic and the funding needs to be equitable.

Gary Webber is concerned the policy states that the city may provide financial assistance under this program for qualified applicants the meet the US Department of Housing and Urban Developments (HUD) annual income thresholds, if funding is available. There are people who are under poverty and will be told they have to pay for sidewalk repairs when they can hardly afford to buy food. The city can get out of

assisting low income people. He recommends this policy be re-written and that the Board does not support it.

After discussion, Sandy Praeger made a motion to provide a letter of support to read as follows. *Good sidewalks promote the public health, safety and welfare, The Lawrence-Douglas County Board of Health has reviewed the proposed City of Lawrence Administrative Policy No. 117, Sidewalk Hazard Repair Program and found that it advances progress towards the community's public health goals.* Shannon Oury provided the second and the motion passed.

Receive 2017 4th Quarter Performance Report

Charlotte Marthaler, assistant director, presented the fourth quarter performance report. Charlotte stated we continue to collect data and have a regular time to meet and discuss every month. Overall we have made good progress and are meeting goals in eight of the twelve domains. Of the 41 metrics we have met 24, nearly met 12, and five we have not met. Charlotte provided detail on four domain areas on the Performance Management Dashboard. For Provide Actionable Information overall we have nearly met our goals. We are proud of the clinical work to assure tobacco users receive counseling. For Monitor and Evaluate Activities again we are nearly meeting our goals. Referring clients on blood pressure was a new metric for 2017 and an example of how our processes have developed as we moved into 2018. In 2017 we manually reviewed all records to better understand clinical decisions as to why a referral to a primary care provider was or was not made. In 2018 we will no longer check every chart, but we will review some charts each quarter. We did add a new metric for this area regarding clinic encounters with Heartland Community Health Center. For Use Customer Focused Approaches we have met our goals. We have a customer satisfaction survey that tells us how well we are doing in our work, is anyone better off, and are people satisfied with our services. For Adhering to Professional Standards of Practice we are achieving our goals overall. The one area that we are not meeting is Project LIVELY enrolled charts completed accurately.

Health Board Composition

Dan Partridge, director, stated terms for Dr. Kevin Stuever, appointed by the city, and Judy Brynds, appointed by the county, expire the end of March. Dan Partridge would like to send letters to the city and county recommending Verdell Taylor and Michael Williams to fill these seats. After discussion, the Board approved the recommendations.

Selection of 2018 Douglas County Health Champions

Karrey Britt, communications coordinator, reported the Health Department received eight nominations for the Douglas County Health Champion. Karrey presented recommendations from Health Department staff. After discussion the Board approved Amiee Polson and Melissa Hoffman as 2018 Douglas County Health Champions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 20, 2018, Lawrence City Commission meeting

Dan Partridge, director, reported Sonia Jordan, PHE/CD coordinator, will present at the City of Lawrence Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, regarding LED Street Lights. Sonia has gathered information on how many accidents are occurring in low light areas and what the health implications are.

Dan Partridge, director, will present the Annual Financial Report at the City of Lawrence Commission meeting.

Behavioral Health Initiative Update

Bob Tryanski, director of behavioral health for Douglas County, updated the Board on plans to improve behavioral health care in Douglas County. Bob stated Douglas County is collaborating with community agencies to better meet the needs of those who suffer with mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

Community Health Plan Update

Chris Tilden, director of community health, updated the Board on the Community Health Plan (CHP). Chris reported we are seeing a higher level of utilization of stories in the Lawrence Journal World. The CHP focuses on four main areas: behavioral health, poverty and jobs, physical activity and nutrition and safe and affordable housing. Health equity and discrimination were looked at across all four areas. Chris stated the CHA staff team has been replaced with the core planning team which consists of leads from the four main focus areas. Those leads are Shannon Oury for safe and affordable housing, Bob Tryanski for behavioral health, Elizabeth Keever for physical activity and nutrition, and Jeanette Taylor for poverty and jobs.

Review Draft of 2017 Annual Report

Karrey Britt, communications director, presented a draft of the 2017 Annual Report and asked the Board for feedback.

Other New Business

1. The next scheduled Health Board meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018, at 5 p.m. in the first floor meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. on a motion by Kevin Stuever and a second by Shannon Oury.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Partridge
Secretary

Present:	Judy Brynds
	Steve Fawcett
	Shaun Musick
	Vern Norwood
	Shannon Oury
	Sandy Praeger
	Kevin Stuever
Other:	Dan Partridge
	Mary Beverly
	Stuart Boley
	Karrey Britt
	Charlie Bryan
	Kathy Colson
	Kim Ens
	Jennie Henault
	Colleen Hill
	Lisa Larson

Charlotte Marthaler
Brandon McGuire
Chris Tilden
Bob Tryanski
Bonnie Uffman
Gary Wheeler