

MEETING MINUTES

Tulsa City-County Board of Health
May 15, 2019 at 6:00pm
James Goodwin Health Center
5051 S. 129 East Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74134

Board Members Present:

Kian Kamas, MS
Regina Lewis, DO
Emily Odom
Sarah-Anne Schumann, MD, MPH
Mike Stout, PhD

Staff Present:

Bruce Dart, PhD, Executive Director
Reggie Ivey, Chief Operating Officer
Scott Buffington, Employee Resources & Development
Amy Brice, Personal Responsibility Education Program
Leslie Carroll, Pathways to Health
Bernard Dindy, Environmental Health
Priscilla Haynes, Preventative Health
Elizabeth Nutt, Environmental Health
Pam Rask, Adolescent & Child Health
Kelly VanBuskirk, Health Data & Policy
Jumao Wang, Finance
Jenna Grant, Executive Assistant

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Bruce Dart called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Both Chair Ann Paul and Vice-Chair Mike Jones had last minute conflicts and were unable to attend.

The meeting notice and agenda were posted at the James Goodwin Health Center, the North Regional Health and Wellness Center, and the Tulsa City-County Health Department (THD) website, and emailed to the Tulsa County Clerk, the Tulsa City Clerk, and the Tulsa City-County Library on May 10, 2019.

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Bruce entertained a motion to approve the February 2019 and April 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Emily Odom and seconded by Sarah-Anne Schumann. ***The February 20, 2019 and April 17, 2019 minutes were approved:***

Dr. Evans	not present
Dr. Jones	not present
Ms. Kamas	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye
Mrs. Odom	aye
Dr. Paul	not present
Dr. Schumann	aye
Dr. Stout	aye

III. New Initiatives/Programming: Saint Francis Project

Leslie Carroll, THD Resource Coordinator, shared that Saint Francis had recently approved plans and funding for the Center for Community Health Improvement (CCHI) that would be administered by the Tulsa Health Department. The project's goals are to use preventative care to reduce hospital readmissions and inappropriate ER use, while ultimately reducing chronic disease rates in areas with worse than average health outcomes (zip codes 74073, 74126, 74130, 74110, and 74106). To begin the center will have a director, nurse practitioner, and two community health workers who will each have a 20 patient caseload. They will help clients and their families access primary healthcare, prescription assistance, and transportation for appointments, as well as providing health education.

Phase I includes focus groups, which are being coordinated by Board of Health member Mike Stout. They should be complete by late June. Phase II is to hire a program director. The Center for Community Health Improvement will begin at Morton Healthcare, which can provide care for uninsured individuals; if it has the intended outcomes, the Center may establish its own brick and mortar facility.

Several board members had questions that Leslie Carroll answered:

- *How are potential patients selected?*
Saint Francis case managers will identify patients with high use rates at the hospital. That help to measure patient outcomes.
- *Who are the patients that may be eligible for help through the CCHI?*
Patients will be over age 18 and have a chronic disease. There is an equal mix of those transported to the hospital by ambulance and those who provided their own transport.
- *Will patients with specific chronic diseases be targeted?*
Yes, those with diabetes, COPD, asthma, and heart failure. Diabetes is at the top of the list.

- *What qualifications will the Community Health Workers (CHW) need?*
The goal is to find CHW who are experienced case workers and who are known in the communities where they will be working.

IV. **Budget/Financial Status:** FY20 Proposed Budget

Reggie Ivey said the final budget had been reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Health. There were only three changes from the preliminary budget shared at the Board of Health meeting in April: \$25,000 adjustment to the abatement program; one employee salary that had not been included; and the \$10,000 to replace the roof of the Sand Springs Health Center would not be included in the FY20 budget because it would be paid from the current fiscal year. Several items of note:

- For the first time capital expenses were included in the budget. In the past building projects were approved on a case by case basis.
- An additional \$500,000 would be transferred to fully fund the emergency fund with \$1 million, so there would be sufficient resources in the event of a county-wide emergency.
- Tulsa County, not THD, oversees the investment of the reserve funds. Tulsa County tends to keep the money in conservative investments.
- THD receives the smallest portion of ad valorem taxes in the county.
- One of the intents of the Board of Health retreat in mid-June is to consider ways to use unrestricted funds, to better serve the citizens of Tulsa County and to improve Tulsa’s standing in national health rankings.

Bruce entertained a motion to approve the FY20 Budget. A motion was made by Sarah-Anne Schumann and seconded by Regina Lewis. ***The FY20 Budget was approved:***

Dr. Evans	not present
Dr. Jones	not present
Ms. Kamas	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye
Mrs. Odom	aye
Dr. Paul	not present
Dr. Schumann	aye
Dr. Stout	aye

V. **Community/Health Improvement:** Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Amy Brice supervises the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP). It works alongside parents to help teens make healthy sex and reproductive choices. PREP has been in existence for eight years and in that time has provided reproductive health classes to

about 15,000 students in Tulsa area schools. They use evidence-based curriculum targeted to 7th grade and 9th grade students. Curriculum is always available to parents at the schools where it's taught. Through the combined efforts of PREP, the Tulsa Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and Youth Services of Tulsa, there was a 42.9% decrease in teen pregnancy between 2012 and 2017.

To support PREP, advocate for reproductive health training at your local schools. Oklahoma is one of the few states that does not require public schools to provide it.

VII. Advocacy/Policy: Board of Health Charter

A workgroup of Board of Health members put together a draft charter earlier in the month. It was reviewed by the full board and several final edits were made. Bruce entertained a motion to approve the revised Board of Health Charter. A motion was made by Mike Stout and seconded by Regina Lewis. ***The Board Charter was approved:***

Dr. Evans	not present
Dr. Jones	not present
Ms. Kamas	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye
Mrs. Odom	aye
Dr. Paul	not present
Dr. Schumann	aye
Dr. Stout	aye

VIII. Director's Report: Board of Health Retreat

Bruce Dart reported there was a confirmed case of measles in an adult who lives outside Tulsa County, but in the Tulsa area. His young children are unvaccinated and were not quarantined. THD was working hard to notify and test anyone who may be impacted. Thankfully a THD pro-vaccination campaign was just starting. Typically parents who do not vaccinate their children are undecided on the issue, so the ad campaign's goal is to provide evidence and answer questions to people make informed decisions.

There was also a case of West Nile Virus reported in Tulsa. The disease usually did not present until July or later, but it was not totally unexpected since it had been a rainy spring. THD Environmental Health Services staff had been doing additional testing and spraying to mitigate the danger.

The Board of Health Retreat was scheduled on Saturday, July 15th. It will focus on using health trends to begin identifying specific action steps for THD to improve outcomes in the next decade. Dr. Stout would also be sharing information from focus groups he did as part of the Center for Community Health Improvement project.

In the fall Bruce Dart would like to bring together all Tulsa Health Department funders—

state, county and private— to determine if dollars can be unrestricted to give THD the flexibility to address health issues in real time and provide equal opportunities for all people in Tulsa County. The possibilities for Tulsa are incredible.

IX. Announcements

Board Retreat is Saturday, June 15th 9am – 2pm | MyHealth at 201 W. 5th St., 6th floor
Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:00pm | JGHC 231

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

APPROVED:



Ann Paul, DrPH, MPH, Tulsa Board of Health Chair

ATTESTED:



Jenna Grant, Tulsa Health Department Executive Assistant