

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tulsa City-County Board of Health**  
**May 20, 2020 at 6:00pm**  
James Goodwin Health Center  
5051 S. 129 East Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74134

**Board Members Present:** Ann Paul, DrPH; Chair  
Mike Jones, DVM; Chair  
Heath Evans, DDS  
Mike Stout, PhD  
Krystal Reyes, MPA  
Regina Lewis, DO  
Emily Odom  
Sarah-Anne Schumann, MD, MPH  
Aimee Boyer, J.D., CFP

**Staff Present:** Bruce Dart, PhD, Executive Director  
Reggie Ivey, Chief Operating Officer  
Chanteau Orr, Legal Counsel  
Scott Buffington, Employee Resources & Development  
Priscilla Haynes, Preventative Health  
Pam Rask, Adolescent & Child Health  
Leanne Stephens, Marketing & Communication  
Kelly VanBuskirk, Health Data & Policy  
Jumao Wang, Finance Department  
Monica Rogers, Information Systems  
Elizabeth Nutt, Environmental Health  
Makeda Thompson, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:** Scott Adkins, Legislative Consultant

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

Ann Paul called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

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 18, 2020.

## Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Dr. Ann Paul entertained a motion to approve the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Sarah-Anne Schumann, and seconded by Dr. Mike Jones. ***The April 15, 2020 minutes were approved:***

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

## II. Chair's Report

Rahm Emanuel, President Obama's former Chief of Staff and 55th Mayor of Chicago, is often cited as coining the phrase, "You never let a serious crisis go to waste." While there have been many interpretations of the intent of that statement, it is one that I can embrace now, as I think about our experience with the Coronavirus crisis and how vulnerable populations have been impacted. The crisis has brought the needs of the vulnerable front and center. While everyone has struggled with ordinary necessities, there were many that have gone without. But I'm so proud of our community and how people across the county have stepped up to care for those in need. Yes, we first think of our healthcare workers as heroes during a public health crisis, but my heroes are also organizations like CityLights and Mental Health Association of Oklahoma that are rounding at homeless encampments, the Food Bank, businesses that changed their business model and sometimes even their product to address the current needs, and everyday people who are sharing their surplus supplies or running errands for the homebound. And of course, all the work our Tulsa Health Department associates are doing behind the scenes and the outstanding leadership of Dr. Bruce Dart. These are also my heroes.

So Rahm's quote, "You never let a serious crisis go to waste," stands out to me now because we have learned many things during the Coronavirus crisis. We have learned how to adapt to meet the needs of the vulnerable. We have changed forever the recognition of who the most vulnerable are. We've collaborated and coordinated with those whom we've never previously met. And when something doesn't work, we try again - we don't give up. The complete quote from Rahm is this:

**"You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that, it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before."**

That's what we are doing now. And I hope and pray that when the crisis is over...someday...we will maintain that same passion for our community's most vulnerable and recognize that we can be of diverse backgrounds and still have something of value to contribute to creating a solution.

### III. THD Reports/Action Items

#### A. Advocacy/Policy: Legislative Update

Scott Adkins stated that there is usually an 8.1 billion dollar budget annually but because of the decrease in economic activity due to Corona Virus and a collapse to the oil and gas industry and oil and gas prices; the next budget is going to be about 1.2 billion dollars in the hole. The legislature fixed a majority of the gaps. The budget for FY21 starting July, 1<sup>st</sup> has been written and it is a 7.7 or 7.8 billion dollar budget. They may have to come back later for a special session potentially if the numbers continue to go south because we don't know what the long term ramifications are going to be if we slowdown in economic activity. Bill 1102 would have extended the Governor's emergency power even further and would've taken much of the authority locally away from Mayor Bynum or Mayor Holt and would have given more power to the state health department. Bill 1102 did not survive they strongly opposed it. Policy bills appear to be over. HJR-1040 bill did not pass. Senate Bill 1714 did not pass. Medicaid expansion is moving forward the Governor has filed Soonercare 2.0 request with the federal government. State Question 802 is still going to the ballot and there is going to be a lot of support for that. Medicaid expansion is on its way one way or another.

#### B. Public Health Threats and/or Opportunities: COVID-19

Dr. Bruce Dart stated that on the Tulsa Health Department COVID-19 page on the dashboard it shows the previous 14 days case trends and our 4 and 7 day average of cases on that dashboard. It gives people a better idea of trends that the Tulsa Health Department is seeing and responding to. Kelly talked about in January how there was only 300 cases of COVID-19 worldwide in January and she pointed out how quickly the disease has spread throughout the world. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 that was the first time the Tulsa Health Department Epidemiologist team received a traveler's notification that someone was traveling back from one of the countries that they were monitoring. Tulsa Health Department has been receiving confirmed cases of COVID-19. Set up operations at our SWOB POD operations and really started implementing that when we started receiving the sample collections. 2,833 specimens have been collected as of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. A long term care task force has been implemented. We have a team that really focuses on the Governor's directive which is the sample collection at long term care settings. Within the

last week the Tulsa Health department has collected 2,370 specimens and there is about 15 more licensed long term facilities that the Tulsa Health Department is trying to get done within the next week and a half to two weeks. In our communities we have collected over 17,000 specimens within our communities. The Tulsa Health Department Phone bank has received over 12,000 phone calls. Educational; campaigns through social media. The Tulsa Health department has done 308 interviews talking about COVID-19.

### C. Budget/ Financial Status: FY21 Proposed Budget

Reggie Ivey talked about the following:

Tulsa City-County Health Department general Fund balance shows how much cash was available in the Tulsa City- Health department which was 22,238,448 dollars we are estimating that by the end of this fiscal year which is June 30, 2020 there will be 19,300,000 dollars in the bank and that fund balance is the largest in the history of the department

The Board and the leadership of the Health Department has worked to increase the fund balance since 2014 and the reason this is important because we need to have approximately 8 million dollars in the fund balance to carry the department from July to December

In the departments past history the fund balance was not at a level to cover the first half of the fiscal year and the department would have to borrow money until a property tax revenue was received; we have not had to borrow money for more than 10 years

The capital project fund is used for renovations at the Tulsa Health Departments various sites which has 68,345 dollars

The Tulsa Health Department is self-Insured and the Self Insurance reserve fund has 150,069 dollars

The emergency event fund has 1 million dollars in it; the Tulsa Health Department has not needed to tap into that fund because our budget is able to handle the expenditures that we're seeing thus far

1.15% increase for medical and life insurance premiums and because that cost is not significant to our overall budget we would like to cover that increase and not pass that cost on to the employees

The Ad valorem tax revenue from FY17 thru FY19 has ranged from 3 % to 5%3% increase for the Ad valorem tax for the current fiscal year; in the FY21 budget the Ad valorem tax revenue has been increased to 2%

8.3% more in permit revenue in FY21 than in FY20

Patient fees are expected to increase by \$66, 900 dollars because the working for balance plans to launch a bio metric screening for external companies and organizations next fiscal year and a fee will be charged; Immunization will bring in fees as well

Permit, Patient Fees and Miscellaneous income the increase will be 5.82% of \$278, 863 dollars

The Healthy living program is a community based grant that tries to prevent and reduce tobacco use and obesity across the county ; the funder (Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust) for this program have restructured the program and due to the restructure the maximum grant amount that can be request is\$360,000 dollars. The Tulsa Health Department application was approved Ad Valorem dollars are being used to sustain this program

The total private, state, federal revenues expected to decrease by 0.82% on \$98, 612 dollars

403,128 dollars coming from the operating fund balance last year it was a little less than \$500,000 dollars

Bond payment due to refinancing the bond in this current fiscal year we will pay 90, 512 dollars less than the current fiscal year

The total revenue and expenditures are the same at \$32, 027, 978 dollars or a 1.5% increase for FY21

Dr. Ann Paul entertained a motion to vote on the FY21 Budget. The motion was made by Dr. Mike Stout and seconded by Dr. Regina Lewis. **The FY21 Budget was approved:**

Ms. Reyes	aye
Dr. Evans	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye
Mrs. Odom	aye
Dr. Paul	aye
Dr. Schumann	aye
Dr. Stout	aye

#### **IV. Announcements**

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:00pm | JGHC 200

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.