MEETING MINUTES

Tulsa City-County Board of Health

April 21, 2021 at 6:00pm

Teleconference

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Board Members Present:

Ann Paul, DrPH; Chair
Mike Jones, DVM; Chair
Emily Odom
Regina Lewis, DO
Heath Evans, DDS
Krystal Reyes, MPA
Sarah-Anne Schumann, MD, MPH
Mike Stout, PhD
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
Adam Austin, Environmental Health
Priscilla Haynes, Preventative Health
Leanne Stephens, Marketing & Communication
Kelly VanBuskirk, Health Data & Policy
Jumao Wang, Finance Department
Monica Rogers, Information Systems
Makeda Thompson, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

DeAndre Opoku, Director, Health Equity YWCA
Scott Adkins, Legislative Consultant

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Ann Paul called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

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 April 16, 2021.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Ann Paul entertained a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Regina Lewis and seconded by Krystal Reyes. ***The February 17, 2021minutes were approved:***

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

II. Chair's Report

After more than a year, we are still not "done with" the Coronavirus pandemic. Our Tulsa City County Health Department associates have continued to face (and overcome) challenges that draw upon crisis response and management expertise, that require mass vaccination plans and execution, and that present political disruptions that attempt to distract us from the jobs-to-be-done. I want to turn our board's attention to our primarily role by sharing this op ed from the *Tulsa World* on Sunday, written by Dr. Jabraan S. Pasha, titled: "Health care alone can't solve all health problems."

https://tulsaworld.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-health-care-alone-can-t-solve-all-health-problems/article_0aaf8050-98a9-11eb-8a4a-43cdd1fdf075.html

The message from Dr. Pasha emphasizes the importance of the core functions that we do in public health, the social determinants that need to be addressed, and our role in being the leader in our

community. With this challenge, I look forward to our diverse board continuing to engage with our community partners and stakeholders as we prepare to enter a new fiscal year in July.

III. THD Reports/Action Items

A. Public Health Threats and/or Opportunities: COVID/Vaccinations/CVC

Kelly VanBuskirk talked about what was going on in the different communities as it relates to COVID-19. The Tulsa Health Department is still maintaining all its operations such as phone bank, vaccinations, swabbing. In February and March, phone calls from the phone bank have declined. The highest number was still in January. The phone bank has gone down highest number was still January. The Tulsa Health Department testing has dramatically decreased; they're only testing one day a week at the North Regional location. The number of tests is lower in April, and symptomatic people are seeking testing now. The Tulsa Health Department is now vaccinating people who are 16 and over.

The Tulsa Health department administered over one hundred and twelve thousand vaccines. The total number of vaccines that have been provided in Tulsa County is three hundred and seventy-four thousand vaccines, and THD has administered over one hundred and twelve thousand of them. Over 42% of our population between the ages of 16 and older who is eligible for the vaccine has received at least their first dose. A third of those individuals 16 and older have received both doses and completed their series. Our population that was most affected by negative outcomes related to the pandemic; 65 and older; 75% of them have received at least one dose, with 65.2% that are 65 and older who have completed the series.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are offered at the Tulsa Health department locations. On April 13, 2021, the Tulsa Health Department paused the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. They have not disposed of any of that vaccine at this time; it is sitting in the correct cold chain and being kept there until they get further notification on what they would do with, whether they will proceed to administer or continue to hold it. The Tulsa Health Department has been monitoring expiration dates on all their vaccines to ensure that every vaccine they have is viable to put into somebody's arm.

The Tulsa Health Department COVAX operation's last day was April 20, 2021, at the Expo location. In the last few weeks of the operations, second-dose vaccines were being administered out there only. The vaccinations were moved to the Tulsa Health Department locations. The Health Department thought this was a better way to serve different parts of the community. Vaccinations are being offered at the James O. Goodwin Health Center and operating at the North Regional Health Center four days a week, with that fifth day being the Swab Pod operation. Also, at North Regional Health Center, there is a late afternoon into the evening operation that happens on Thursdays. The vaccines are being administered one day a week at the Central Regional Health & Wellness Center. Those appointments are filling up, so the Tulsa Health Department is looking at increasing to having an additional day or two at Central. It is also being offered at the Sand Springs

Health Center location; all these appointments are through the State portal. We have over 330 pandemic providers helping us administer vaccines to the residents.

Emerging Issues: Health Equity

DeAndre Opoku talked about the YWCA Tulsa mission: to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, freedom, dignity, and justice for all. We focus on eliminating barriers and investing in the success of women, girls, and people of color. She also talked about the different events that the YWCA was hosting, such as the Community Healthcare Enrollment Assistance, held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the YWCA Tulsa – East Community Center. Moving Meditation – Healing Space for BIPOC Trauma will be held on Friday, April 23, 2021, from 6 pm until 7 pm at the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park. A Women's Health Panel: Addressing Systemic Racism as a Public Health Crisis, held on Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm via zoom. And an event called Food Daze; A Fresh Produce Drive-Thru Event will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2021, from 3 pm until 5 pm at the Community Center & Hawthorne Elementary YWCA is partnering with MetCares & EduRec Tulsa.

B. Budget/Financial Status: FY22 Preliminary Budget

Reggie Ivey talked about the preliminary budget. As of February 2021, the Tulsa Health Department has 24,943,741 dollars in the bank, and that is the most money that the Tulsa Health Department has had in the bank in its history. Even through a pandemic, the Health Department's cash flow has done exceptionally well over this last year. When you look at February FY 2020 compared to FY 2021, there was an increase of 2.8 million dollars. In comparison, from F2019 to FY2020, that is a 2.6-million-dollar increase. And then when you compare FY2018 to FY2019, it's a 2.2-million-dollar increase.

•FY2022 budget increased for the following grants/programs. TSET Healthy Living program by 11%, Child Guidance Center by 16%, WIC by 4%, and Immunizations: Supplement COVID grant by $116,667.

• The FY2022 budget includes the following: Medical premiums decrease 3.5%, COLA increases 3%, budget for Ad Valorem Taxes revenue which increased 3%.

• The FY2022 budget includes a total of 552,000 capital expenditures which include 150,000 dollars for the ICP-MS machine for EHS lab, $123,600 on the data processing equipment, $113.500 on remodeling & improvements, $35,000 on awnings on the JGHC walkway, $27,000 on furniture & fixtures, $16,000 on vector fogger and $86,900 on all other expenditures such as chiller maintenance, refrigerator, freezer, storage containers, etc. A 3% cost of living salary increase was included in the proposed budget.

C. Proposed Executive Session: Pursuant to 25 O.S., 307(B)(1) to consider THD Executive Director's annual contract

Dr. Ann Paul entertained a motion to call an Executive Session. A motion was made by Dr. Mike Stout and seconded by Aimee Boyer. **An Executive Session was called:**

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. Current Business- Action Items

A. Executive Session

Dr. Ann Paul entertained a motion to call an Executive Session. A motion was made by Dr. Mike Stout and seconded by Aimee Boyer. **An Executive Session was called:**

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

The board went into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

B. THD Executive Director's Annual Contract

Dr. Ann Paul said there was a consensus that the Board of Health members are

pleased with the Tulsa Health Department's operations and leadership. There was a positive momentum at THD, the city, and the county. Dr. Ann Paul entertained a motion to approve the contract of the Executive Director, Dr. Bruce Dart. A motion was made by Dr. Mike Jones and seconded by Dr. Regina Lewis. The Executive Director's contract was renewed:

Dr. Paul	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Mrs. Odom	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye

Dr. Evans	aye
Dr. Schumann	aye
Dr. Stout	aye
Ms. Reyes	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye

V. Announcements

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:00pm I TBA

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

APPROVED:

Ann Paul, DrPH, MPH, Board of Health Chair

ATTESTED:

Makeda Thompson, Tulsa Health Department Assistant