

MEETING MINUTES

Tulsa City-County Board of Health

May 18, 2022 at 6:00pm

James Goodwin Health Center

5051 S. 129 East Ave.

Tulsa, OK 74134

Board Members Present:

Mike Stout, PhD; Chair

Regina Lewis, D.O; Vice-Chair

Aimee Boyer, J.D., CFP; Treasurer

Mike Jones, DVM

Mousumi Som, D.O

Ann Paul, DrPH

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

Lori Just, Marketing & Communication

Jumao Wang, Finance Department

Adam Austin, Environmental Health

Marcus Anderson, Adolescent and Child Health Services

Angela Carter, Legal Assistant

Jenna Grant- Resource Development manager

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Mike Stout called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 May 14, 2022.

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Dr. Mike Stout entertained a motion to approve the April 20, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Regina Lewis and seconded by Dr. Mousumi Som. **The April 19, 2022 minutes were approved:**

Dr. Stout	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Dr. Som	aye
Dr. Ann	abstain

III. Chair's Report: Dr. Mike Stout

Dr. Mike Stout talked about the Tour de Tulsa bicycle event that Pathways to Health hosts with other community partners. He stated that seventy volunteers from the health department came out and participated in the event. There were over six hundred riders. Dr. Stout said it was a beautiful day for a bike ride and to see the city of Tulsa. It was great to see so many health department staff volunteering and interacting with the community. People were sharing their ideas about potential partnerships; Fox News was there all day, and he got a chance to be interviewed by them and some of the community partners. He said he always talks about community engagement, and the Tour de Tulsa was a perfect example of that. And how we can make a difference in the community, create new connections and offer health opportunities. He thanked the Tulsa Health Department staff, who came out and supported the event. He stated that board member Aimee Boyer participated in the Tour de Tulsa event as a rider. And he thanked Aimee Boyer and Dr. Bruce Dart for participating in the event.

IV. Director's Report

Dr. Bruce Dart stated that NACCHO asked him to attend the American Hospital Association in Cleveland, Ohio, last week. It was health equity and mental health equity. He said he got some great information and tools that the health department can use to pursue its strategic planning. He learned about what health systems all over the country are doing to focus on health equity

within their communities. He told the board that the Health Department's Facebook page is now in Spanish, and the marketing team is also working on the webpage that will be in Spanish. He stated that a great celebration occurred with the Latin X committee last Friday at the health department. The national county health ranking did come out in late April, and in health outcomes, we were sixteen in the state in health factors we were twelfth, but he said the data is probably older than 2019. It's a good template for the health department as it moves forward to pursue its goal of being the healthiest county. They know what metrics to follow and mirror so that it will be specific to Tulsa.

V. THD Reports/Action Items

A. Public Health Threat: COVID-19 Update & North Tulsa Center Reopening

Priscilla Haynes stated the North Regional Wellness Center location opened on April 27, 2022, to provide clinical services, including family planning, immunization, and STD screenings. The Tulsa Health Department is able to staff the clinical health services fully. There are two public health nurses; one is fluent in Spanish. There is also a nurse practitioner that is also fluent in Spanish. There is the laboratory tech support that is available five days a week. There is a social worker. And an outreach worker is there to provide resources for our clients for any health-related social needs identified and enroll people into SoonerCare. The STD department sees the most clients. Followed by immunizations. In immunizations, we give the COVID-19 vaccines, and then individuals come in there and request their vaccination records. Maybe their COVID-19 record or their regular immunization record. And they're getting flu shots, and they do TB testing through the immunization program. The health department partnered with the crossover clinic, and they provide medical services at North Regional Health & Wellness Center.

She showed a chart that showed the COVID-19 cases in Tulsa County and the state of Oklahoma. On April 16, 2022, there were 498 new cases in Oklahoma and 125 new cases in Tulsa. On April 23, 2022, there were 686 new cases in Oklahoma and 169 in Tulsa. On April 30, 2022, there were 850 new cases in Oklahoma and 203 cases in Tulsa, OK. On May 7, 2022, there were 1046 new cases in Oklahoma and 273 in Tulsa. On May 14, 2022, there were 1388 new cases in Oklahoma. And on May 21, 2022, there were 1845 new cases in Oklahoma and 412 new cases in Tulsa. She also encourages people to get tested for COVID-19 if they're having allergy symptoms because many people thought it was allergies, and it turned out to be that they contracted COVID-19.

B. Community Health Improvement Plan: Community Health Assessment

Dr. Bruce Dart discussed getting the results back from the Community Health needs assessment that the Tulsa health Department partnered with St. Francois to do. The Community Health needs assessment incorporates data from multiple sources, including primary research (through the PRC Community Health Survey and PRC Online Key Informant Survey) and secondary research (vital statistics and other existing health-related data). It also allows comparisons to benchmark data at the state and national levels. The PRC sliced Tulsa County into three regions. These are not the same eight regions that Tulsa Health Department uses.

The biggest takeaway is that almost 50% of people continue to think that they are healthy when the data shows how unhealthy we are, so we have yet to climb this mountain to figure out why people believe their health status is good. We have had this conversation across the country, trying to figure out how we can get to the bottom of this. The PRC used one hundred plus indicators from various data sources such as CDC WONDER, National Center for Health Statistics, Office of Infectious Disease, and heavily used Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) data. These indicators for Tulsa County were benchmarked against the state of Oklahoma, the US average, and the Healthy People 2030 objectives and labeled as being better/similar/worse. The online key informant survey participation was from physicians, public health representatives, other health providers, social services providers, and community leaders. The key informants rated issues based on perceived severity within the community.

Mental health is an issue that was on top, and he stated that mental health would be one of our most significant issues. He said that we need to align ourselves with mental health providers. He said he enjoyed last week's conference in Cleveland, Ohio, because he learned more about mental health equity. The Tulsa County health status report was incorporated. It included indicators from ten domains demographic data, socioeconomic status, maternal & Child health, built environment, Injury & Violence Prevention, Healthy Health & Substance Abuse, Infectious disease, Access to Health care, and Mortality & Life expectancy. He stated that the report isn't finished yet. He asked Monica to include some preliminary data and a very detailed report.

There is a severe disconnect between people saying they are in perfect health and healthy. Almost 70% of all Tulsa County residents are overweight or obese, and less than a third of all residents are neither. In contrast to the PRC survey, 49.9% of respondents consider themselves to be in very good or excellent health. The percentage for Tulsa County with no physical activity in the past 30 days reported is 26.9%. This indicator has remained relatively unchanged since 2014, when it was reported at 24%. During the pandemic, there were many more people out and about on the trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes. Anecdotally he feels the physical activity has gone up. Mental health and substance abuse were in the worst categories in all the metrics.

The COVID-19 Cases by Race and Ethnicity in Tulsa County Non-Hispanic or Latino 59.1%, White 55.5%, Unknown 26.5%, Hispanic or Latino 15%, Black 7.3%, American Indian/Alaskan Native 4%, Asian 4%, Multiple races 2.5%, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.2%. The top

The health department's good news is that they will capture about \$450,000 in indirect costs. The new Workforce Grant is \$688,017, and the new Immunizations Covid-19 grant is \$583,333, totaling about \$4.8 million. Item number five is a new George Kaiser Family Foundation grant for Medicaid Expansion and Childcare Credits, and it's \$250,000. Item number six is the Lead Hazard Control Grant, and the health department is expected to see an increase in that grant by 52%. Item number seven is the Birth through eight strategy for Tulsa that GKFF funds, and the health department is expected to bring in 23% more next fiscal year. The George Kaiser Foundation also funds the WIC little by Little program, and the health department is expected to see a 38%. And item number nine is the Center for Community Health Improvement Project, a project in association with the St. Francis Health system that the program will expand, and the amount that it will increase is \$174,850.

The Accountable Health Communities grant is being reduced by \$186,934, and if the health department cannot find additional funding, the grant will end this fall. In item B, which states the FY2023 budget cut for the following grants, the first one is the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program, and the reduction in that grant is \$190,712, which is a 71% cut. In item C, the three items that the Health department would like the board to vote on are the 5% COLA increase, Increases the maximum matching amount from \$50.00 to \$150.00 per month for employees who voluntarily participated in the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, and the budget for Ad Valorem Taxes revenue increases 3% based on actual historical data.

Item D stated the FY2023 budget includes a total of \$1,107,000 capital expenditures, \$637,261: for remodeling & improvements, including JOG clinic remodel & outside canopy, and \$165,000: for MS-ICP machine for EHS water lab (included in FY22 budget but was unable to be purchased in FY22 due to chip shortage), \$108,839: furniture & Fixtures, \$87,000: repave the parking lots, \$67,000: electronic equipment's including laptops, building glass/motion sensors, cameras, etc. and \$41,900: all other capital expenditures such as refrigerator and riding mower/scissor lift.

The Ad valorem tax revenue is expected to increase by 3% as far as the permit's column. The health department expects an increase of 27.19%, primarily from the Food Protection Program. A lot more restaurants are opening up a lot more people are getting food handlers cards. The Patient fees are looking at a decrease -24.51%, and that's because all THD clinics have not been open for the last two years, and there have been some staffing issues, so THD has not been able to provide our clinical services at the maximum capacity. The health department expects a 48.78% increase in miscellaneous income, which is from the George Kaiser Family Foundation, St. Francis, rental income, etc. The private column is one program; the Healthy living program stays the same from FY2022 to FY2023. The state is an increase of 3.5%, and four programs fall into the state category. The health department's largest amount of money comes from the federal government. The health department will expect a 53.1 percent increase next fiscal year, including the four federal grants. And that 4.2 million dollars in federal dollars.

The operating fund balance of FY23 636,600 needs to be drawn down to have a zero-balance budget. The health department refinanced its bonds two to three years ago, so it has about seventeen to eighteen more years to pay on the bonds. THD will be paying a little less than 590,000 this fiscal year. The health department's private, state, and federal revenue will see 38.01% increase than they brought in this fiscal year. It's -0.77%, then they paid the current fiscal year. The total expenditures and funding match at 38,490,326 dollars, so the health department's budget is expected to increase from this year to next year by 18.84%. The remodeling in some of the Health departments' buildings will be paid for with some federal dollars the agency receives.

Dr. Mike Stout entertained a motion to vote on the 5% COLA increase, Increases the maximum matching amount from \$50.00 to \$150.00 per month for employees who voluntarily participated in the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, and the budget for Ad Valorem Taxes revenue increases 3% based on actual historical data: .A motion was made by Dr. Mike Jones and seconded by Dr. Ann Paul. **The FY23 Budget was approved:**

Dr. Stout	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Dr. Som	aye
Dr. Ann	aye

VI. Board of Health Bylaws Revisions

Dr. Mike Stout stated that the board would be reviewing the bylaws revisions; the board talked about the last meeting; however, he said he created an email to send to the board but then realized that he never actually sent it. Then Dr. Stout said that if there were any changes, he would ensure that they would be emailed to everyone as soon as possible. He stated the board has plenty of time to review them, and the bylaws will be voted on at June's board of health meeting.

Announcements

Dr. Ann Paul stated that she would be retiring from Ascension St. John; her last day will be July 2, 2022. Dr. Mike Jones announced that he attended the commencement last week for the veterinary school, and three veterinary graduates were also presented with a Master's in Public Health.

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6:00pm | JGHC Room 200

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

APPROVED:



Dr. Mike Stout, Board of Health Chair

ATTESTED:



Makeda Thompson, Tulsa Health Department Assistant