

MEETING MINUTES

Tulsa City-County Board of Health

April 19, 2023 at 6:00pm

James Goodwin Health Center

5051 S. 129th East Ave.

Tulsa, OK 74134

Board Members Present:

Mike Stout, PhD; Chair
Regina Lewis, DO; Vice-Chair
Aimee Boyer, J.D., CFP
Krystal Reyes, MPA
Sarah-Anne Schumann, MD, MPH
Ann Paul, DrPH
Jeffrey Galles, D.O.
Mousumi Som, D.O

Staff Present:

Bruce Dart, PhD, Executive Director
Reggie Ivey, Associate Executive Director
Chanteau Orr, Legal & Human Services
Marcus Anderson, Adolescent and Child Health Services
Adam Austin, Environmental Health
Leslie Carroll, PhD, Community Health & QI
Priscilla Haynes, Associate Director Preventative Health
Kelly VanBuskirk, Prevention, Preparedness and Response
Makeda Thompson, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Scott Adkins, Legislative Consultant
Alex Adkins, Legislative Consultant

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Mike Stout called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 17, 2023.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Mike Stout entertained a motion to approve the February 15, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Aimee Boyer and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Galles. ***The February 15, 2023 minutes were approved:***

Dr. Stout	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye
Dr. Paul	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Som	aye
Dr. Jones	not present
Dr. Schumann	aye
Ms. Reyes	aye
Dr. Galles	aye

II. Chair's Report

Dr. Mike Stout talked about how he has been noticing with his students and other faculty members that he regularly interacts with that there seems to be high levels of stress and anxiety everywhere right now. He wanted to ensure that everyone was taking the necessary steps for mental health hygiene, sleep hygiene, nutrition, etc. He mentioned how people just got out of the pandemic and returned to work. And it is manifesting in a lot of different ways. He stated that we are starting to see a lot of mental health issues, particularly with teenage girls having a lot of mental health struggles. And he said we are seeing a lot of gun violence in our communities these days. He mentioned the incident that happened at the QuikTrip in North Tulsa. He was interested in hearing from Dr. Bruce Dart about some of the things that will be upcoming with the strategic planning process and how we will be engaging the community and board in that process as well.

III. Director's Report & Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Bruce Dart talked about how the strategic planning process would engage our communities to ensure we have voices from our neighborhoods as well. CHIP meetings were yesterday, and both of the THD consultants were there, and they have a very deliberate approach. The community part of the strategic planning won't occur until September, and he said we have a lot of work to do before then. They are very targeted. They will reach out to communities not just based on race or ethnicity but on equity. So he said THD is talking about LGBTQ and Trans. They want to engage with every demographic that they possibly can. They want to split the county up into specific regions. They do not have the process yet for contacting people because they're not worried about that part until September. Still, they plan to split it up and be very direct in how they contact individuals and ensure they have all demographics represented, not just based on race and ethnicity. They are looking for places to meet in a public setting. And they're coming up with really specific questions, so it's very interactive. He is excited about their process.

IV. Legislative Update

Scott Adkins talked about the young bright, progressive public health advocates at the State Capitol. They're starting to get into budget negotiations between the Governor, House, and Senate. Next week is the deadline for bills to come out of the opposite chamber. After next week they are dead unless they're going to a conference committee unless they have been amended. We are fortunate right now, as far as the state budget goes, that the state is sitting at about a four-billion-dollar surplus. About 600 million dollars were sitting with the Oklahoma health care authority that they were going to spend, and the legislator, of course, said no, we are going to take that money back, and we are going to decide how you spend it. We are going to pass these bills. The Governor immediately vetoed them yesterday. And the legislator immediately today started overriding them.

Alex Adkins talked about working closely with the Oklahoma City Health Department. She spoke about SB538 as the State Department of Health's main priority. It is a grant program to help pregnant women, and it includes some of that grant that can be used for substance abuse treatment which is an exciting way that they have added that in specifically. That is eligible to be heard on the floor. She also talked about the Community Health worker act and also the Syphilis testing bill, which is supposed to be heard on the floor tomorrow. It has been amended a bit, but everyone is in agreement, and it's expected to continue moving smoothly. There are bills to allow you to get substance use disorder treatment and still be eligible for TANF—six weeks of maternity leave for employees on the floor for tomorrow. There was a gun bill that died last week. Today, a bill passed off the House floor that allowed donkey milk.

V. THD Reports/Action Items

A. Consultation Fee Proposal for Travel Vaccines

Priscilla Haynes talked about transitioning back into the regular operations at Tulsa Health Department. We did not start back with the traveling vaccine because THD had some challenges with our workload. THD needed more nurses to start back all of their programs. They continue to

provide services for children and adults but have not started our overseas vaccines yet; they're open to starting them in July. There are different funding sources for our vaccine. We have a vaccine for children, and we have a 317-funded vaccine. Those federally funded vaccines allow us to provide vaccines to individuals who may not be able to pay or need specific criteria. They get those vaccines at no cost. The 317 vaccines are intended for adults that are uninsured or underinsured. And THD also has their private funding vaccines, and they use that vaccine for individuals who have insurance, and we seek reimbursement for claims and self-pay. Prior to 2016, anytime we had a change in our immigration fee schedule, we would bring it before the board for our vaccination increases. So, in 2016 the board agreed that we could make changes to our immunization schedule as long as it was based on current market value and current administrative rates.

Travel vaccines are needed for individuals traveling outside the country to protect them from diseases that may be rare in the United States. However, they're still occurring in other countries outside the United States. Priscilla asked the board to approve a \$40 consultation fee per family for individuals seeking services in our overseas travel. When she looked in the community to see what other folks were doing regarding that consultation fee, she saw that Passport Health is the second largest, if not the first, place individuals go to. They're charging \$99 for the first person, then \$40 for each additional individual. Oklahoma City-County Health Department is charging \$40 for their consultation fee.

Dr. Mike Stout entertained a motion to approve the \$40 consultation fee per group or families seeking the overseas travel vaccine services. Dr. Jeffery Galles made a motion, and Dr. Mousumi Som seconded. The \$40 consultation fee per group or family seeking the overseas travel vaccine services was approved.

Dr. Stout	aye
Dr. Lewis	aye
Dr. Paul	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Som	aye
Dr. Jones	not present
Dr. Schumann	aye
Ms. Reyes	aye
Dr. Galles	aye

B. Community Health Improvement Plan Preview

Dr. Leslie Carroll talked about the CHIP Iterations. She stated that there had been four CHIP. The first CHIP was in 2008, and it was like a little booklet; it repeated what was in the CHNA. It was filled with data and no action. And then, in 2013, it repeated the CHNA data. And finally, in 2017,

we had a five-year plan. It was online, and it was simple. It was 21 pages, but we wanted to make sure this was a living, breathing document, and the action plans were changing all the time. And there were over sixty-five community partnerships and collaborations. And then, in 2023, there were some lessons learned. Christina Seymour is leading this program, and she wanted a stronger leadership team, so she recruited twelve leaders in Tulsa County. They're going through some changes and team building. Each priority has an Action Plan, Stress and Mental Health, Chronic Disease Risk Factors, and Healthy and Affordable Housing Management. CHNA data is used for goal baseline/target and identifying priority populations. Pathways to Health is also supporting CHIP. A work plan is a set of goals and processes by which a team can accomplish those goals. It can be used professionally or privately and help you stay organized while working on projects. Typically, work plans are used to organize large projects. Any structured work plan gives teams the project framework and the background and helps to visualize goals and timelines defined for the overall project.

C. New Initiatives: THD FY24 Preliminary Budget | Reggie Ivey

Reggie Ivey handed out two handouts to the board members. He talked about FY23 against FY24. On one of the handouts, he pointed out that the Ad Valorem tax revenue and THD anticipate bringing in 3.98%. In permits, they expect to bring in 13.24%; Patient fees an increase by 19.74%, and miscellaneous income by 25.95%. That is largely because of the George Kaiser Family Foundation. They fund four programs at the Tulsa Health Department and are very generous to the Health Department. The St. Francis health system also funds one of the Tulsa Health Department Centers for Community Health Improvement. As you all know, interest rates are high, so with the cash THD has in the bank, we are drawing down on a lot more interest than we had in the past years, which is a good thing for the Tulsa Health Department. And lastly, rental income is what makes up the miscellaneous income. In the private volume, there is one program that we bring in revenue for that particular category, and that's from the tobacco settlement endowment and the Healthy Living program. It is the same amount in FY23 as it is in FY24. As far as state programs, four programs are funded by the state, and we are expected to bring in 1.79% more this next fiscal year than the current fiscal year. The total finding \$42,441,905 is the largest budget the health department has ever had.

THD received a large grant from the Center for Disease Control, a public health infrastructure grant of almost 1.9 million dollars. The grant started last year it will end in 2027. After 2027 the grant goes away. The George Kaiser Family Foundation funded a new program, the lactation consultant program. That is likely going to be ongoing funding from that particular source. Amlipy will give THD past due dollars \$150,000 to enhance the teen pregnancy prevention programs. THD will be able to hire two new teen pregnancy specialists and also a coordinator. NACCHO also gave THD money for the Syphilis reduction grant of \$119,585. THD also received funding from the State Health Department, which was a past due grant from CDC from the State Health Department then to us which is \$487,356 largely because we underspent this current year regarding that particular grant, so they're allowing us to transfer those funds over to our budget next fiscal year. THD is very close to buying a mobile van getting it retrofitted and getting it wrapped, and also being able to staff the van. This way, we can provide services to the vulnerable and marginalized communities. The WIC budget will increase by \$100,000. We include

a 3% increase in the cost of living for our staff in the THD budget. THD is going to experience an increase in health care cost this next fiscal year by 7% THD has decided that they would like to carry that cost for employees. Also, THD received a reduction in health insurance of 5% last year, so an increase of 7% is more like a 2% increase than a full 7%. Because THD did get a reduction last year. The most significant expenditure will be remodeling the James O Goodwin Health Center. Which will be \$777000 next year, and renovating our clinic.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:00pm | North Regional Health Center, Rm 208

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED:



Mike Stout, PhD, Board of Health Chair

ATTESTED:



Makeda Thompson, Tulsa Health Department Assistant