TULSA CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.  
North Regional Health & Wellness Center  
5635 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 208  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74126

Board Members Present:  
Kian Kamas, MS, Chair  
Chris Bell, JD, RN, Vice Chair  
Health Evans, DDS  
Mike Jones, DVM  
Ann Paul, MPH  
Sarah-Anne Schumann, MD, MPH

Staff Present:  
Bruce Dart, PhD, Executive Director  
Reggie Ivey, Chief Operating Officer  
Chanteau Orr, JD, Legal Services  
Scott Buffington, Employee Resources & Development  
Priscilla Haynes, Preventative Health  
Elizabeth Nutt, Environmental Health Services  
Pam Rask, Adolescent & Child Health  
Leanne Stephens, Marketing & Communications  
Jumao Wang, Finance  
Kelly VanBuskirk, Health Data & Policy  
Jenna Grant, Executive Assistant

Others Present:  
Larry Lander, DDS, Board of Health Emeritus  
Scott Adkins, Consultant

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME  
Kian Kamas called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The meeting notice was posted at the north and south entrances of the James O. Goodwin Health Center and the west entrance of the North Regional Health and Wellness Center and the Tulsa City-County Health Department website on May 11, 2018. The agenda was emailed to and posted by the Tulsa County Clerk, the Tulsa City Clerk, the Tulsa County Clerk, and the Tulsa City-County Library on May 11, 2018.

New board member, Dr. Sarah-Anne Schumann, was introduced. She was a City of Tulsa appointee taking the place of Dr. Larry Lander. Dr. Schumann is a physician and also has a Masters in Public Health. She served currently as the Medical Director at United Healthcare. Her husband, Dr. John Schumann, is the President of OU-Tulsa.
II. April 18, 2018 Minutes

Kian Kamas entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ann Paul and seconded by Chris Bell. *The minutes were approved:*

Ms. Bell    aye
Dr. Evans    aye
Mr. Goodwin  not present
Dr. Jones    not present
Ms. Kamas    aye
Dr. Lewis    not present
Mrs. Odom    not present
Mrs. Paul    aye
Dr. Schumann abstain

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Kian Kamas thanked Bruce Dart, Reggie Ivey, and the rest of the team for the Board of Health retreat. John Auerbach did a great job setting the tone for the meeting. Kian encouraged everyone to read Bruce's Director's Report because there was great information for how the Board of Health could work together to move Tulsa Health Department forward and better serve Tulsa residents. Thank you in advance for supporting changes that would be coming.

Bruce and his team were preparing the Community Health Needs Assessment. Ann Paul said the Affordable Care Act required that hospitals like St. John’s Health System do this every three years.

Kian shared that the Accountable Health Communities grant, which works with medical providers to try to address quality of life issues that affect health (employment, housing, food availability, transportation, etc.) was proving to be a good demonstration model and there may be possibilities in the future that Tulsa would help other communities implement it.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS – Action Items

A. Resolution Recognizing Alzheimer’s as a Public Health Issue

Bruce Dart said the Tulsa Alzheimer’s Association and Mayor G.T. Bynum wanted to decrease the rate of people affected by Alzheimer’s and other memory disorders, and asked for the Board of Health’s support.

After a review and discussion, Kian Kamas entertained a motion to approve the resolution. Heath Evans made the motion and it was seconded by Ann Paul. *The Resolution Recognizing Alzheimer’s (and other Dementias) as a Public Health Issue was approved.*
Ms. Bell   aye
Dr. Evans   aye
Mr. Goodwin not present
Dr. Jones   not present
Ms. Kamas   aye
Dr. Lewis   not present
Mrs. Odom   not present
Mrs. Paul   aye
Dr. Schumann aye

B. FY19 Budget – Reggie Ivey
Reggie Ivey shared Tulsa Health Department’s capital project list, as had been requested at the last meeting. It contained all facility and grounds improvements anticipated in the next five years.

Kian Kamas asked if there was a process to add projects to the list. Reggie said the facilities were constantly being evaluated by the THD Director of Facilities and all employees could make requests through an online portal.

Kian asked if a certain percentage of the annual budget is set aside each year for capital projects, which is how the City of Tulsa funds capital expenditures. Reggie said that had not been done in the past, but it could be considered at a future Board of Health Finance Committee meeting. Currently money for large projects was saved over time (such as the roof of the James Goodwin Health Center, expected to cost $1.5 million; for each of the last three years $500,000 was set aside to pay for the expense). In addition to funding needed for FY19 projects, there was an addition $500,000 available for unexpected repairs or projects.

The proposed total THD budget of $28,381,567 was zero based, so projected income and expenses would be equal for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). The only change from when the budget was reviewed at the May 2018 Board of Health meeting was that Tulsa County was providing an additional $45,000 for the THD nuisance property abatement program.

As it was Dr. Schumann’s first meeting, Kian explained the income was estimated conservatively and both income and expenses were based on three year averages. Kian also stated that the Finance Committee had met twice to review the budget in detail.

Kian Kamas entertained a motion to approve the budget. The motion was made by Ann Paul and seconded by Health Evans. The FY19 Tulsa Health Department budget was approved:
Ms. Bell      aye
Dr. Evans     aye
Mr. Goodwin   not present
Dr. Jones     aye
Ms. Kamas     aye
Dr. Lewis     not present
Mrs. Odom     not present
Mrs. Paul     aye
Dr. Schumann  aye

V. CURRENT BUSINESS – Information Items

A. Legislative Update – Scott Adkins

Scott Adkins congratulated Reggie Ivey and the Board of Health Finance Committee for their good work and stewardship of Tulsa Health Department funds.

In recent months, Adkins had been traveling constantly back and forth between Tulsa and the state capitol. The legislative session had just adjourned, two to three weeks earlier than scheduled. It was still possible that a special session could be called. Tom Coburn has led a referendum for a public vote for the revenue raising measures proposed to fund teacher raises.

This was the first year of the last five or more with no budget cuts. Most budgets remained the same, with the majority of funding increases made for public education.

There were still ongoing investigations at the OSDH.

More people had filed to run for office than Scott had seen in many years. It would be an interesting election year, especially in the primaries. Another issue in the upcoming election was a referendum to legalize medical marijuana in Oklahoma. The concept is popular, but the legislation is broadly worded and would require the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to start licensing within 30 days. If it passes on June 26th, it would be one of the biggest issues the state government has ever overseen.

Implementation of the law was incredibly complex, since it would require marijuana to be grown and processed in state. Medical marijuana would also create human resource issues for employers. The legislature would also have to determine if there were limits as to which type of doctors could prescribe, and the medical issues for which it would be authorized. Another group is circulating a petition for recreational marijuana. 22 other states have legalized marijuana, so there is a model for implementation. But it was very complex and had to be tracked from seed to ingestion.

B. Follow Up on Board of Health Retreat – Dr. Bruce Dart

The retreat was a great first step in thinking about the future and the different directions the Tulsa Health Department can go. We have the ability to collect data and use it to serve the community in the best way. THD’s goal is to the #1 health
department in the next ten years (#1 in 10). We need the board members provide
guidance in making improvements.

Kian said the retreat caused her to think about how economic development impacts
health. Her job is to help make sure every Tulsan has economic opportunity. She would
like to use the City and its resources to help with THD efforts. Regarding data, it would
be interesting to see a labor force participation rate in each of the zip codes that were
identified as having poor health outcomes. She also saw that the percentage of female
heads of household had a link with poverty rates, showing reproductive choices affect
economic opportunity.

Mike Jones said that creating general programs cannot be as good as using data and
developing partnerships in communities. Discretionary funds would be needed to do
that kind of work. Bruce Dart said ideally THD could isolate a target, hit it hard, and
make improvements. Kian Kamas added that there is also work already being done in
the community that can be harnessed for health improvements.

Ann Paul commented that at each of the retreat breakout groups, zip code 74110
identified as a priority. Maybe the board could do a deeper dive into data of that area,
and use it as a prototype for other areas. Bruce Dart agreed that was a great idea. He
would follow up and meet with each Board of Health member to get each person’s
ideas on how we can improve health outcomes in 74110 and others.

C. James O. Goodwin 50 Years of Service Celebration – Reggie Ivey
Reggie Ivey encouraged everyone to support this very special event to honor Jim and
his 50 years of service to the Board of Health. Tickets were $75 and included a
reception, dinner and program on June 15, 2018. Reggie thanked Leanne Stephens and
the Marketing Department for all of their work on the event.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Goodwin 50 Years of Service Celebration: Friday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m.
B. Grand Openings of Owasso and Broken Arrow WIC Clinics: June 15th at 1:00 p.m.
C. Next Board of Health Meeting: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. (at JGHC 231)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.
APPROVED:

[Signature]

Kian Kamas, Board of Health Chair

ATTESTED:

[Signature]

Jenna Grant, Tulsa Health Department Assistant