

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2012

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by Chair Bill Hance at 4:00 p.m. in room 212 of the Lentz Public Health Center.

Present

William N. Hance, JD, Chair
Ruth Stewart, MD, Vice-Chair
Carol Etherington, MSN, RN, Member
Sam Felker, JD, Member
Bill Paul, MD, MPH, FACP, Director of Health
Stan Romine, MPH, Director of MPHD Finance and Administration Bureau
Keri Kozlowski, JD, MPH, MPHD Chief Performance Officer
Josh Lee, JD, Metro Legal
Corey Harkey, JD, Metro Legal
Michelle Owens, JD, Attorney at Law
Chris Taylor, RN, APRN, Director of MPHD Community Health Bureau
Lisa Nistler, RN, BSN, Director of MPHD School Health Program
Alisa Haushalter, DNP, RN, Director of MPHD Population Health Bureau and Project Director,
Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW)
Brent Hager, PhD, PE, Director of MPHD Environmental Health Bureau
Angel May, MARS Petcare Products

School Health Update

Chris Taylor, director of the Community Health bureau, introduced Lisa Nistler, Director of the School Health program, who presented an update on the School Health Program (Attachment I) and a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment II).

CPPW Mini Grant Update

Alisa Haushalter updated the Board on the mini grants that had been issued by the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant. CPPW allocated \$100,000 for community-based projects for organizations to implement policy, systems, or environmental change with a project ceiling of \$25,000. Five mini-grants were awarded (Attachment III).

As requested at a previous Board of Health meeting, Dr. Haushalter updated the Board on the mini-grant issued to the Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, which involved renovation of the kitchen. All of the outlined objectives were achieved, including serving healthy foods to community members as well as church members, and to serve as a learning kitchen environment, and all those opportunities are open to community members and not limited to church members. Additionally, the church's minister has been a strong advocate for the role of faith-based organizations in advancing healthy eating and active living. He has solicited support from other ministers in his organization to make commitments to serve healthy foods and take a stand on the impact of obesity on their congregation.

Approval of Grants and Contracts

Stan Romine referred to the Grants and Contracts Summary, which was submitted to Board members for their review. The grants and contracts were as follows:

1. Shelter Product Donation and Service Agreement with Mars Petcare Products, Compensation: \$0
2. Memorandum of Agreement with Metro Board of Parks and Recreation, Compensation: \$8,000.00
3. Memorandum of Agreement with Metro Social Service, Compensation: \$19,680.00

Ms. Angel May of MARS was present to address board members' questions. The Board thanked her for MARS' donation.

Dr. Stewart made a motion to approve grants and contracts. Mr. Felker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of June 26, 2012 Work Session Minutes

Ms. Etherington made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2012 work session. Mr. Felker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of June 26, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Dr. Stewart made a motion to approve the June 26, 2012 regular meeting minutes as written. Ms. Etherington seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Report of Chair

Chairman Hance announced that Dr. Foster was not present due to his being at Council Chambers as the Council confirms his reappointment to the Board. Dr. Foster has been a member of the Board of Health since January of 2000.

Report of Director

Copies of the Director's Update were provided to Board members (Attachment IV). Dr. Paul gave a brief summary of his report.

Dr. Paul noted that the \$100,000 budget reduction by the Council had not been determined yet but he would provide the information at a future meeting.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Personnel Changes and Exit Interviews

Stan Romine presented the personnel changes and exit interviews, which were unremarkable.

Approval of New Job Descriptions

Stan Romine asked the Board to approve three new job descriptions (Attachments V, VI and VII) for inclusion in the Health Department's pay plan.

Dr. Stewart made a motion to approve the job descriptions of Nutritionist III, Nutritionist IV, and Administrative Specialist. Ms. Etherington seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Initial Order, Mihic Appeal

Mr. Lee advised the Board members on what considerations they could base a decision regarding Mr. Mihic's appeal of the Administrative Law Judge's Initial Order, and the members deliberated the appeal.

Mr. Felker made a motion to affirm Dr. Paul's decision, a three-day suspension. Chairman Hance seconded the motion. The motion did not carry.

Dr. Stewart made a motion to affirm the Initial Order of the Administrative Law Judge, a one-day suspension. Ms. Etherington seconded the motion, which passed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, in room 212 of the Lentz Public Health Center.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William N. Hance, JD
Chair

Director's Update to the Board of Health

June 2012

Increase physical activity and healthy eating and reduce tobacco use in Nashville

Communities Putting Prevention to Work Update (CPPW)

Nashville Bikes

On July 2, 2012 the contract between Metro and Nashville Downtown Partnership was fully executed for the purchase, implementation and management of the Nashville Bikes initiative. Stakeholders input is being solicited for the development of the brand and associated marketing materials.

Breastfeeding

- CPPW staff attended the Vanderbilt "Materni-Tea" for the launch of the Breastfeeding Welcomed Here Initiative on Vanderbilt's campus. This marks the first co-brand use under the NashVitality campaign. A window decal will identify the office or department as a member of the campaign; a door hanger is available to be used to identify the appropriated space and business cards will be used to connect participants to the Vanderbilt Women's center for questions and further information.
- MPHD and the Nashville Breastfeeding Coalition are planning two Canvas Days in Nashville business districts (July 12 and 26). The goal of the canvas days is to have an additional 25 businesses take the Breastfeeding Welcomed Here Pledge by the start of World Breastfeeding Week, August 1-7.
- On July 19, stakeholders and invited guests will join Dr. Paul in celebrating the hospitals that achieved the Give Me Five! status. Give Me Five! is CPPW's hospital initiative to increase policy and practice that supports breastfeeding. Hospitals being recognized: Baptist Hospital, Centennial Medical Center, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, and Nashville General Hospital at Meharry.

Ensure cleaner air and a safer environment

Air Pollution Control

Due to the extreme heat and drought, unusually high ozone values were measured at several Middle Tennessee monitoring sites with the highest values being measured at the Hendersonville site. In fact, the 2010-2012 three year average is now exceeding the 75 ppb ozone standard and the ozone season is far from over. EPA has indicated a willingness to work with the State Air Pollution Control Division and the MPHD Pollution Control Division to develop a plan for bringing the Middle Tennessee area back into attainment as expeditiously as possible without having to officially designate the area non-attainment. We prefer to avoid the non-attainment designation if at all possible.

Pest Management/Vector Control

Mosquito pools in Davidson County continue to be negative for West Nile Virus with the single exception of a pool collected on May 11, 2012. We continue educating the public on ways to control mosquitoes (like our May 5, 2012 Annual Back Yard Inspection event) and aggressively apply selected larvicides to treat larva.

Animal Control

Metro Animal Care and Control continues to respond to citizen complaints and concerns regarding animals in heat, chained in yards, and left in vehicles. In a hot car, “just a minute” can be deadly for pets. When the outside temperature is 72 degrees, a car in the sun can reach an internal temperature of 116 degrees in about 15 minutes. With an outside temperature of 91 degrees, with windows cracked and parked in the shade, the internal temperature of the car can be over 115 degrees in just a few minutes. A dog's normal body temperature is about 101 degrees; once the body temperature reaches 106 degrees systemic organ failure happens fast, ending in a tragedy. MACC responds to many calls regarding animals left in cars and the police are often on the scene to assist.

When possible, we educate but some require a citation to court. Our fourth Animal Offenders Class was held July 14, 2012. The class allows violators to learn how to be responsible pet owners and pass an exam verifying their knowledge in lieu of a court fine.

Management and accountability

New Lentz Building – Plan reviews are complete and plans have been finalized. Site work has begun. Signage and graphic plans will be presented to the Board for input at the August Board meeting.