

MEETING MINUTES

Tulsa City-County Board of Health

December 7, 2022 at 6:00pm

North Regional Health Wellness Center

5635 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Tulsa, OK 74126

Board Members Present:

Mike Stout, PhD; Chair
Regina Lewis, D.O; Vice-Chair
Sarah-Anne Schumann, MD, MPH
Krystal Reyes, MPA
Mike Jones, DVM
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, Associate
Marcus Anderson, Adolescent and Child Health Services
Scott Buffington, Senior Director, Human Resources
Adam Austin, Environmental Health
Leslie Carroll, PhD, Associate
Priscilla Haynes, Associate Director Preventative Health
Kelly VanBuskirk, Prevention, Preparedness and Response
Leanne Stephens, Senior Director, Marketing & Communications
Makeda Thompson, Executive Assistant

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Mike Stout called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 December 2 , 2022.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Dr. Mike Stout entertained a motion to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Sarah Anne Schumann and seconded by Dr. Jefferey Galles. **The September 21, 2022 minutes were approved:**

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

II. Chair's Report: Dr. Mike Stout

Dr. Mike Stout talked about an event he attended called "The Sowing Hope Resource Fair" in North Tulsa right before Thanksgiving, and the Tulsa Health Department was well represented there. THD staff provided attendees with COVID-19 tests and information for signing up with SoonerCare. He stated that it was an excellent event and that he wanted to thank the Tulsa Health Department. The event gave away three hundred winter coats to help kids prepare for the winter. The other thing he talked about was the CHIP planning is still ongoing. Christina Seymour has been leading the efforts to identify the top priorities that the community health improvement plan will focus on in the next five years. It is an essential part of the community base work building networks and collaborations to work on issues that have been identified and try to reduce adverse health outcomes and reduce health disparities within the communities. He talked about how Dr. Bruce Dart wanted to focus on Health Equity in the planning. And to also focus on community engagement to ensure we bring the community with us.

The Health Equity subcommittee has made some opportunities available to familiarize the board with issues related to equity. Dr. Stout stated that for the board members who have not scheduled time with Ms. Dionne Lambert, it was not too late to schedule a time with her to take the Intercultural Development Inventory and schedule a debriefing with her, which is about half an hour long. It ends with identifying where you are, setting some goals, and thinking about some strategies for getting there. And last weekend, Dr. Stout said they got a chance to collaborate with the YWCA, the racial institute's groundwater training around equity, which was excellent training. It was a lot of good data and information, and they were able to weave it all together and talk about the importance of considering these things not just for Public Health but all of the systems.

III. Director's Report

I will not be in attendance at the December BOH meeting as I will be in Washington, DC attending a Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) meeting; so, I wanted to get you my report before I leave on Wednesday. I am excited to inform the Board that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded the Tulsa Health Department \$8,351,233 (5-year grant) to invest in the public health workforce and PH infrastructure in Tulsa County. We were especially pleased that THD was among 50 local health departments across the country that received direct funding from the agency. This award highlights the value and trusts the CDC has placed in local health departments to know and do what's best for our community's public health needs. Local public health infrastructure was hit hard before the pandemic; this grant will give THD the resources to elevate our ability to improve the quality of life for all Tulsa County residents and develop a culture of service and servant leaders throughout the agency!

The re-organization has been officially implemented with the hires of Chanteau Orr to direct the Office of Legal Services and Human Resources and Dr. Leslie Carroll to direct the Office of Community Health and Quality Improvement. We were pleased that we were able to hire and promote from within for these positions. The timing of the reorganization fits very well with the grant award as during the pandemic it was clear programs were placed within divisions that were not properly aligned impacting effectiveness and efficiency.

Even as we were coming together to respond to the pandemic, the length of the response affected people differently, the stress and burden of the day-in and day-out crisis mode disenfranchised many of our team members. The reorganization now aligns programs so that we can create collaborative organizational objectives and maximize employees' skills. In many ways, we must remember how to work together and communicate effectively across THD. This new structure gives us the potential to work together to achieve goals and objectives while communicating honestly and maintaining accountability across all agency Offices.

We will again find our stride as a public health agency and align to ensure collaboration exists across the entire organization. We know that when a foundation based on teamwork and the embracing of our organizational values, attitudes, and productivity improve along with them. Setting the tone that working together to achieve a common goal will increase our ability to meet the goals of the new CHIP and the new Strategic Plan will create a path of development for staff who can thrive at THD, in whatever place they occupy in the organization. We hope to be a dynamic agency, focusing on approaching our work with creativity and innovation.

We continue to follow respiratory viruses circulating throughout the county. Similar to what the rest of the country is experiencing Tulsa County also has the trifecta of circulation from Covid, Influenza, and RSV in addition to other pathogens impacting residents. RSV's former seasonal winter pattern seems to have been disrupted since the beginning of the pandemic and is impacting at-risk children and the elderly year around. Research regarding an RSV vaccine is promising but we won't have one until next year at the earliest so the same vigilance you exhibited to stay safe from exposure to Covid applies to RSV until a vaccine is approved and distributed. To ensure safety, if you prefer to wear a mask at the BOH meeting on Wednesday, please DO!

I want to thank everyone for your support and guidance throughout this year and frankly the last three years. Many EDs of health departments across the country did not have the support you gave me and THD. We would not be focusing on the future at this juncture if you had not. Public health across the country is trying to determine the best way to move toward the future. It starts with support from their governing bodies and you have been there for me, and THD, I cannot thank you enough for that. I wish you each the best for the upcoming year and I hope you have a wonderful holiday season celebrating you and your loved ones. I am looking forward to 2023 and the start of our strategic planning process.

IV. THD Reports/Action Items

A. Public Health Threat: Emeraina Infection Disease Response Updates

Kelly Van Buskirk talked about COVID history. She stated that on January 21, 2020; there were over 300 cases worldwide, with six resulting in death. Tulsa County got its first case on March 6, 2020. The chart shown showed the February 2021 global cases were 109 067 558, and deaths were 2,405,546. In the United States, the number of cases in February 2021 was 27,939,592, and the number of deaths was 490,672. In Oklahoma, there were 414,272 cases in February 2021 and 4m 041 deaths. And in Tulsa County, there were 68,807 cases in February 2021 and 651 deaths. As we look at September 2022 global numbers, we see 611,620,475 cases and 6,525,396 deaths. As of

September 2022, there have been 95,653,526 cases and 1,053,412 deaths in the United States. In Oklahoma, as of September 2022, there were 1,190,969 cases and 14,784 deaths. And in Tulsa County, as of September 2022, there have been 195,512 cases and 2,239 deaths.

The Tulsa Health Department continues to monitor COVID variants such as Delta, Omicron, BA.2, BA.2.12.1, BA.4, and BA.5. THD continues to identify clusters in Long Term facilities and other group settings. Provide education and guidance to community partners; continue to follow -up on high-risk populations and vaccinations, and focus heavily on respiratory infection prevention. Priscilla Haynes discussed the vaccinations available for six months to 4 years old as a primary series and no booster authorized. Five years old to 11 years old is a primary series and monovalent booster, and the 12 years and older is a primary series and bivalent booster. Vaccines - Boosters available to pre-teens, teens, and adults who are moderately or severely immunocompromised are Pfizer (Bivalent), Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, or Novax. Children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have Pfizer or Moderna that is available for them.

Kelly Van Buskirk discussed the current outbreak of Monkey Pox. The U.K. reported an infected index case in early May while traveling to Nigeria. Since then, more cases were identified within the U.K. that did not report travel history and were not geographically linked to other cases indicating community transmission. In Mid May, additional countries reported cases of Monkey Pox(MPX). On May 18, the United States confirmed its first case in Massachusetts. In July 2022, the World Health Organization announced MPX, a P.H. emergency of international concern. On August 4, 2022, the U.S. declared MPX a public health emergency. A slide was shown to the board that stated 99% of the Monkeypox cases are in countries that historically have not reported monkeypox, and there have been ten deaths in these countries. All states in the U.S., DC & P.R. have cases amounting to over 24,203. There is community spread, most cases have not been severely ill, and a death was reported in L.A. County in California.

The total number of cases in Oklahoma is 35 cases and 9 cases in Tulsa County. THD conducts case investigations and monitoring; Contact tracing is being done and monitoring, sample collection, and educating the public. Monkeypox vaccinations are being provided, TPOXX antiviral staging and identifying high-risk gatherings throughout the state and nationally. The Jynneos Vaccine has been licensed in the U.S. to prevent Monkeypox disease. Effectiveness is based on a clinical study of animal immunogenicity and efficacy data. Vaccination after exposure will prevent disease or make it less severe. It is recommended within four days of exposure. Between 4-14 days of exposure may reduce symptoms but not prevent disease. The Jynneos vaccine identified approved individuals based on exposure. One dose per vial for Subcutaneous injection or 4-5 doses per vial for intradermal injection and two-dose series 28 days apart. The vaccination update is two days of clinics on August 22 and 23rd, and 168 vaccines were administered. There were two days of clinics on September 19th and 20th, and 133 vaccines were administered on October 17, 2022; future POD will be set up at JGHC. The Jynneos vaccine is being distributed at the Equality Center, Diversity Family Health Center, Tulsa Cares, Warren Clinic, OSU, and Utica Park.

In the vaccine eligibility phase in June 2022, the vaccine was authorized for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to individuals identified as contacts to a case. On July 2022, the vaccine was authorized as PEP and PEP++ for individuals more likely to have been recently exposed to MXP even if they don't have confirmation of exposure. And on September 19, 2022, a broader implementation for PREP and PEP++. Vaccine eligibility expansion as of Monday, September 19, 2022, consists of persons with an HIV diagnosis, any man who has sex with men and has had a syphilis diagnosis within the last 12 months, Persons in a high-risk occupation, such as sex professionals or persons who exchange sex for drugs, money, housing, or safety, Partners of individuals meeting criteria for PEP++, Women who are currently having sexual contact with a person who identifies as gay, bisexual man, or a man who has sex with men, Healthcare workers providing direct patient care to persons who may be infected with monkeypox. The number of doses given in Oklahoma is 1720, and 193 of those individuals have completed the series. THD has administered 414 doses, and 116 individuals have completed the series.

B. Community Health Improvement Plan: Tour de Tulsa

Jenna Grant talked about the CDC Public Health Infrastructure Grant (December 2022-Novemebr 2027). \$8,351,233 will be for workforce development over five years. It will focus on training, recruiting, retention, and new positions. She thanked Dr. Mike Stout he serves as a liaison between the two bords and she thanked him for all the work that he does. The Tour de Tulsa will be on May 6, 2023. There are family fun rides along the Riverside trails. You can also sponsor at Tour de Tulsa.

C. Emerging Issues: Debriefing: REI and IDI Training

Krystal Reyes talked about the REI, which stands for Racial Equity Institute. It has a national team of trainers that speak with different types of groups, government, non-profits, school districts businesses on racial equity. They talked about bringing a two-day training to Tulsa. She said about why the groundwater approach is essential. And groundwater is a metaphor for understanding why we see racial disparities in other domains. We have to understand the root causes. She stated that there is a presentation she can share with the board that was presented last Wednesday during the three-hour training that some of the THD staff were part of, as well as some of the board of health board members. She talked about three observations in racial equity, which are racial inequality, which looks the same across systems(economic opportunities, health, and housing), understanding why we see that across all systems. Social and economic issues, not just focusing on poverty. And the third is systems contribute significantly to disparities. And how important it is to look at these three things and follow up by looking at the data. She was happy to send out the presentation and white paper.

D. Current Business: 2023 Tulsa Board of Health Meeting Schedule

Dr. Mike Stout entertained a motion to approve the meeting schedule. Dr. Ann Pau made a motion, and Dr. Regina Lewis seconded. **The 2023 Tulsa Board of Health Meeting Schedule was**

approved under the contingency that on May 17, 2023, the room is changed from room 200 to 208, and on December 6, 2022, the date is changed to 2023, and the room is changed to 208:

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

Announcements

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00pm | NRHC Room 208

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

APPROVED:



Dr. Mike Stout, Board of Health Chair

ATTESTED:



Makeda Thompson, Tulsa Health Department Assistant