

**TULSA CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

James O. Goodwin Health Center
5051 S. 129th East Avenue, Room 231
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74134

Board Members Present:

Kian Kamas, MS, Chair
Chris Bell, JD, Vice Chair
Jim Goodwin, JD
Deb Greubel, DNP
Mike Jones, DVM
Larry Lander, DDS, JD
Ann Paul, MPH

Staff Present:

Bruce Dart, PhD, Executive Director
Reggie Ivey, Chief Operating Officer
Scott Buffington, Employee Resource & Development
Priscilla Haynes, Preventative Health
Chanteau Orr, JD, Legal Services
Pam Rask, Adolescent & Child Health
Kaitlin Snider, Marketing
Kelly VanBuskirk, Health Data & Policy
Jenna Grant, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Dr. Terry Cline, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Gunnar McFadden, Oklahoma State Department of Health

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Kian Kamas called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 August 11, 2017. 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 August 11, 2017.

II. APPROVAL of June 21, 2017 MINUTES

Kian Kamas entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. A motion was made by Larry Lander and seconded by Deb Greubel. ***The minutes were approved:***

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

III. CHAIR’S REPORT

Kian Kamas welcomed new board member, Dr. Mike Jones, to his first meeting. Jones is a Veterinarian with Woodland West Animal Hospital. It was Deb Greubel’s last meeting, as she had accepted a job on the East Coast and would be moving.

The grounds and a small part of the roof of the James O. Goodwin Health Center were damaged by the tornado winds on August 6th. Tulsa Health Department (THD) grounds and maintenance staff came in on Sunday to clear debris and make sure facilities were ready for clients and staff. Kamas asked Bruce Dart to thank the Facilities & Maintenance staff on behalf of the Board of Health.

Everyone was asked to add the Tri-Board meeting on October 3, 2017 at 1:00pm to their calendars. It would be on the 10th floor of Tulsa City Hall.

Kian was still working in Economic Development, but had recently left the Chamber of Commerce to work at the Tulsa Mayor’s office.

IV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Bruce Dart shared that Tulsa Mayor Bynum has signed legislation to prohibit smoking on any public property, including parks. It was expected to be passed by the City Council and would allow Tulsa to apply for the Certified Healthy Communities program.

Dart welcomed Terry Cline and Gunnar McFadden from the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH).

Last summer THD hosted the Culture of Health Summit, which had become the North Tulsa Community Coalition. Bruce was proud of all they had accomplished in a short time. The organization is administered by the citizens of North Tulsa and had addressed access to healthcare and healthy food, abandoned and condemned houses, and other health related issues.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS – Information Items

A. Community Garden – Chanteau Orr

THD has a community garden at the North Regional Health & Wellness Center. It began in 2013 and all plants and materials were donated. Now it has 45 plant beds, including three higher beds and one mobile bed for people with mobility issues. This summer 239 pounds of vegetables, plus herbs, had been donated to Restore Hope, John 3:16, and other nonprofits. Produce was also used in the cooking demonstration classes at the health department (about 80 attendees per month) and given to WIC clients.

The garden provided outreach opportunities, like Senior Brunches featuring healthcare topics for people age 50+. Over the years 457 people had attended, with 280 participating in health screenings done in conjunction with the brunches. The garden was also a field trip and volunteer site for Girl Scouts, churches, and other groups. There was a part-time gardener and much of the work was done by volunteers.

Bruce said the garden provided a friendly way to connect with people who may not otherwise come to the health department. Deb Greubel said TU and OU were looking for ways to improve health outcomes and started with research showing North Tulsa residents lived an average of 14 years less than those in South Tulsa. Since more clinics and nutrition classes had been implemented, the disparity had decreased to 11 years.

Jim Goodwin wanted better information on the unduplicated number of people who benefitted from the garden. Ann Paul agreed that having better data might allow THD and the garden to pursue more grant funding. Mike Jones said it would be interesting to expand the program and see if it was as successful in other areas. Chanteau Orr said in addition to expanding, they planned to plant fruit trees, get more volunteers and become a field trip site for local schools.

B. Fiscal Year 2017 Review – Bruce Dart

Dart presented an overview of challenges and accomplishments at THD in the last year.

- Current public health challenges include:
 - The need to serve more people in more ways is increasing, as state and federal funding becomes more uncertain.
 - Much of THD funding is categorical, restricted to specific programs and clients, which limits the services THD can provide.
 - Workforce changes like the large number of Baby Boomers retiring creates training and succession issues.
- THD is working to define its culture and update the mission, vision and values so all employees have the same goals and provide consistent service to clients.
- Forming partnerships with healthcare organizations, nonprofits, businesses, other government agencies, and policy makers has become a priority so common goals are reached without duplicating efforts. Examples are the

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the George Kaiser Family Foundation's Birth to Eight Strategy for Tulsa.

- FY17 Accomplishments:
 - Creating a Health & Wellness Index in collaboration with Oklahoma City-County Health Department.
 - Expanding School Health programs to Broken Arrow and Owasso districts and reaching almost 2,300 students in the teen health program (PREP).
 - Launching the Little by Little program, funded by George Kaiser Family Foundation, to provide books to parents and kids enrolled in WIC.
 - Providing hearing testing at the North Regional site for veterans.
 - Establishing a new Behavioral Health office at the James O. Goodwin site to provide comprehensive assessment and counseling.
 - Improving online options for clients to request immunization records and enroll in services.
 - Updating the Food Handler Training schedule and adding a credit card payment option to provide better customer service.
 - Forming a Housing Strategies Task Force to address condemned housing.
 - Improving testing for West Nile virus and other mosquito borne disease.
 - Modernizing the water testing lab.
 - Receiving almost \$850,000 in earned media in FY17.
 - Investing in LiveStories data platform to share stories and information.
 - Expanding employee training opportunities, including training for new managers and supervisors and online training for all employees.
 - The primary goals of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan are 63% complete. Fully completed goals include:
 - Developing a North Tulsa Community Coalition to address social and health issues.
 - Incorporating capital and IT upgrades into the FY18 budget.
 - Developing a model for life expectancy updates.
- Going forward, THD plans to create non-partisan forums and work with all political parties, as well as considering ways to serve clients who have been overlooked in the past.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS – Action Items

A. Cigarette Price Point Resolution

Dr. Cline said the Cigarette Fee Increase was overturned by the Oklahoma Supreme Court the prior week, creating a \$215 million budget gap. The funding does not affect the health departments, but it does impact operations of the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority (including Medicaid funding). These departments would only have enough money to run through May 3, 2018, which meant legislators may need to call a special session to find a solution. In special session they could pass the cigarette tax, cut all budgets (including health departments) to spread the shortfall, or use the Rainy Day Fund to provide a temporary solution.

The primary intent of the fee increase was to diminish smoking, since about 30,000 Oklahomans would quit if the price increased by \$1.50 a pack. That level of increase was specifically chosen because it could not be offset by cigarette manufacturer coupons. While there was no pending legislation, the Tulsa Health Department’s support of the Cigarette Price Point resolution would show support on the issue, and make sure we are prepared if a special legislative session was called.

Kian Kamas entertained a motion to approve support of the Cigarette Price Point Resolution, to support the increase the price of a pack of cigarettes by \$1.50. A motion was made by Jim Goodwin and seconded by Deb Greubel.

The Cigarette Price Point Resolution was approved:

Ms. Bell	aye
Mr. Goodwin	aye
Ms. Greubel	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Ms. Kamas	aye
Dr. Lander	aye
Dr. Lewis	not present
Mrs. Odom	not present
Mrs. Paul	aye

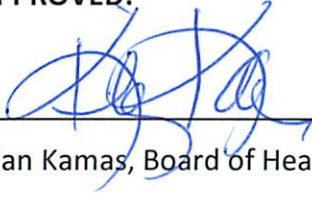
V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled September 20, 2017 at the North Regional Health & Wellness Center. At the meeting Monica Basu from the George Kaiser Family Foundation would share about the Birth to Eight Strategy for Tulsa.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:



Kian Kamas, Board of Health Chair

ATTESTED:



Jenna Grant, Tulsa Health Department