

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

June 20, 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, M.S., Chair
Chris Bell, JD, R.N., Vice Chair
Health Evans, D.D.S.
James Goodwin, J.D.
Mike Jones, D.V.M.
Regina Lewis, D.O.
Emily Odom
Ann Paul, M.P.H.

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
Leanne Stephens, Marketing & Communications
Kelly VanBuskirk, Health Data & Policy
Jumao Wang, Finance
Jennifer Haddaway, Project Manager
Jenna Grant, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Mike Stout, OSU
Tina Johnson, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Scott Adkins, Consultant

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Kian Kamas called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 June 15, 2018. The agenda was emailed to and posted by the Tulsa County Clerk, the Tulsa City Clerk, and the Tulsa City-County Library on June 15, 2018.

II. May 16, 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	not present
Mr. Goodwin	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Ms. Kamas	aye
Dr. Lewis	not present
Mrs. Odom	abstain
Mrs. Paul	aye
Dr. Schumann	not present

III. CHAIR’S REPORT

Kian Kamas welcomed Mike Stout, who would be joining the Tulsa Board of Health in August 2018. He had already been appointed by Tulsa County.

The Tulsa Regional Chamber organized OneVoice legislative process meetings focused on specific topics, including healthcare. Everyone was welcome to participate and a schedule would be emailed to all Board of Health members. Bruce Dart and his staff were monitoring legislative issues and candidates for office. There were many big issues on the June 26, 2018 primary ballot.

Kamas thanked James Goodwin for his extraordinary 50 years of service on the Tulsa Board of Health. This was his last official meeting and everyone had enjoyed the anniversary celebration hosted earlier in the month at the Gilcrease Museum. Mr. Goodwin said he appreciated the event, but joked that he would not want too many like it since having people share about his work and accomplishments was like a eulogy.

Goodwin encouraged current and future board members to look at policies and make sure public health continues to get funding and recognition for the important work it does. THD is a social justice organization and can bring real hope to people. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health. Goodwin had been invited to serve as an emeritus board member and planned to continue serving in that capacity.

IV. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Bruce Dart was pleased Mr. Goodwin planned to serve as an emeritus so the knowledge and experience he had would not be lost.

The theme for the board reports was customer service. Dart wanted to be sure Tulsa Health Department (THD) evaluated every part of the organization to make sure customers feel welcome and that THD does everything possible to bring in people who are not yet customers. The North Tulsa Community Coalition was a good model of working with the

local community to address social determinants of health. Bruce hoped it could be replicated in other parts of Tulsa.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS – Information Items

A. Discussion on State Question 788 Medical Marijuana

Bruce Dart stated that whether the bill passed or not on June 26, the issue of medical marijuana would need to be addressed in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) would be responsible for implementing and enforcing the legislation, if it was approved. The bill did stipulate that it could be edited by simple majority vote in the state legislature. This particular bill had caused some confusion because its definition of “medical” was very broad. Scott Adkins said it was deliberately written in a broad manner and was similar to legislation approved in Florida. In Florida, the broad language was restricted by the state, and then the state was sued by the bill drafters.

As written, if the bill is approved OSDH would have 30 days to implement it. Scott Adkins said it was likely a special legislative session would be called to delay the implementation date and clarify some of the requirements and limitations of the bill. There was a concern that the 7% tax on medical marijuana was insufficient to fund oversight. Other states had tax rates of 9 – 15% for medical marijuana.

Another potential concern was in employment law. Would this create a new protected class? Chris Bell clarified that Oklahoma was still an at-will employment state, so an employer could fire an employee for any reason.

Bruce Dart, Reggie Ivey, and Chanteau Orr had a phone conference with OSDH earlier in the day, where OSDH clarified that they would completely administer the program and would not need assistance from Tulsa Health Department. If medical marijuana was legalized, OSDH planned to use an online system to register people seeking medical marijuana licenses. If approved, the issue would be discussed in depth at the July 10, 2018 State Board of Health Meeting.

Questions were raised:

- James Goodwin asked if it was possible THD could be impacted. Bruce Dart stated not at present but it was hard to predict what may happen going forward.
- Scott Adkins asked if THD would have a role in the plant growth and inspection process. Tina Johnson said not at this time.
- Goodwin also raised the issue about medical marijuana creating a public safety concern. Dart said it could impact both law enforcement and emergency response. Regina Lewis added that for many years the Department of Human Service’s policy was not to remove a child from a home if the parent(s) tested positive for marijuana; they are given a ticket.

- Goodwin asked if OSDH needed help, would THD have the resources to assist. Dart said no. THD has a zero based budget and medical marijuana oversight was not in it. Additional funding would be needed.
- Heath Evans asked if it is typical for broadly written bills like SQ788 to be passed. Adkins said that if passed, it would bring statutory change. A special legislative session would like be passed to delay implementation 90 – 180 days and address workplace issues. Statutes may be created to define who dispensing physicians would be. As written, the bill states that physicians with a medical license were eligible, which includes MDs, DOs, dentists, chiropractors, and veterinarians.
- Chris Bell asked if anyone had reached out to the drafters of the proposal. Adkins said he was not aware of OSDH or THD doing so.
- Mike Jones asked if the FDA had any influence on the bill. Dart said the FDA has no regulation over medical marijuana.
- Ann Paul asked if the bill passes, would THD consider collaborating with a university to research the impact of medical marijuana. Dart said he had contacted Dean Gary Raskob at the University of Oklahoma about this.

Kian Kamas said that if approved, Oklahoma would be the 30th state to legalize medical marijuana so there was a lot of opportunity to learn from other states how to best navigate the issue.

She would love to see the same type of excitement about the opioid epidemic. Mike Jones made the point that marijuana was similar. Opioids were advertised as harmless and freely prescribed, creating an epidemic. He was concerned the same thing could happen with marijuana. Bruce said it was a complicated issue and there was a real problem with opioids being overprescribed. Heath Evans said that across the country opioids were now prescribed much more appropriately. Regina Lewis added that physicians are given clear direction that the first line of addressing pain is not pharmaceuticals; physical therapy and other methods are used.

B. National Public Health Accreditation

Kelly VanBuskirk shared that the national reaccreditation process was conducted every five years. In 2013 when THD was first accredited, it was one of only 19 health departments in the nation to earn this designation.

Accreditation was originally funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and is now administered by the Public Health Accreditation Board on which Bruce Dart currently serves. Accreditation looks at the internal processes, outcomes, and community partnerships of THD. It requires extensive documentation from almost every part of the organization. The final application would be uploaded in September, followed by a 4-hour interview.

Ann Paul offered to review the accreditation application before it was submitted.

C. Tulsa Health Department Overview

Since the Board of Health had fairly new board members, Bruce Dart thought it important to provide an overview of the Tulsa Health Department:

- THD has ten locations throughout the Tulsa area.
- THD has 340 employees
- Approximately 58,000 clients are served each year. THD has had clients from all 77 counties of Oklahoma and from nearly every state in the U.S.
- THD funding sources:
 - 50% Ad valorem tax
 - 37% Private, state and federal grants
 - 13% Fees from patients and permits, donations
- THD offers 40 different services, all contributing to the health and well-being of Tulsa residents. Services include:
 - Vital Records: birth and death certificates
 - Immunizations: childhood, adult, overseas
 - Family planning
 - STD testing and treatment
 - Tuberculosis testing and treatment
 - Adult health screenings
 - School health programs
 - Pregnancy prevention
 - Teen pregnancy rates have dropped tremendously thanks to the work of THD and community partners like the Tulsa Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
 - Children First: Home visitation programs for new parents
 - WIC
 - Child Behavioral & Health Screenings: Speech, pathology, audiology, social development, autism
 - BEST and Accountable health Communities
 - Epidemiology/Disease Outbreak
 - Emergency Preparedness and Response
 - Created after 911
 - Food establishment inspections
 - Food handler classes and licenses
 - Restaurant plan review and licenses
 - Public bathing facility (swimming pool) inspections
 - Housing inspections and nuisance abatement
 - Hotel/Motel inspection
 - Air quality control
 - Water testing
 - Substance abuse prevention education
 - Fetal Infant Mortality Review
 - Health data and policy

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS – Action Items

A. Executive Session

Kian Kamas entertained a motion to call an Executive Session. A motion was made by James Goodwin and seconded by Emily Odom. ***An Executive Session was called:***

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:29 p.m.

B. THD Executive Director’s Annual Contract

Kian Kamas said there was a general consensus that Board of Health members are pleased with the Tulsa Health Department operations and leadership. There was a positive momentum at THD, the city, and county. Kamas entertained a motion to approve the amended contract of Executive Director, Bruce Dart. A motion was made by James Goodwin and seconded by Ann Paul. ***The Executive Director’s contract was renewed:***

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

Chanteau Orr would have the Executive Director’s contract ready the following day.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

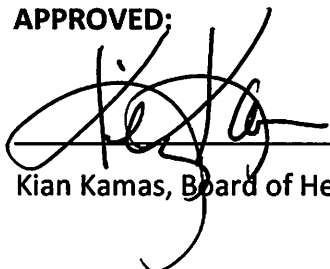
Bruce Dart announced that Reggie Ivey had recently been appointed to the board of the National Association of County and City Health Officials. This was a great honor and Reggie would represent Tulsa well.

There was no meeting in July. The next Board of Health meeting was scheduled August 15, 2018 at the James O. Goodwin location.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Kian Kamas, Board of Health Chair

ATTESTED:

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Jenna Grant, Tulsa Health Department Assistant