

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tulsa City-County Board of Health**

August 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm

North Regional Health & Wellness Center  
5635 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd  
Tulsa, OK 74126

**Board Members Present:**

**Regina Lewis, D.O., Chair**  
**Mousumi Som, D.O.**  
**Aimee Boyer, J.D., CFP**  
**Mike Stout, PhD.**  
**Krystal Reyes, M.P.A.**  
**Ann Paul, DrPH, M.P.H.**  
**Mike Jones, D.V.M.**  
**Jana Bingman, M.D.**

**Staff Present:**

**Bruce Dart, Executive Director**  
**Reggie Ivey, Associate Executive Director**  
**Sara Rodriguez, Executive Assistant**  
**Adam Austin, Assoc. Director Office of Environmental Health Services**  
**Chanteau Orr, Assoc. Director of Human Resources & Legal Services**  
**Marcus Anderson, Assoc. Director Office of Maternal & Child Health**  
**Leslie Carroll, Assoc. Director Office of Community Health & Quality Improvement**  
**Julia Profit-Williams, Assoc. Director Office of Preventive Health Services**  
**Kelly VanBuskirk, Assoc. Director Office of Prevention, Preparedness, and Response**  
**Joann Peel, Executive Assistant**  
**Leanne Stephens, Senior Director Marketing & Communications**  
**Shelby Fields, Associate Attorney**  
**Pat McFerron, President of Cole Hargrave Snodgrass & Associates**  
**Terry Simonson, Special Counsel to the Attorney General**  
**Carol Bush, Opioid Abatement Board Member**

### 1) Call to Order & Roll Call – Dr. Regina Lewis

Dr. Regina Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 August 14, 2024.

### 2) Approval of Minutes – Dr. Regina Lewis

Dr. Regina Lewis entertained a motion to approve the June 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Paul, and seconded by Dr. Som. ***The June 12, 2024 minutes were approved:***

Dr. Lewis	aye
Dr. Som	aye
Ms. Boyer	aye
Dr. Stout	abstained not present for June’s Meeting
Ms. Reyes	not present
Dr. Paul	aye
Dr. Jones	aye
Dr. Galles	not present
Dr. Bingman	abstained new member, not present for June’s Meeting

### 3) Chair’s Report – Dr. Regina Lewis

Dr. Regina Lewis shared that there is not a Chair’s Report this month.

### 4) Director’s Report – Bruce Dart

Dr. Dart stated that his report is in the BOH packet. Dr. Dart introduced Dr. Jana Bingman as a new Board of Health member appointed by the City of Tulsa by the Mayor.

Dr. Bingman introduced herself. Dr. Bingman is a child psychiatrist who earned her degree at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Bingman completed her residency in psychiatry at UT Southwestern in Dallas, TX. Dr. Bingman attended a child program at the University of Utah and returned to Tulsa to start the Child Psychiatric Fellowship department at OU – Tulsa.

Dr. Dart talked about the new association that is forming with the Tribal Health Departments. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has 38 state-affiliated associations and Oklahoma has never had one. We came together and created our own SACCHO to allow us a political buffer during the legislative season. It will give us advocates and a voice to actively communicate all over the State. This is in the early process of being set up, there have only been three meetings, six tribes are involved and are supported by the Tulsa Health Department, Oklahoma City Health Department and the State allowing each organization one vote. States that already have the SACCHO have been the voice on Capitol Hill and the State Legislature. The by-laws have been created and are being reviewed by an attorney and the State. Eventually, an Executive Director will have to lead this so funding can be worked on.

COVID surge is going up and has been reported in our water surveillance. Mpox is on the rise and Oklahoma City has reported about 85 cases.

## **5) Tulsa Health Department Reports**

### **A. Quant Study – Pat McFerron**

Pat McFerron the President of Cole Hargrave Snodgrass & Associates presented the Quant Survey Findings of 300 Tulsa County Residents with an overlay of 100 interviews among the Hispanic Population. The interviews were conducted July 10 – 23, 2024. Mr. McFerron talked about the demographics and contact methods for the survey which were via mobile, landline, and text/web. The survey finds that personal contact is down. Mr. McFerron talked about the most important issues concerning Public Health. The findings were impressive when asked if THD is a Community Resource. What does the community associate THD with? Immunizations, health inspections, and low-income healthcare were among the top three responses. Among the Hispanics, a solid rating of excellent was given. The series of questions on the survey findings were broken down by gender, age and income. In response to the no vaccination trend opinion, THD reveals that a key reason for giving THD a positive rating is related to how you feel about healthcare issues not just the service provided.

### **B. Opioid Abatement – Terry Simonson & Carol Bush**

Carol Bush is a board member of the Opioid Abatement. Ms. Bush was a State Representative from 2016 to 2022. Ms. Bush has a passion for public health so when she left the State House, she wrote a letter to the Speaker to be appointed to the abatement work. Ms. Bush realized that there was going to be an opportunity to make a difference in Oklahoma and the quality of lives for many of our citizens. In 2020, Legislature passed a bill to provide the structure of the administration of opioids that falls under Title 74 and that created the Opioid Abatement Act. The Act states how the settlement funds would be processed and implemented. In 2021 the settlement funds were received. In 2023 the Board was appointed and put in place to start looking at the structure, grant applications and how the funds were going to be distributed. When the Act was created it was to promote and protect the health of Oklahomans by using monetary grants to abate the opioid crisis in a comprehensive manner that included cooperation and collaboration with political subdivisions. This hereby created a revolving fund in the Office of the Attorney General to be designated the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Revolving Fund. The grant funds were to fund treatment and recovery programs, assistance with disorders and mental health issues, opioid abuse education and prevention, proper prescription efforts and strategies to decrease the narcotics across our state.

Terry Simonson is Special Counsel to the Attorney General providing administrative and consulting services with the distribution of the opioid settlement funds received by the State of Oklahoma over the 18-year period to help cities, counties, and school districts plan and implement opioid abatement plans.

### **C. Back-to-School Ready: How THD Helps Tulsa County Families – Julia Profit-Williams & Leanne Stephens**

JP started with a quote; “Vaccines do not save lives, vaccinations save lives”. The Oklahoma statute requires children to have vaccinations or be in the process of receiving them upon entering any school in our state. There are exemptions that can be done through a physician or a parent objecting to immunizations. In Tulsa County approximately 86% are receiving the required vaccinations for entry and 5% have requested the exemption. As a result of the community listening sessions, the community wanted to have more accessibility to some of the services THD provides. At the beginning of July 2024, THD implemented walk-in vaccine clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Extended hours were available at the Central Regional Health Center on Thursdays in August. THD partnered with the Oklahoma Caring Foundation to provide vaccinations throughout the area including schools, Back-to-School events, Refugees, Immigrants and other partners. Leanne Stephens shared that one of THD’s core values is to empower residents. THD has continued to inform

the community about all immunizations and back-to-school events. THD uses tactics such as paid advertising through media, digital tactics, community partnerships and events. Everything falls under the Summer Bucket List campaign theme and THD wants families to take full advantage of the fun activities summer has to offer including planning your visit to the Tulsa Health Department to get “back to school” ready. This campaign was funded through levy funding and is focused on parents with young children. The campaign was advertised in English and Spanish on Hulu, You Tube and Connect TV. The Media team announced that walk-in vaccine clinics encouraged families to “beat the rush” and JP participated in free PSA’s that aired on Fox23 all summer long. THD and the Oklahoma Caring Foundation hosted a big event with the Be Well Community Development Corporation at the THD North site. This event brought in over 1,000 individuals and over 85 immunizations were provided. Individuals who came to the event obtained school supplies and were provided with community resources. THD collaborated with Tulsa Public Schools and a video was recorded. It was a great opportunity to work together and to form a partnership. The Back-to-School website is fully bilingual with campaigns running on social media and digital signage in the clinic waiting areas. Anyone currently enrolled in WIC will receive two reminders via text message to get their vaccinations. There has also been internal communication with THD staff to bring their children into the clinics and get them ready for back to school. As of August 20, 2024, the Caring Van has administered approximately 1,000 vaccinations, Central Regional Health Center 2,144, North Regional Health & Wellness Center 998, Collinsville Health Center 15 and Sand Springs Health Center 235. Year after year from January to July 2023 there were 6,211 clients and 13,431 vaccinations administered and from January to July 2024, there were 9,133 clients and 23,460 vaccinations administered.

## 6) Tulsa Food Advisory Council Appointment – Adam Austin

Adam Austin stated that the Tulsa City-County Food Advisory Council (TCCFAC) unanimously requested that Rod Hammack get approved by the Board of Health to join the Food Advisory Council. Mr. Hammack has designed, installed and maintained plumbing and ventilation systems. In the Food Protection Program, pre-construction inspections are conducted and when there are any remodels/renovations Mr. Hammack will offer a new perspective for the work Food Protection does.

Dr. Regina Lewis entertained a motion for Mr. Hammack to be approved as part of the Tulsa Food Advisory Council. A motion was made by Dr. Paul and seconded by Aimee Boyer. The Motion was approved.

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

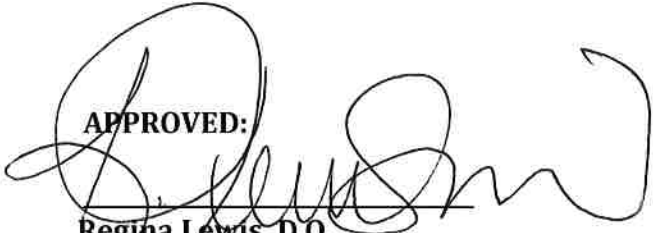
## 7) Announcements – Dr. Regina Lewis

**The Next Board Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the James O. Goodwin Health Center in Room 200.

**8) Adjournment**

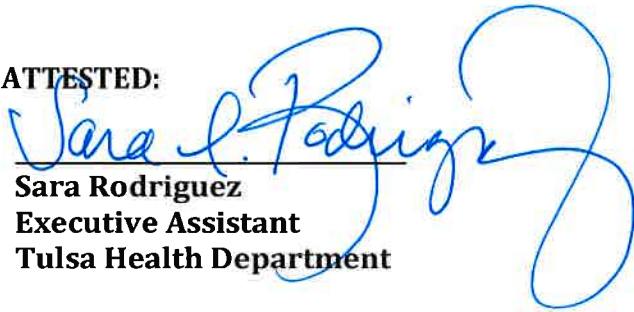
The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

**APPROVED:**



**Regina Lewis, D.O.  
Board of Health Chair**

**ATTESTED:**



**Sara Rodriguez  
Executive Assistant  
Tulsa Health Department**