



## Kanawha-Charleston Board of Health

### Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

#### **Members – Present**

Ms. Brenda Isaac  
Mr. James Strawn  
Mr. Robert Reishman  
Dr. Arthur Rubin (via conference call)  
Ms. Martha Yeager Walker  
Mr. Stephen Weber

#### **Presenting Guests**

Dr. Michael Brumage  
Ms. Janet Briscoe  
Ms. Lolita Kirk  
Ms. Candace Nunley  
Ms. Tina Ramirez  
Mr. David Winowich

#### **1. Call to Order - President, Ms. Isaac**

Ms. Isaac called the Board meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Strawn introduced Highland Hospital's intern, LeAnne Ross. Ms. Ross is an MBA student at the University of Charleston and graduates next month.

#### **2. Report of the President – Ms. Brenda Isaac**

##### **a. Moment of silence in recognition of the death of former Health Officer, Dr. Donald Rosenberg.**

Ms. Isaac called for a moment of silence in recognition of death of Dr. Rosenberg. Following the moment of silence, Ms. Isaac read the following resolution into the record of the meeting.

A RESOLUTION  
KANAWHA-CHARLESTON BOARD OF HEALTH  
Honoring the memory of  
DONALD M. ROSENBERG

WHEREAS, Donald M. Rosenberg, M. D., MPH, served meritoriously as health officer of the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department from July 1, 1986 to May 31, 1999 and again, in an interim position, from January 1, 2003 to April 30, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenberg had an illustrious career in the United States Army before joining Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, having served, among other positions, as special project officer for the Commanding General, United States Army Health Services Command, where he was medical director of an ambulatory care data base system designed to capture essential data elements of more than 22.5 million outpatient encounters, and, as commander of the 20th Preventive Medicine Unit in the Republic of Vietnam; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenberg sought a position with the Kanawha Charleston Health Department because both he and his wife gained a love for the state while he was stationed with the Army in neighboring Maryland at the Aberdeen Proving Ground; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenberg was a pioneer in improving community health, being one of the earlier supporters of Clean Indoor Air Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenberg believed a vital part of his practice was having his hands on the pulse of the community: he spent many hours visiting with and listening to the concerns of first responders, local public officials and citizens in general; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenberg believed local health departments should have an active voice in the health care policy decisions made in the state, being one of the organizers and founding members of the West Virginia Association of Local Health Departments; and,

WHEREAS, Even in retirement, Dr. Rosenberg maintained a keen interest in the health of citizens of Kanawha County and the actions of the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald Rosenberg departed this life on October 12, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KANAWHA-CHARLESTON BOARD OF HEALTH that the Board of Health and the employees of the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department honor the memory of Donald Rosenberg and express appreciation for his service to the citizens of Kanawha County and the State of West Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be included with the official board minutes of the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be shared with Dr. Rosenberg's family: his wife, Janine; and his children, Bernard.

Mr. Weber noted that not many know that Dr. Rosenberg went to medical school in the French speaking part Switzerland and that Dr. Rosenberg not knowing French when he applied, took a crash course in French. Ms. Isaac stated Dr. Rosenberg provided great mentorship to her.

**b. Acknowledgement of Board reappointment for Ms. Martha Yeager Walker**

Ms. Isaac stated Ms. Walker had been appointed by Mayor Jones to a full five year term. Ms. Isaac administered the oath to Ms. Walker.

**c. Approval of the minutes from the September 17, 2015 Board of Health Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Mr. Reishman to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2015 as submitted. The motion passed.

**d. Discussion of the WV Bureau for Public Health's response to the Board's letter**

Ms. Isaac noted the Board would find a copy of the Bureau for Public Health's response to the Board's letter in their folders.

**e. Approval received from the Commissioner of WV Bureau for Public Health of Dr. Brumage's appointment.**

Ms. Isaac informed the Board they would find a letter from the state approving Dr. Brumage's appointment as health officer in their folders.

**3. Report of the Executive Director/Health Officer – Dr. Michael Brumage**

**a. Discussion of the upcoming Harm Reduction Clinic**

Dr. Brumage reported that in preparation for our planned December kickoff for the Harm Reduction Clinic (HRC), we have held 2 community partnership meetings and 2 steering committee meetings. We have also had 2 walk-throughs with the clinic staff so we can accommodate the patients who will be seen and to improve the process. We have had commitments from several community partners for supplies, recovery and mental health services, and reproductive services. All in all, we are on track for an early December kickoff, the dates will be publically announced within the next couple of weeks. We want to thank so many people who have donated their time generously to this effort, including Dr. Dan Foster, Ms. Judy Crabtree, Ms. Kristi Justice, and Ms. Lynne Fruth. Our progress would not have been possible without the efforts of I want to thank our new Director for Prevention and Wellness, Ms. Tina Ramirez, as well as Ms. Candace Nunley. Everyone has had a role in lifting this project which will undoubtedly benefit the community. In a November 5<sup>th</sup> discussion with Dr. Michael Kilkenny at the Civic Center, it was apparent the Cabell-Huntington's Health Department's clinic had been very successful and they had already used 1/3 of their year's supplies. The sustainability of harm reduction clinics is an issue for all HRCs and we are seeking assistance from the Bureau for Public Health in assisting our clinic in grant funding, as they had for Cabell-Huntington, as well as in sustainment. We plan on closely coordinating our efforts with those of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department. This is an important issue and not one where health departments should be in any kind of competition.

Ms. Isaac inquired if KCHD was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> jurisdiction in West Virginia to start such a program. Dr. Brumage replied some entities have been providing needle exchanges for some years, but doing so quietly. Ms. Isaac added by adding other services at the same time of the exchanges will be very beneficial.

**b. Report from the Clean Indoor Air Regulation Subcommittee**

On November 10, 2015, Dr. Art Rubin, Mr. Jim Strawn, and I met to discuss the requests from the hospitals through the Kanawha Coalition for Community Health Improvement to review the 2008 Clean Indoor Air Regulation, specifically reviewing the standoff distances from public entrances and outdoor air intakes, as well as to support the tobacco-free campus. Another subject was the consideration of adding the electronic nicotine delivery systems to the CIAR given the current evidence and practices from other West Virginia counties. The subcommittee carefully reviewed the language of the current guidelines and is still reviewing the recommendations for potential changes. Another subcommittee meeting will need to be scheduled to continue the work started in the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**c. Discussion of the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Survey: Results and purpose**

On November 12, 2015, KCHD held a press conference to kick off the ACE Survey, aimed at building public awareness of the profound role of adverse childhood experiences in all the public health problems we face today. We were honored to have Dr. Vince Felitti, the study's co-principle investigator, as well as Dr. Joan

Phillips, Ms. Judy Crabtree, and Ms. Kristi Justice attend. As of this meeting, we have had over 400 respondents from 33 counties, 2 states and overseas, and we will schedule a follow-up press conference to discuss the meaning of the survey and what we can do to help stem the tide of ACEs in our community, and thereby addressing an overlooked root cause for many of our public health problems in our region.

Mr. Strawn asked if Dr. Brumage plans on showing the data with the locations of responses identified. Dr. Brumage replied he will be mapping data. So far 60% of the responses are from Kanawha County and the majority of them are from females.

Mr. Strawn informed attendees that Dr. Brumage provided a workshop as part of the First-Class Health Education: 101 series being held at the University of Charleston on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was sponsored by Highland Hospital, Process Strategies and the University of Charleston. The workshop was well attended with standing room only.

**d. Discussion of the President Obama's visit**

Dr. Brumage reported he had the extraordinary opportunity to have been selected to sit on a discussion panel with President Obama, HHS Secretary Burwell, and Mr. Michael Botticelli, the Director of National Drug Control Policy regarding the opioid and heroin abuse epidemic in West Virginia on October 21, 2015. The meeting was covered widely in television, radio, and print. I had a chance to highlight our Harm Reduction efforts in collaboration with Cabell-Huntington, our work with opioid addicts in recovery using mindfulness-based relapse prevention, and a chance to discuss the role of adverse childhood experiences in addressing the root causes of drug use.

Mr. Weber noted one his law partners was in attendance at this event and said Dr. Brumage did excellent job and represented us well. Mr. Strawn agreed that Dr. Brumage represented the Board and KCHD well.

**e. Report on the Public Health Accreditation Action Plan status**

KCHD submitted our Action Plan on October 28, 2015 to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). We had been meeting weekly to develop our Action Plan and had good feedback from our accreditation specialist at PHAB. We are now awaiting approval from the Accreditation Committee. Once approved, we anticipate to be completed on or before September 1, 2016.

**4. Report of the Board's Finance Sub-Committee**

**a. Presentation of the 1st quarter financial report**

Mr. Reishman stated the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report was in the Board's folders. He added normally we are further down in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter because of the purchase of flu vaccine. This year because we are down in staffing, the first quarter is a little better than usual.

Mr. Reishman stated that the emergency that resulted in the HVAC replacement will proceed with the next stage after Thanksgiving. He added that work on the lighting replacement will follow after the HVAC work is done.

**5. Report of the Division of Administrative Services – Ms. Lolita Kirk**

**a. Presentation and discussion of staffing report.**

Ms. Kirk informed the Board they would find a copy of the staffing report in their folders. She added on December 1<sup>st</sup> a number of the vacancies will be filled.

**6. Report of the Division of Clinic Services – Ms. Candace Nunley**

**a. Discussion of flu vaccination activity**

Ms. Nunley stated the Board would find a chart in their folders comparing last year and this year's flu vaccination numbers. School vaccinations are down by almost 1,800. She added this year we were not able to provide the intranasal vaccine in the schools due to manufacturing issues.

The Board and Dr. Brumage discussed this year's vaccine and its effectiveness.

**7. Report of the Division of Environmental Health Services – Mr. David Winowich**

**a. Introduction of new sanitarians**

- i. **Mr. Shaun Clark**
- ii. **Mr. Cory Lambert**
- iii. **Ms. Heike Rogers**

The newest sanitarians were introduced to the Board. Mr. Cory Lambert is recent graduate of Marshall University's public health program. Mr. Shaun Clark is a recent graduate of West Virginia State University with a degree in health sciences. Ms. Rogers received her undergraduate degree in Puerto Rico and has been all over the world. The Board welcomed the new employees. The Board also commended the sanitarians and how hard they have been working due to the staffing shortages.

**8. Report of the Division of Epidemiology & Threat Preparedness - Ms. Janet Briscoe**

**a. Update on Epidemic Keratoconjunctivitis (EKC) outbreak**

Ms. Briscoe provided an update on the outbreak and added we are waiting on some additional lab results.

**b. Presentation of the 1st quarter Epidemiology report (7/1/15 - 9/30/15)**

The report was in the Board member's folders

**c. Report on the State Closed Pod Exercise**

Ms. Briscoe reported the she and her staff continue to work with WV Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety (DMAPS) on the expansion of the State Closed POD program.

**9. Report for the Division of Prevention & Wellness – Ms. Tina Ramirez**

**a. Report on attendance of the Public Health Symposium November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

Ms. Ramirez reported she and others at KCHD are attending the Symposium. She added there was speaker on harm reduction programs from Pittsburgh, PA speaking about their program and the issue of sustainability.

**b. School of Public Health**

Ms. Ramirez informed the Board that KCHD is working with WVU on the program. The program is one year long and is in week 7. They have 30 participants half of which are diabetic.

**c. Update on the Group Lifestyle Balance through University of Pittsburgh**

Ciara Moore, who is working part time for KCHD, recently became a Lifestyle Coach through University of Pittsburgh's Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB). The Class was held at Cabell-Huntington Health Department.

**10. Unfinished Business**

None

**11. Public comment period**

Mr. Strawn informed everyone that there are three more pick-ups for the "No Butts About It" campaign. The City of Charleston's Park's committee is discussing a recommendation to City Council that would ban smoking in some of the City's parks.

Ms. Cheryl Jackson, Regional Tobacco Prevention Specialist, informed the Board that the federal housing proposal that would ban smoking in public housing is out for public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Mr. Reishman the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director/Health Officer