



# **Kanawha-Charleston Board of Health**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **January 18, 2018**

#### **Members – Present**

Ms. Brenda Isaac  
Dr. Arthur Rubin  
Mr. James Strawn  
Ms. Martha Yeager Walker  
Mr. Stephen Weber

#### **Presenters**

Dr. Michael Brumage  
Ms. Janet Briscoe  
Ms. Lolita Kirk  
Mr. John Law  
Mr. Stanley Mills  
Ms. Brandi O'Dell  
Ms. Tina Ramirez

#### **Member(s) Excused**

Mr. Robert Reishman

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

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

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

- a. A motion was made by Dr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Strawn to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2017, as submitted. The motion passed.
- b. An Award of Appreciation was presented by Dr. Brumage and President Isaac to Dr. Angie Settle of Health Right for stalwart assistance with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV testing of intravenous drug users in the Harm Reduction clinic,

#### **3. Report of the Finance subcommittee- Mr. Robert Reishman, Chairman**

- a. Mr. Reishman was excused and there was no report.

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

- a. Dr. Brumage introduced Brandi O'Dell, the new Director of Administrative Services, and Christina Hinkle, the new Director of Clinic Services, and asked them to speak briefly about themselves.
- b. Update on Public Health Accreditation
  - i) Section One of the Annual Report is complete and has been submitted. Section Two is being reviewed.
  - ii) The First PHAB-a-thon Meeting of the year will be January 19, 2018. We will begin looking at the reaccreditation requirements. Ms. Kirk is participating in webinars hosted by PHAB.
- c. Discussion of Performance Management/Quality Improvement (PM/QI) efforts
  - i) Meeting notes from the PM/QI Committee meeting of November 28, 2017, were submitted.
  - ii) The Second Quarter Strategic Plan submissions have been made by the Directors. Ms. Kirk will finish the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report and will e-mail it to board members.

- d. Status report on the Harm Reduction Clinic
  - i) Dr. Brumage reported that we have 5,558 Harm Reduction unique patients with an 87% return on syringes. On November 29, 2017, 427 patients attended, the highest number of new patients seen was 106 at the May 10, 2017, clinic.
  - ii) Cabin Creek is working in the clinic two days per week and is considering adding Tuesdays to accommodate the increasing number of patients.
  - iii) Totals for 2017: 1,332 trained in Naloxone application, 1,825 kits dispensed, 386 refills, and 268 lives saved.
- e. Dr. Brumage supplied the following meetings and conferences he attended since the last Board Meeting.
  - i) MPH student meeting at WVU, Morgantown November 30, 2017
  - ii) Filming Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs and Harm Reduction projects in Huntington - December 1, 2017
  - iii) World AIDS Day Red Ribbon Award acceptance – December 1, 2017
  - iv) ACES Steering Committee, December 4, 2017
  - v) Rural Response to Opioid Epidemic Steering Committee, Boone County Drug Court – December 6, 2017
  - vi) WV Association of Local Health Departments, Flatwoods – December 7, 2017
  - vii) CME Presentation on ACES for WVSOM, Lewisburg – December 8, 2017
  - viii) First Responders Study on Mindfulness – December 8, 9, and 10, 2017
  - ix) WV Primary Care Association Chief Medical Officer meeting – December 12, 2017
  - x) Community Partnership Board, Tamarack – December 12, 2017
  - xi) ACES Coalition Meeting – December 15, 2017
  - xii) Project Engage – Grand Rounds with Dr. Terry Horton, St. Mary's – December 18, 2017
  - xiii) ACES Presentation, WVSOM at WVU – December 19, 2017
  - xiv) Rachel Dickson and documentary crew – December 20, 2017
  - xv) WV Association of Local Health Depts. Executive Council Meeting - January 3, 2018
  - xvi) WV Association of Local Health Dept., Flatwoods – January 4, 2018
  - xvii) Follow-up to Mindfulness/Resilience December Retreat – January 8, 2018
  - xviii) River Valley Family Care ACEs Presentation, Ravenswood – January 9, 2018
  - xix) Public Health Town Hall Meeting, Grace Bible Church – January 9, 2018
  - xx) Hosted Rotary visit to Harm Reduction Clinic – January 10, 2018
  - xxi) WVU School Public Health visit to Harm Reduction – January 17, 2018
  - xxii) NACCHO Rural Health Care Section Kick-Off Call – January 18, 2018
- f. Dr. Brumage reported on harm reduction grant funding received in cooperation with the Great Rivers Harm Reduction Coalition and Cabell Huntington Health Department, including funding for a mobile unit, a \$50,000 grant request from the Comer Foundation, and some philanthropic grants that may be forthcoming. Only two counties, Nicholas and Webster, have not joined the statewide Harm Reduction Coalition, and county clinics are gaining momentum. The University of Charleston received 8,000 intranasal Narcan units that are being distributed for free statewide to first responders. The West Virginia State Police received 1,200.
- g. Dr. Brumage reported on the Resilience/Mindfulness Training and Cortisol Level Measurement for First Responders Retreats that he and Dr. Canady from Marshall University are offering through a grant from West Virginia University.

**5. Report of the Division of Administrative Services – Ms. Brandi O'Dell**

- a. Ms. O'Dell presented the staffing report and reported there are no vacancies.

**6. Report of the Division of Clinic Services – Ms. Christina Hinkle**

- a. There was no clinic activity report since Ms. Hinkle is new to the position.
- b. Ms. Hinkle reported that there will be a flu shot clinic for Legislators at the Capitol on February 13, 2018, from nine to noon.

**7. Report of the Division of Environmental Health Services – Mr. Stanley Mills**

- a. Mr. Mills reported that both KCHD and Putnam County are fully staffed with Sanitarians. Three to five Sanitarians are helping with the Harm Reduction clinics each week.

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

- a. Ms. Briscoe reviewed upcoming meetings and the Epidemiology and Threat Preparedness activity report with the Board.
- b. After reviewing the Epidemiology Report, Ms. Isaac asked about flu incidence in the schools, and Ms. Briscoe said that 2 or 3 cases per classroom is considered an outbreak, but it remains lighter in West Virginia than other parts of the country. Dr. Rubin pointed out that there were no cases of measles, mumps or Rubella in West Virginia during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter as a result of our strong immunization laws.

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

- a. Ms. Ramirez reported that KCHD was given the Red Ribbon Award from The Living AIDS Memorial Garden on December 1, 2017, for the outstanding work in the harm reduction program and help addressing the needs of those who are HIV positive.
- b. Ms. Ramirez provided an update on the webinar that she and Ciara Rukse developed for the New York Harm Reduction Coalition. Date of the webinar will be announced once final approval from CDC is given.
- c. Ms. Ramirez informed board members the FOCUS (Gilead) Project pilot kicked off in December and went live January 2, 2018. It is opt-out testing for Hepatitis B, C and HIV. Additional staff have been hired to implement the program.
- d. Ms. Ramirez mentioned that she and Ciara Rukse taught a class, *Everyone with Diabetes Counts*, at the Alzheimer's Association. A full list of classes in Kanawha County can be found on Quality Insights website.
- e. KCHD will be partnering with Marshall University and Cabin Creek Health Systems to teach classes to their most challenging diabetics through a diabetes grant. An AmeriCorps VISTA will be provided and housed at KCHD beginning in March to help battle West Virginia's higher incidence of Type 2 diabetes.

**10. Report on Legislative Updates – Mr. John Law**

Mr. Law submitted a report on upcoming legislative bills; including a one-percent proposed pay raise for State and local health department employees, a bill requiring all LHDs to earn accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, several bills addressing the opioid crisis, interest in rolling back Clean Indoor Air Ordinances, and a probable bill opposing mandatory vaccinations.

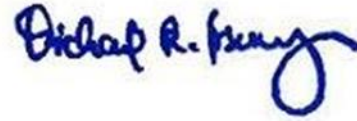
**11. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business, and no public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

Mr. Strawn made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weber. The motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Brumage".

Michael Brumage, MD, MPH, FACP  
Executive Director/Health Officer

