

MINUTES
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board
October 17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board was held Monday, October 17, 2011. Chair Shirley Martin-Smith called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

David Ambler moved that the Board Minutes of September 19, 2011 be approved. Gerald Pees provided the second and the motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2011 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Jennie Henault, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed the September Monthly Financial Report. After discussion, Gerald Pees moved that the September 19, 2011 Monthly Financial Report be approved. Paul Liechti provided the second and the motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Ozone Impact Assessment

Jessica Kessinger, intern for the Community Health program, provided the Board with a draft Air Quality Report to be presented to the Air Quality Advisory Committee. Jessica stated the Air Quality Advisory Committee was formed in 2001. She also reported that from 2004-2007 Lawrence had an air monitor station which was taken out in 2007 because of budget cuts. In March of 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reduced the ozone standard to 0.075 parts per million (ppm). In January of 2010, the EPA proposed reducing the ozone standard to 0.06-0.07 ppm. Jessica reported in September of 2011, President Obama directed the EPA to withdraw their draft ozone standard until 2013. The

EPA estimates that implementing a stricter standard of 0.06-0.07 ppm would have a national cost to business and industry of \$19-90 billion. Jessica reported that from 1990 to 2009 the nationwide ground-level ozone decreased by 21%. Potential consequences of Douglas County receiving a nonattainment designation would impact transportation, consumers and industry. This could include retrofitting of commercial vehicles to improve fuel mileage and reduce emissions, require consumers to have motor vehicle maintenance inspections costing anywhere from \$20-\$40 per vehicle and stricter regulations on new businesses. Jessica reviewed a list of steps Douglas County has taken to reduce ozone levels over the last decade. She also stated several communities have created Clean Air Action Plans which raise community awareness, increase public education, promotion of sustainability initiatives and encouragement for transportation alternatives. After discussion, the Board approved submitting this draft Air Quality Report to the Air Quality Advisory Committee and then to the city and county commission without further action from the Board unless significant changes to the report were made by the Air Quality Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of the 2012 Budget for the Department

Dan Partridge presented the Board with the final proposed 2012 Budget in the amount of \$3,173,053. Dan reported the city and the county have approved our 2012 budget requests which kept local funding at 2011 levels. Dan also reviewed the 2010 Program Funding chart discussing changes or threats to each program and that our challenge is to create a Community Health program within the constraints of local, state and federal funding. We need to review this chart annually to monitor how we distribute local dollars. After discussion, David Ambler made a motion to approve the final 2012 Budget. Gerald Pees provided the second and the motion passed.

Board Evaluation Tool

Shirley Martin-Smith, chair, thanked the Board for completing the Board Evaluation Tool and asked for their feedback. Shirley also asked if there is accreditation criteria that need to be included in the tool. David Ambler stated he would like to see more choices added to the rating rather than the "agree" or "disagree" columns and suggested five columns rather than two. Staff will revise the Board Evaluation Tool and send it to the Board for review and discussion at the December Board meeting.

Advisory Council Formation

Kim Ens, Director of Clinic Services, reviewed the list of nine Advisory Council nominations. Orientation for the council will be November 1, 2011. The council will meet quarterly and will determine a spokesperson to report to the Health Board on a quarterly basis. Amy Biel made a motion to approve the nominations for the Advisory Council. Paul Liechti provided the second and the motion passed.

Consider Contract with KU Work Group for Community Health Assessment/Planning

Dan Partridge presented the proposed contract with Kansas University (KU) Work Group for Community Health Assessment/Planning in the amount of \$19,900. Dan stated the assessment is expected to be completed by November 1, 2012. Following discussion, David Ambler made a motion to authorize Shirley Martin-Smith to sign the contract with KU Work Group for Community Health Assessment/Planning in the amount of \$19,900. Gerald Pees provided the second and the motion passed.

Consider Approval of Strategic Plan for the Department

Dan Partridge presented a draft of the Strategic Plan at the August 15, 2011 Board meeting and asked the Board to review the SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis, which was incorporated into the Strategic Plan. After discussion of the changes made to the SWOT analysis, Dan Partridge requested Board approval of the Strategic Plan. Paul Liechti made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan. Gerald Pees provided the second and the motion passed.

Consider Beginning Board Meetings at 5:00 p.m.

After discussion, David Ambler moved the Board approve beginning Board meetings at 5 p.m. Ray Davis provided the second and the motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Dan Partridge updated the Board on the drive-through flu clinic held October 8, 2011. Dan reported 505 flu shots were administered at no charge. There were 38 Health Department staff and 86 community partner volunteers representing 18 partner

agencies/organizations. Dan reported that the total cost for the exercise, not including the cost of volunteer labor, was \$12,003 or \$23.80 per dose administered. The benefit of a similar clinic in future years will need to be weighed against the cost. The Health Department asked two questions on the consumer feedback form: 1) did you know the clinic was a test of our community public health emergency response plan? Response was 64 percent said yes; and 2) if funding for the clinic were cut, how much would you be willing to pay for a flu vaccination? Average person would pay \$13.95.

Dan also reported the Health Department administered 55 flu shots at the Douglas County Dental Clinic free dental day, 24 flu shots at the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (L.I.N.K.) and 55 flu shots were administered at the Eudora flu clinic. Dan reported 547 flu vaccinations have been administered at the Health Department.

Dan stated there will be a downtown flu vaccination clinic on Saturday, October 22nd from 10 a.m. to noon in front of the US Bank building at Ninth and Massachusetts streets. The Health Department will hold a drive-through flu clinic for city employees and their families on October 26-29, 2011, at Fire Station #5 located at 19th and Steward Avenue.

2. At the September 19, 2011 Board meeting Charlotte Marthaler, Assistant Director, presented Family Planning program statistics. The Board requested follow-up information on the annual number of reported STD cases and rates for Douglas County and the age of new family planning clients receiving annual exams. Charlotte reported the annual number of STDs have gone up and down over the years. In 2011, January to June, STD cases were down. Charlotte reported the number of new family planning clients receiving annual exams with the largest decline is in 20- to 24-year-old age group, which is down from 2010 to 2011 from 46 percent to 33 percent.

Other New Business

1. The next scheduled Health Board meeting will be held on November 21, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. in the first floor meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Gerald Pees and a second by Paul Liechti.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Partridge,
Secretary

Present: David Ambler
Amy Biel
Ray Davis
Paul Liechti
Gerald Pees
Shirley Martin-Smith
Carol Seager
Ex Officio: Dan Partridge
Other: Karrey Britt
Charlie Bryan
Kim Ens
Colleen Hill
Lisa Horn
Jessica Kessinger
Charlotte Marthaler