



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health



Thursday, February 8, 2018

5:30 PM

Regular

Department of Public
Health and Human
Services
Training Room 1
1005 W. Worley St.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Szewczyk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Staff Present: Scott Clardy and Amy Larkin

Janet Thompson represented the Boone County Commission

Present: 9 - Cynthia Boley, Harry Feirman, Lynelle Phillips, Jean Sax, Mahree Skala, David Sohl, Michael Szewczyk, Mary Gadbois and Angie Bass

Excused: 2 - Elizabeth Hussey and Denise Stillson

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Sohl, seconded by Mr. Feirman and carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

A motion was made by Ms. Skala, seconded by Ms. Phillips and carried.

Attachments: January 16, 2018 Minutes-DRAFT

IV. REPORTS

Directors Report

Attachments: [BOH Director's report 2-08-17](#)

Mr. Clardy reported that Boone County is mirroring the rest of the country regarding influenza. Numbers of cases are continuing to be elevated. While the majority of cases are influenza A, we are seeing significant increases in influenza B over the past couple of weeks. Ms. Phillips asked about the supply of Tamiflu and flu shots and whether or not it is still recommended to be vaccinated. Mr. Clardy stated that the supply of adult Tamiflu is fine, but he had heard it was harder for parents to find liquid

Tamiflu for children. The supply of flu vaccine is fine and it is still recommended that those you have not been vaccinated, should be. Mr. Feirman stated he was under the impression that elderly patients were at higher risk, but it seems younger people are at higher risk. Mr. Clardy said the highest number of influenza cases has been in the 25-49 age group. He added that this could be due to seniors receiving the higher dose flu vaccine.

Mr. Clardy then reported that the Health Department is updating the Community Health Assessment from 2013.

Legislative Report

Attachments: BOH Legislative report 02-08-18

Mr. Clardy reported that no new bills have been added to the report since last month. There was a hearing on HB1554 which allows a person with certain serious medical conditions to use medical cannabis.

Representative Rehder's HB1620 allows hypodermic needles to be exchanged without a person being charged for drug paraphernalia. It has been voted out of committee and is moving forward.

Ms. Skala asked about the Medicaid Work Requirement. She wondered how that would interfere with women with children of low incomes, and that the Board should see where that bill goes.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was reauthorized for six years. The latest Senate plan calls for an additional four years, for a total of ten years. This version will need to pass the Senate, and then be passed by the House. The Prevention and Public Health Fund, which provides 12% of CDC's budget, has received some cuts.

Chairperson's Report

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) has been reviewing the Human Rights Campaigns of Municipal Equality Index for 2018, which includes bonus points for cities that enact laws to protect youth from gender conversion therapy. The HRC has requested the Board of Health review literature on conversion therapy and provide input as to whether an ordinance is needed regarding conversion therapy.

The Board questioned if anyone practices conversion therapy in Columbia or any part of the state and wondered why the HRC would want to pursue the issue. Dr. Szewczyk asked if there are any other boards that focus on mental health that may be better suited to look into this issue. The Board questioned whether they should discuss the issue without direction from City Council.

Dr. Szewczyk asked Ms. Thompson if this issue has come up in discussions that the Children's Services Board has had regarding funding of programs that support mental health. She said that she hadn't heard of it coming up, but she would confer with Kelly Wallis and the Children's Services Board to confirm.

Dr. Szewczyk noted that the Board need more information, but options that could be considered, included:

- Have Ms. Thompson discuss this with the Children's Service Board and report back to the Board at the next meeting.
- Asking someone from the HRC to talk to the Board regarding the issue.
- Forming a subcommittee to look into the issue and bring back information to the Board. This would better educate the Board on what the issues are and the prevalence of the problem.

A motion was made by Dr. Gadbois, seconded by Mr. Sohl to have the Human Rights Commission present to the Board of Health.

Mr. Clardy said he would ask the HRC to present at the March meeting. It was requested that the HRC provide the Board with any background information that would be beneficial.

A motion was made by Dr. Gadbois, seconded by Mr. Sohl to have the Human Rights Commission present to the Board of Health.

Yes: 9 - Boley, Feirman, Phillips, Sax, Skala, Sohl, Szewczyk, Gadbois and Bass

Excused: 2 - Hussey and Stillson

County Commissioner Report

Ms. Thompson discussed the NACo Health & Justice Forum conference

she attended in January regarding the intersection of health and justice. Ms. Thompson and the incoming president for the American Psychiatric Association spoke at the conference. She is willing to visit Columbia to speak about how Memphis is working on a health and justice forum and what our community can do.

The County Commissioners have been in contact with some lawyers who are working with municipalities and counties across the country regarding how to address the opioid crisis. The lawyers are looking into litigation holding the pharmaceutical companies accountable for convincing doctors to over prescribe opioids over the last several years.

Dr. Szewczyk told a story of a doctor in Columbia, years ago, who got in trouble from the Board of Healing Arts. The board sanctioned him for not prescribing pain meds to patients. He went on to say that, at that time, the Joint Commission was telling physicians to consider pain level to be the fifth vital sign and to administer more pain meds, if necessary. Ms. Skala commented she had read an article about the family who invented and marketed Oxycontin and how they modeled their marketing method from the tobacco industry. She agreed to send the link to the Board.

Ms. Thompson added that the lawyers said they weren't seeking state settlements. They are working with local governments to get more effective results for communities.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

Climate Action and Adaption Planning Process

Barbara Buffaloe, City of Columbia Sustainability Manager

Attachments: Climate Action & Adaptation Planning-Barbara Buffaloe

Ms. Buffaloe went through the history of how Columbia joined the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (an international alliance of cities and communities supporting voluntary action to combat climate change and movement to a resilient society) in 2017. This called for a Climate Action and Adaption Plan which is to be presented to the City Council by June 2019.

The plan will focus on:

- Energy Supply-“advance utility scale renewable energy”
- Building Energy Efficiency and On-site Renewable Energy-“make existing homes more efficient”

- Transportation-“drive adoption of multimodal transport”
- Solid Waste-“road to zero waste”

Some of the adaption strategies generally used are:

- Increase biodiversity
- Incentivize water conservation
- Increase urban tree canopy and green infrastructure to make us resilient to flooding or hotter weather

Human health is also affected by climate change. Public health can be affected by disruption of physical, biological, and ecological systems, including disturbances originating here and elsewhere.

The action plan group has contacted Cascadia Consulting Group to assist with this process. They will be working with local experts on completing the Climate Vulnerability Assessment.

There will be opportunities for public engagement through Boards and Commissions and community workshops will be held.

There was discussion related to extreme weather issues and the threats to mental health.

Ms. Buffaloe noted that in addition to community outreach and working with the consultants, they have a team looking at climate vulnerabilities, in particular as it relates to infrastructure design. For example - if our water treatment plant is on the Missouri River, how do we continue to have fresh water supplies?

VI. OLD BUSINESS

City Council/Request-Medical Marijuana Initiative Petition

City Council passed the resolution related to medical marijuana after it was revised by the Mayor. The support for the specific initiative petition was removed. However, the first part of supporting medical marijuana legislation was endorsed. None of the other specifics added by the Board were endorsed.

Update on Status for Tobacco Retailer Licensure

Mr. Clardy reported that the Law Department continues to review the ordinance. He is hopeful to have more to report at the next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS**Schedule for Upcoming Site Visits**

Dr. Szewczyk mentioned it would be best to prioritize upcoming site visits by location and time of year. Some of the site visit possibilities previously discussed include the landfill, waste water treatment facility, MU power plant, City power plant and the recycling center.

The board discussed that the MU power plant can only be toured during the day. Friday afternoons work best for most of the Board members. The Board decided on the following dates and times: landfill in September, MU Research Reactor on the second Friday in June, Wastewater Treatment on April 12 at 5:00 p.m.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 8, 2018

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Skala, seconded by Dr. Szewczyk to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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