



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health



Thursday, November 8, 2018

5:30 PM

Regular

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 9, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

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

Attachments: [August 9, 2018-DRAFT](#)

IV. REPORTS

Directors Report

Ms. Browning reported that the Community Health Assessment is finished and the document is being prepared for publication. The four priority areas have been identified for the next Community Health Improvement Plan. The four priority areas include: basic needs; mental health; medical/dental; and safe, healthy and affordable housing. There is an action team working to develop goals and strategies for each priority area.

Legislative Report

As the Missouri Legislature is not in session, no report was provided. Dr. Szewczyk asked if Dr. Schaaf was still in the Senate. Mr. Clardy indicated that his term had ended. Mr. Clardy noted that Caleb Rowden is the new majority leader in the Senate.

County Commissioner Report

Ms. Thompson reported that the Missouri Association of Counties has awarded the Live Well by Faith (LWBF) program with an achievement award this year. Ms.

Browning explained the LWBF program grew out of the last Community Health Improvement Plan. LWBF works with the historical black churches in the community and focuses on diabetes and hypertension. Ms. Thompson plans to nominate LWBF for the 100 Best Ideas award of the National Association of Counties.

Chairperson's Report

The Board discussed the passage of Amendment 2. Dr. Szewczyk mentioned having a speaker come to talk to the Board regarding how the Missouri plans to implement medical marijuana.

Mr. Feirman asked what the Missouri State Medical Association (MSMA) view on medical marijuana was. Dr. Szewczyk said they opposed it aggressively.

Dr. Szewczyk said physicians providing recommendations for medical marijuana could be provided legal protection locally. However, physicians who prescribe drugs need a Federal DEA number, which is governed by Federal laws.

The discussion moved to opioids, including some discussion on over-prescribing of opioids. Ms. Browning said that St. Louis has an advisory board that is set up to trigger over-prescribers. The St. Louis Department of Health director can contact doctors who are over-prescribing, theoretically they could contact someone in Boone County. However, she cannot do this for Boone County since the authority lies with St. Louis County.

Ninety percent of Missouri providers and seventy-two percent of the state's population are in counties are covered by the St. Louis County PDMP.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

Attachments: [Health Assessment Plan](#)
[2018 Short Public Health and Security for Bd of Health](#)

Ms. Amparan is a member of the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Action and Adaptation Planning and a Climate Reality Leader.

Ms. Amparan provided the attached presentation and told the Board about the current status of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan in Columbia. There have been meetings to identify vulnerabilities, possible strategies, and priorities for action.

There are two opportunities to provide input. One such opportunity is by survey which was sent to the Board. There will also be a public meeting on November 28th at City Hall.

Dr. Gadbois asked if there was a plan to go into rural communities and talk with farmers regarding climate change. Ms. Amparan indicated that the Sierra Club is one group she works with that has started a national agriculture effort to help raise

awareness.

Dr. Szewczyk asked how to explain natural warming and cooling cycles to naysayers. Ms. Amparan explained there are natural cycles and if we were following natural cycles, but scientists tell us that we should currently be in a cooling climate not a warming climate. Natural cycles are affected by the Earth's orbit, solar sun spot cycles, and other things. Scientists have been studying climate change for decades and have concluded that greenhouse emissions are causing the problem. There was discussion regarding livestock contributing methane; however, carbon dioxide is the primary concern currently.

China, United States, and Europe are the largest emitters of greenhouse emissions. China is moving forward more aggressively than the United States concerning renewable energy. In the United States our per capita carbon footprint is much higher than in China.

If individuals are interested in determining their personal carbon footprint, Ms. Amparan indicated there are carbon calculators online or she has a blog, slowingclimatechange.blogspot.com, where one can determine their footprint.

Ms. Rubin asked if there is any modeling on death rates should nothing be done with climate change. Ms. Amparan said none that she has seen.

Ms. Phillips asked if there was anything the Board of Health could do to support the task force. Ms. Amparan suggested the Board may wish to provide input regarding the related strategies. She also indicated it would be helpful to have Board support when the plan goes to the City Council.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlyS9B9znf8&t=192s>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Tobacco Retail Licensing

The City Council discussed Tobacco Retail Licensing at the November 5th meeting. The Council asked staff to propose an ordinance for their consideration.

Ms. Browning is working with the business license administrator to determine the licensing process prior to proposing the ordinance. This would allow the industry to understand how the licensing process will work prior to passage of the ordinance.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. Sax said she thought the Board should bring up enforcing helmet laws with the scooters around town. Dr. Szewczyk said he would send an article to the Board

regarding law suits from people being injured on the scooters. The City Council is supposed to talk about it at their next meeting.

Dr. Szewczyk mentioned information included with the utility bill newsletter discussing bike boulevards that run in the center of the roads. Ms. Browning said they have some that already exist that aren't on the main roads. Ms. Sax said she doesn't see those being safe with snow and ice.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

December 13, 2018

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Gadbois, seconded by Ms. Rubin to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm.