



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Board of Health



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Thursday, November 14, 2019

5:30 PM

Regular

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

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Skala called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Cynthia Boley, Elizabeth Hussey, Mahree Skala, Mary Gadbois, Angie Bass, Leona Rubin and Kathleen McKinney

**Excused:** 4 - Harry Feirman, Michael Szewczyk, Paula Williams and Lynelle Phillips

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Dr. Hussey, seconded by Ms. Boley and carried.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 10, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

A motion was made by Ms. Rubin, seconded by Dr. Gadbois and carried.

**Attachments:** [October 10, 2019 BOH Minutes-DRAFT](#)

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

**Follow Up: Vaping Report to City Council**

Ms. Browning informed Board members regarding City Council's response to the Board's letter on a moratorium on flavored vaping products. Ms. Browning said the Council was not interested at this time in a moratorium. However, some of the Council members were interested in exploring the issue further if the Board could provide a detailed report with health issues from vaping, what actions other cities are taking, and the statistics on how enforcing compliance checks with Tobacco 21 is helping.

Ms. Skala told the Board that she, Ms. Browning, and Ms. Shikles were invited and attended a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) meeting. The members of YAC were very interested in learning more about vaping and actions that can be taken to help prevent youth from vaping. YAC members were interested in policy options such as banning flavors, and certain distances of vape shops from schools, as well as Columbia Public Schools policies.

Ms. Browning told the Board that she and Ms. Skala had discussed how to approach the report for City Council. They felt it should include best practices along with statistics and reports regarding the enforcement of Tobacco 21. The report should also include thoughts and comments regarding vaping from community youth.

There was a discussion on the federal government's dealings with vaping and how they are approaching banning or enforcing sales of flavored vape products.

Ms. Bass asked how the Board felt about engaging the Board of Education to see what the Board could do with interested stakeholders to increase enforcement and prevention of youth vaping. There was discussion on CPS policies and practices when kids are caught vaping, and how there aren't many cessation programs for youth since none of the products have been tested on those under 18.

Following further discussion, Ms. Skala went over actions the Board decided to explore, which include parent education, smoking cessation programs for youth, social media campaigns, and continuing pressing City Council by providing the requested report. The Board decided to draft a letter inviting Columbia Public Schools (CPS), YAC, and the Substance

Abuse Advisory Commission (SAAC) to partner with the Board in addressing youth vaping. Ms. Browning mentioned having Ginny Chadwick, Michelle Shikles, and Jen Watson (the Smoking Cessation nurse at PHHS) speak at the Board meeting if CPS, YAC, and the SAAC attend.

The Board discussed how there needed to be more education among teachers, parents, physicians; materials on screening; a curriculum for students, and a possible University partnership on a PSA.

Dr. Gadbois asked when PHHS was going to start Tobacco 21 enforcement. Ms. Browning said the enforcement officer was starting in December, then they had to hire young adults 18-20 since the FDA already does compliance checks for under 18. It was brought up that the FDA only tries to buy regular tobacco products so they should hire some under 18. Ms. Bass asked what happened if the store clerk denied a sale to someone under 21. Ms. Browning explained the procedure.

The Board summarized what they decided they should do.

1. Send out letters to CPS, YAC, and SAAC
2. Find a contact liaison through the University.
3. Develop a detailed report for City Council- Ms. Rubin volunteered to do some research on the detrimental effects.
4. Contact Kevin Everett regarding research on cessation.
5. Contact the vape shop that spoke at City Council meeting about actions they would be interested in taking.

Dr. Gadbois asked if the Board had any thoughts or concerns on the active shooter drills done in schools. She said the articles she has read on the subject say that they are not effective and are causing mental health issues among youth.

**V. REPORTS****Director's Report**

Ms. Browning stated that PHHS still had a vacant nurse position, lost another Environmental Health Specialist to the State, and that they now had a vacant Public Health Planner position due to Rebecca Roesslet being promoted to Sarah Rainey's position.

**VI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Ms. Skala spoke to the Board regarding attendance, asking to please respond to the emails sent out by PHHS staff immediately. Ms. Skala asked Ms. Browning to send the Board bylaws to all members.

Ms. Bass asked if there was a way PHHS could send out calendar invites. Ms. Browning said that they would look into setting up a way to do calendar invites.

The Board decided that they would not hold a December meeting and they would get the letter drafted and sent in December to CPS, YAC, and SAAC to see if they could come to the January 9th meeting.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

January 9, 2019

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Gadbois, seconded by Ms. Rubin to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.