

**Meeting Summary of the Regular Meeting of
Chicago Board of Health
CDPH Board Room, 2nd Floor
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street
Wednesday, April 16, 2014**

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President
Carl C. Bell, M.D.
Melanie Dreher, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N.
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.
Victor Gonzalez
Steven K. Rothschild, M.D.
Horace E. Smith, M.D.
Joseph B. Starshak

Board Members Absent:

Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.

For the Department:

Bechara Choucair, M.D., Commissioner

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The Board approved minutes from the following meetings: December 2013, February 2014, and March 2014.

Commissioner's Report and Healthy Chicago Update: Commissioner Bechara Choucair, M.D. provided an update on the following items:

- The Mayor made a press announcement on the historic decrease in youth smoking rates yesterday. According to the most recent Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System data, in 2013, 10.7% of high school students smoked a cigarette within the last 30 days. This change is a more than 20% decrease in youth smoking since 2011 and a nearly 60% drop since 2001. These decreases were seen in all genders and racial/ethnic populations. In addition, several congressmen are asking the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to regulate e-cigarettes due to their marketing to youth.
- CDPH recently released a new report, *Chicago Hospitals and the Affordable Care Act: New Opportunities for Prevention*. The report summarizes new requirements for charitable hospitals under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), priority health issues hospitals identified in Community Health Needs Assessments and best practices for addressing priority health issues. Not surprisingly, many of the hospital priorities are aligned with our Healthy Chicago priorities. We've been meeting with local hospitals and Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council to share our findings and encourage collaboration both across hospitals and with CDPH. A copy of the report is included in your packet.
- This month is the one-year anniversary of CDPH's launch of Foodborne Chicago (@foodbornechi), which identifies public tweets from residents and visitors about food poisoning and then replies privately, providing assistance for the individual to file an online complaint through 311. An alert is then sent automatically to CDPH's Food Protection Program to investigate the complaint. In its first year, Foodborne Chicago led to 174 food poisoning reports submitted to CDPH. Other cities are looking into developing a similar type of service.

Comments from Board President: President Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D thanked CDPH staff and the Board of Health members for all of the efforts to reduce tobacco use in Chicago. Dr. Lopez stated that the Board of Health serves as an advisory body to the Mayor and the CDPH Commissioner and has been involved in some very exciting work this past year. Dr. Lopez invited the students to continue to attend the Board meetings to learn about public health and CDPH. Dr. Lopez also shared that she visited the Epic medical records software company's headquarters recently and encouraged everyone to follow Epic's example of dreaming big.

Policy/Legislative Update: Kendall Stagg, Director of Policy, shared the following policy updates:

- This month's policy brief addresses bicycle infrastructure, which has received more attention recently, with 20 more miles of protected bike lanes to be developed soon. Divvy ridership for this past Saturday was at a record high, and the private sector is being encouraged to make bicycle parking more readily available.

- The Illinois General Assembly is in recess until April 29.
- An unprecedented amount of activity around food regulations has been seen this year at a state level, including farmers markets, food safety training, cottage food industry, and the sale of raw milk.
- The bill to allow local control for regulation of other tobacco products passed out of the Senate and is going to the House. \

Presentation: The HIV Continuum of Care/Social Marketing Campaigns: Nik Prachand; Director of HIV/STI Surveillance, Epidemiology and Research; presented the new continuum of care model that CDPH is using to better understand the epidemic, including the number of people in care and virally suppressed, because treatment is now recognized as prevention. Nik shared that CDPH uses data from the HIV Case Surveillance System and the Medical Monitoring Project to identify people who are: (1) linked to care, (2) retained in care, (3) prescribed antiretroviral therapy (ART), and (4) virally suppressed. Findings from the 2010 data show that:

African Americans/Blacks and Black men who have sex with men (MSM) have lower percentages of being linked to care.

One of the largest gaps is the percentage of people retained in care: at 61% for all HIV+, 41% for young adults, 51% for Hispanics, 57% for females, and 44% for Hispanic MSM.

Young adults have lower percentages of being prescribed ART.

Young adults, African Americans/Blacks, females, and Black MSM have lower percentages of being virally suppressed.

The Chicago Area HIV Integrated Service Council uses the above findings and others to focus efforts and funding to reach these specific populations in need.

Stephanie Townsell, Program Director HIV Surveillance, presented CDPH's current media campaigns for this program area, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Testing Makes Us Stronger" and two "homegrown" campaigns, one that focuses on prevention and another on linkage to care. The CDC campaign will be on the EL/buses and they are still identifying the best placement for the homegrown campaigns.

Dr. Bell mentioned that behavior change occurs through communities, family, and friends and these campaigns are more individually focused. Stephanie, Nik, and Nanette Benbow shared that these campaigns are only one part of the media strategy, with other strategies addressing the community.

Dr. Rothschild asked what CDPH is doing to address retention in care. Nik agreed that this focus is important and that CDPH is working on a provider survey and reviewing the Medical Monitoring Project data. In addition, the "Bridgeworker" program focuses on retention.

New Business: None

Old Business: None.

Public Comments: Ms. Badonna Reingold asked for CDPH's response to Alderman Fioretti's resolution concerning the future of the Chicago public mental health clinics. Commissioner Choucair stated that

CDPH is reviewing at the resolution. Ms. Reingold also asked if the Board of Health could take a position about this resolution. Dr. Lopez responded that the Board could consider it, but is focused on efforts that are outcome based and are not just hearings.

Tanya Triche from the Illinois Retail Merchants Association had several questions:

- (1) *Availability of data on e-cigarettes:* Commissioner Choucair replied that this questions is being added to the 2015 CDC Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, so data will be available once that survey is completed.
- (2) *Is CDPH encouraging businesses to have bike parking and does CDPH have data on the use of bicycles as a primary mode of transportation:* Commissioner Choucair shared that the Chicago Department of Transportation leads this effort, not CDPH. However, we are supportive of efforts to increase bike parking.
- (3) *Does the City of Chicago regulate raw milk?:* Commissioner Choucair stated that raw milk is regulated at the state level.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: May 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.