

Chicago Board of Health  
Meeting Summary: May 18, 2016  
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President  
Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.  
Victor M. Gonzalez  
Steven Rothschild, M.D.  
Joseph B. Starshak

Board Members Absent

Carl C. Bell, M.D.  
Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.  
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH  
Horace E. Smith, M.D.

For the Department

Julie Morita, M.D., Commissioner

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Carolyn Lopez, M.D.

**Approval of Minutes:** November 2014 and April 2016 minutes were approved.

**Commissioner's Update:** Julie Morita, Commissioner provided the following updates:

**Healthy Chicago 2.0**

- As a result of feedback from Healthy Chicago 2.0 partners and community members, we will be providing updates quarterly (instead of monthly). The next update to the Board will be at the August meeting, with a change in update format to provide more robust info.
- On the evening of May 4<sup>th</sup> CDPH held the first, in the initial series of six, town hall style community meetings at Center on Halsted in East Lakeview. The community meetings have proven to be a dynamic forum for meaningful dialogue with residents about Healthy Chicago 2.0, and how we can all work together to improve the health and well-being of all Chicagoans. Other community meetings in the initial series have been held in Roseland, Little Village, and Austin. A meeting in Chinatown is scheduled for tonight and one for Englewood next Wednesday evening.
- We're very excited to expand efforts to implement Healthy Chicago 2.0 with the introduction of Community Seed Grants that are designed to facilitate further engagement and collaboration with community stakeholders. Under the new effort, CDPH will award up to six community seed grants, ranging between \$10,000 and \$20,000, to local non-profit organizations with innovative ideas on how to address health disparities at a community-level. Awards will be based on how closely programs align with the strategic goals of Healthy Chicago 2.0.

**Meningitis Response and Zika Virus**

- CDPH is actively responding to the two recent meningitis cases confirmed as part of the ongoing outbreak that began in June 2015. To date, there are 9 total cases reported in the outbreak, resulting in one fatality. CDPH has distributed more than 18,000 doses of vaccine to 82 vaccination sites and almost 15,000 of these doses have been administered. The Meningitis Advisory Group for Information (MAGI) convened local partners and stakeholders for a conference call on this past Monday to discuss the outbreak response moving forward including strategies for public awareness and community outreach leading up to summer events.

**Zika Virus**

- CDPH's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Allison Arwady made a return visit to WTTW's Chicago Tonight in late April to discuss the Zika Virus and the need for prospective travelers, especially women who are pregnant, to be both well informed and cautious when making their travel plans.
- Additionally, a comprehensive Zika update will go out to all Aldermen yet this week, to refresh the information that CDPH provided in late January. The update will include a social media tool-kit that will be used by Aldermen to communicate Zika related information to the residents in their Ward.

**Immunizations**

- As part of CDPH's efforts around National Infant Immunization Week, we hosted a webinar for providers, provided vaccine education for families in WIC waiting rooms and distributed materials at our most recent Vaccines for Children Program provider trainings.

**Homelessness Task Force**

- In late April, Mayor Emanuel announced the launch of a pilot program geared towards securing housing for Chicago residents who are chronically homeless. This is one of the programs generated by the Mayor's Task Force to Reduce Homelessness, of which CDPH is a member.

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Ann Cibulskis and Sheri Cohen are representing CDPH on this task force, which aligns with and supports several strategic goals of Healthy Chicago 2.0. This program is different, not only because it moves to address a universal problem faced by big cities, but because it involves reaching out to Chicago's chronic homeless on a person by person basis and works to determine their personal housing and service needs. The initial goal is to place 75 persons into housing and provide them with the support services that they need.

### **Resident Service Expos**

- CDPH was well represented at each of the five Chicago Resident Service Expos that took place on Saturdays in April and May at various locations across the city. CDPH provided services including blood pressure screenings, flu and Tdap vaccines, information on lead abatement, health insurance enrollment information, and a general resource table. Each Expo was well attended, and residents were able to take advantage of the many city services that were available at each.

### **National Prevention Week**

- The CDPH Office of Violence Prevention & Behavioral Health is working closely with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) for National Prevention Week which began this past Monday (May 15). The goal is to increase public awareness of substance abuse and mental health issues. They selected the theme "Strong as One, Stronger Together" for 2016 and everyone is encouraged to participate.

### **Leadership Team Transitions**

- After nearly three years with CDPH, First Deputy Commissioner Joe Hollendonner departed on April 26 to accept a new position as CEO of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. In this role, Joe will lead San Francisco's efforts to reduce and eliminate HIV transmission. Thanks to Joe's leadership, CDPH better-aligned its strategy to its budget, improved processes related to hiring and delegate agency contracts, and helped develop innovative program models in the fields of mental health, HIV, and violence prevention. On a personal note, Joe has been an advisor and confidant, helping me hit the ground running in my first year as Commissioner.
- After 5 years with CDPH, Managing Deputy Commissioner Jaime Dirksen has accepted a position with Trinity Health as Director of the Trinity Community Health Institute. Though Jaime will be missed greatly, her legacy at CDPH is a strong one, as we are in a better place thanks to her work. All the accomplishments in recent past would have been more difficult, taken much longer and would have been less fun without Jaime's contributions. I am certain that Jaime will achieve as much success in her new role at Trinity, where she will work across the Trinity Health System, operating in 21 states, to invest in upstream efforts that tackle the root causes of poor health. Jaime's last day at CDPH will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. We are working together now to ensure a smooth transition. In the meantime, please join me in congratulating Jaime on this new opportunity!

**Comments by the Board President:** Dr. Lopez expressed concern on the challenges to make sure grantors and funding is available for the continuous support of the many Public Health initiatives and programs.

### **Policy/Legislative Update:**

- *FDA rule.* The FDA released new tobacco and e-cigarette rules after years of development and public comment. The rules -- which cover e-cigarettes, cigars, hookah, pipe tobacco, dissolvables, and nicotine gels -- are strong, implementing a variety of rules that CDPH has been pushing for. These rules include requiring warning labels on all products, allowing states to add

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their own additional warnings, prohibiting most tobacco vending, and prohibiting free samples. Crucially, the rule requires FDA approval of all new tobacco products including all e-cigarette products that were not on the market as of February 2007 -- which means nearly all e-cigarette products. Products currently on the market may not be pulled for up to three years given the timeline for review. The FDA also announced it is launching a rulemaking process that proposes to extend the cigarette flavor ban to all cigars, and it's working to finalize the already-proposed rule requiring childproofing on e-cigarette packaging.

- *State bill: HB4212, Rep. Lightford.* This bill preempts local authority on fines for the sale of loose cigarettes -- and for sales to minors between ages 18-20. Fines would be a maximum of \$50, far outside Chicago's ranges of at least \$1000 for a first offense and \$2500 for a second offense. The bill would undermine the work we did in Chicago when we passed the tobacco reform ordinance in March and increased the fines for loosies and raised the age from 18 to 21. This bill may be called today in Springfield, and we are strongly opposing it.
- *City Council: three Chicago measures being voted on today.* Each of these measures was introduced, passed the Health and Environmental Protection committee, and now
  - Health in All Policies resolution. The resolution codifies that the City of Chicago will have a Health in All Policies approach, recognizing that health cannot be kept to a silo all departments have a role to play in promoting health. The resolution also creates a task force to create specific recommendations on how collaboration on health can be institutionalized.
  - Self-inspection of low-risk food establishments. The state requires CDPH to inspect food establishments with a certain frequency, but its funding isn't sufficient to the task. We are prioritizing high-risk restaurants over low-risk establishments like convenience stores that sell only pre-packaged items. But to meet state requirements, provide some measure of accountability, and help these stores
  - Tanning, tattoos, and body art. We're lowering the tattoo age from 21 to 18 to align with state law and acknowledge the minimal public health risk. We're also taking minor steps on tanning and body art to reconcile an ambiguity in the code and clarify minors cannot go to tanning salons. Finally, the ordinance establishes a special form for parental consent on oral piercings, in accordance with state law.

**Presentations:** CDPH Strategic Planning Update – Ann Cibulskis, Coordinating Planner

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** A member of the audience commented this BOH meeting reminded her of a recent Healthy Conference she attended and Bechara Choucair, MD. was also present and the discussion of Public Health's funding issues.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

**Next Board Meeting: June 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m.**