

Chicago Board of Health
Meeting Summary September 16, 2015
Depaul Center, 333 South State Street

Roll Call

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Carl C. Bell, M.D.
Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., D.D.S, M.P.H.
Victor M. Gonzalez
Horace E. Smith, M.D.

For the Department

Jaime Dirksen, Managing Deputy Commissioner

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Lopez, Board President

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Approval of Minutes: Due to lack of quorum, the August 20, 2015 the minutes were not approved.

Commissioner's Update: Jaime Dirksen provided the following updates:

CDPH is joining forces with Cook County Health and Hospitals System to provide 5,000 uninsured women with breast cancer screenings along with vital follow up care from diagnosis to treatment to being cancer free, up from the 2,100 women we served last year.

- CDPH will provide \$635,000 to Cook County Health and Hospital System and another \$100,000 to Roseland Community Hospital and Mercy Hospital and Health Center.
- Cook County Hospital has committed to match that investment, leading to 10,000 free mammograms for uninsured Chicago women.
- Services will now be offered at 8 locations—3 Cook County sites (Fantus, Provident, Prieto), 4 Mercy sites and Roseland Community Hospital.

The STI/HIV Bureau will expand HIV prevention and care services through a new \$3 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The expansion will focus on implementing innovative strategies to reduce HIV infections and improve engagement in care among men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender persons.

CDPH is preparing for its 12th annual Substance Abuse “Walk for Recovery.” The walk celebrates the thousands of Chicagoans in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction and the families and agencies who help and support them. It is scheduled for Sept. 26 at Garfield Park.

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) released a new video that takes viewers behind the scenes at CDPH and two other accredited health departments. The video depicts how the three health departments answered the question: “How has your health department changed as a result of going through the PHAB accreditation process?”

Dr. Cori Blum, medical director and head of our HIV Primary Care clinics, will be leaving CDPH on Sept. 18 to become a medical director at the Howard Brown Health Center. Suzet McKinney, Deputy Commissioner of the Emergency Preparedness Bureau, recently announced her resignation from CDPH after 13 years of service. Suzet will step into the role of Executive Director of the Illinois Medical District Commission.

Dr. Allison Arwady has joined CDPH as the new Chief Medical Officer. Allison is board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics and has had international, national and state public health experience. She will oversee disease prevention and control programs.

83% of our staff participated in the annual staff survey this year, finding an increase in overall job satisfaction with the majority of respondents reporting that they are happy working at CDPH.

CDPH received proposals from agencies interested in conducting community-based lead poisoning prevention activities. A total of \$173,346 is available through this RFP. CDPH will grant up to three awards, with the maximum award per agency being \$75,000.

CDPH is accepting proposals from agencies interested in the planning and implementation of the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

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We are continuing efforts against West Nile Virus by spraying to kill adult mosquitoes in parts of the southwest and northwest sides. We have sprayed three times this season.

Comments by the Board President: Dr. Lopez welcomed all the students and provided an overview of the board's history advisory role in matters of public health. She also mentioned a recent op-ed about gun violence and suicide as well as a blog about gun issues that she will share with the members of the Board.

Policy Update: Jesse Lava reported that Ald. Moreno proposed a tax on e-cigarettes. The tax would have two parts: \$0.25/mL on e-liquids and \$1.25/container. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine and produce aerosols with carcinogens like formaldehyde. E-cigarette use among U.S. youth has tripled in the last year, increasing nicotine addiction. Ald. Cardenas held a City Council hearing on the possibility of a sugar-sweetened beverage tax in Chicago. Health experts testified to the harms of sugary drinks and the importance of discouraging youth from consuming them. At City Council's meeting today, Ald. Maldonado's ordinance allowing pushcart operators to sell prepared food on the street will be voted upon. CDPH worked with Ald. Maldonado and advocates to ensure that public health would be protected—for instance by requiring that the food be made in a licensed kitchen and be packaged before sale.

The Illinois General Assembly overrode the governor's amendatory veto of HB1, which expands access to substance abuse treatment and response. Medicaid will now cover methadone, naloxone, and other opioid medications. The one-year cap on buprenorphine, which treats opioid addiction, was also removed.

There was no progress on the e-cigarette pre-market review grandfather clause. The FDA stopped the sale and distribution of four lines of cigarettes from R.J. Reynolds. The company had to prove the products were substantially similar to previous products and failed to do so. For example, new Camel Crush Bold has a menthol capsule that wasn't in a previous line. As a result, there may be new public health concerns. Enforcement will be delayed 30 days.

Presentation: Crisis Standards of Care Planning in Chicago and Illinois: An Overview – Dr. Suzet M. McKinney, Deputy Commissioner of the Emergency Preparedness Bureau, provided an overview of local and state planning efforts for healthcare systems in the event of a disaster.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

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

Next Board Meeting: October 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m.