

Chicago Board of Health
Meeting Summary: October 19, 2016
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President
Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH
Victor M. Gonzalez
Horace E. Smith, M.D.
Steven Rothschild, M.D.
Joseph B. Starshak

Board Members Absent

Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.
Carl C. Bell, M.D.

For the Department

Julie Morita, M.D., Commissioner

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: August and September 2016 minutes were approved.

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

CDPH 2017 BUDGET

Mayor Emanuel recently released his 2017 Budget Proposal to the City Council. CDPH has been very intently preparing for our City Council Budget Hearing, which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday October 26 at 10am in the City Hall Council Chambers. Commissioner Morita reported that she is especially proud of our work to align CDPH's budget proposal with the vision laid out in Healthy Chicago 2.0. She believes that the expanded support for drug treatment, violence prevention, our school based vision program, and mental health services will not only improve outcomes in Chicago but also help close the health disparities that adversely impact our most vulnerable communities and looks forward to working with other departments and agencies in 2017 as CDPH continues to expand our Health in All Policies efforts.

Commissioner Morita highlighted a few key priorities in CDPH's 2017 budget and how they aligned with the vision to improve health equity.

- In 2016, CDPH and our partners at the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago provided seed funding to six community-based organizations to jump start new initiatives in communities with the greatest need. Our 2017 budget builds on this promise of Healthy Chicago 2.0 by providing additional seed grant dollars that will help build the capacity and knowledge of small, community-based organizations to launch new, evidence-based initiatives to help develop their communities.
- Substance use disorder treatment will expand by 50 percent by increasing our investment with an additional \$700,000. These dollars will help counter the national opioid epidemic here in Chicago by increasing the availability of treatment services
- Since its launch in 2013, CDPH's school-based vision program has provided more than 64,000 pairs of eyeglasses to students at no cost to them or their families, helping ensure our children have every opportunity to succeed in the classroom. CDPH plans to build on this enormous success by investing an additional \$250,000 into the program, helping us expand to more schools and provide more exams for more children.
- Understanding that violence is a problem that requires a holistic approach across city agencies, CDPH plans to build on our successful prevention and response programs in 2017. This includes investing an additional \$250,000 in the Crisis Recovery and Response Program which deploys crisis responders to offer immediate psychological first aid and bereavement support to survivors, including family and community members, of gun violence. Survivors are assisted with their immediate needs including referrals to mental health services to minimize trauma and reduce further acts of violence. More than 597 families have been helped with this program since its launch. CDPH plans to grow our Crisis Intervention Program (CIP). When a resident in a mental health crisis is interfacing with the police, a community-based group will provide mental health triage services in a hospital setting to link the individual to appropriate mental health services. Following a successful pilot, CDPH looks to expand funding by an additional \$100,000 in 2017.

MENTAL HEALTH EXPANSION

- Cook County Health and Hospitals System will manage mental health services at our Roseland Neighborhood Health Center early next year, which will expand services for youth

and children and also allow our mental health team members to expand their work at other locations across the city.

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SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS (SBHC)

- On September 23rd, Commissioner Morita joined Mayor Emanuel, 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, CPS officials, and other stakeholders, as CDPH announced a new School Based Health (SBHC) Center at Drake Elementary School in Armour Square on the South Side. This will be the 33rd SBHC in the city and the second to be built under a pledge from Mayor Emanuel to use revenue from the e-cigarette tax to increase health services for CPS students. Once open, the site will serve as a primary medical home for 400 students and community members, providing more opportunities for our youth to get healthy and stay healthy.

ILLINOIS VACCINES FOR CHILDREN UPDATE

- Due to changes made to the VFC program by IDPH and HFS, as of October 1, 2016, children enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (not Medicaid or Medicaid expansion) are no longer be eligible for vaccines through the VFC program. Healthcare providers serving these children now need to purchase private stock vaccine and submit claims to their patients' insurance companies for reimbursement. Responding to provider and professional organization concerns, both Illinois VFC and Chicago VFC programs acquired approval for 317 CDC emergency fund vaccine on September 30, 2016. It is available to a limited number of providers for a 6-8 week transition period after the October 1, 2016 implementation date or until funds are depleted.
- CDPH has made vaccine available for Title 21 patients at 5 Fast Track Immunization clinics. We do not expect the 317 vaccine to cover every Title 21 child that requires vaccination but hope that it will give providers more time to purchase private vaccine for these patients. There is a focused effort underway with CDPH, HFS and MCOs to ensure that the vaccine reimbursement process for Title 21 insured children is updated in a timely manner. CDPH continues to maintain close communication with professional provider organizations, IDPH and HFS to identify challenges associated with the transition.

FLU CLINICS

- Flu Season is almost here, and the Immunization Team is working hard to get CDPH and Chicago prepared. CDPH already launched our 2017 flu clinics, which for the second year in a row, includes events in all 50 wards. In addition, CDPH will host five Family Flu clinics on November 5th and November 12th. Our ad campaign, #IGotMine, has started appearing on buses and social media, running through the end of the year. CDPH will provide flu shots at select CDPH and City of Chicago locations.

ENROLL CHICAGO

- City of Chicago efforts to enroll residents in quality, affordable health coverage continues with coordination from CDPH's Enroll Chicago initiative. The 4th open enrollment period for the private insurance Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) begins on November 1 and ends on January 31. Enrollment in Illinois Medicaid, for low and moderate income residents, is all year around. CDPH is closely coordinating with City Departments, Sister Agencies, and community stakeholders on resident engagement, education and enrollment. These efforts align with the Health Chicago 2.0 strategic priorities.
- CDPH recently coordinated with the Office of Emergency Management and Communications

(OEMC) to have a message played to 311 callers during the open enrollment period: "IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. BE SURE TO ENROLL BY JANUARY 31ST TO AVOID PAYING A FINE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND TO GET FREE EXPERT HELP NEAR YOU, VISIT GETCOVEREDILLINOIS.GOV OR CALL [1-866-311-1119](tel:1-866-311-1119)"

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BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (Before the next Board meeting)

- Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH October 31
- Victor M. Gonzalez November 2
- Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D. November 4

Commissioner Morita thanked them for their years of dedicated service to residents of the City of Chicago.

Comments by the Board President: Dr. Lopez welcomed the students and provided an overview of the board's history and explained the board's advisory role in matters of infectious disease and health issues affecting public health.

Policy Update: Jesse Lava provided the following policy updates:

- The Heroin Task Force report was released and included a variety of recommendations. I'll get to those in the presentation so I'll hold back on that now.
- Commissioner Morita submitted public comments to HFS on the proposed 1115 waiver for Medicaid. As you may recall, the waiver will request \$1.2 billion targeting behavioral health, with the expectation that these investments will save dollars over the long run. Our public comments said the vision is right and the strategies are promising. Investing in behavioral health is a great way to serve human needs while reducing costs since the subset of the population with behavioral health issues now consume a disproportionate amount of our state's Medicaid resources. Now it's time to flesh out the details to ensure the vision is fulfilled. These details include financing priorities, the need for rate reform, and other areas.
- The Health in All Policies Task Force has created a working group that is meeting monthly and will soon be developing recommendations on how City departments can work more effectively to promote health.

Presentations: "Chicago's Work to Defeat the Opioid Epidemic" - Jesse Lava, Policy Director and "CDPH Strategic Plan & Implementation" - Megan Cunningham, Managing Deputy Commissioner and Ann Cibulskis, Coordinating Planner

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: Students asked questions related to Jesse Lava's presentation: Cook County's Methadone program, opioid education and destigmatizing, and the current tools to measure demographic opioid use.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.