

Chicago Board of Health  
Meeting Summary: August 17, 2016  
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President  
Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.  
Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.  
Victor M. Gonzalez  
Steven Rothschild, M.D.  
Horace E. Smith, M.D.

Board Members Absent

Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH  
Carl C. Bell, M.D.  
Joseph B. Starshak

For the Department

Julie Morita, M.D., Commissioner

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Carolyn Lopez, M.D.

**Approval of Minutes:** July 2016 minutes were approved.

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

**U.S. Surgeon General Visit to Chicago**

- At the invitation of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy visited Chicago last Wednesday to discuss the prescription opioid epidemic. Commissioner Morita joined a small group of local leaders for a meet and greet with Dr. Murthy to discuss opioids, and attended a panel discussion that Dr. Murthy led with doctors and University of Chicago Medical Students. At the event, Dr. Murthy discussed the #TurnTheTide campaign, which is designed to educate prescribers about the opioid epidemic, mobilize health care professionals to improve prescribing practices, provide the public with information to protect themselves and their families from opioid misuse and overdose, and change the cultural perceptions of addiction, so that it is seen not as a moral failing but a chronic illness that must be treated with skill, urgency and compassion.

**City Club Talk**

- Recently, Commissioner Morita accepted an invitation from the City Club to talk about CDPH and the great work that we do. The presentation, which is part of the City Club's on-going public affairs lunch forum series, will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at Maggiano's Banquets on Grand Avenue. The event begins at 11am.

**West Nile Virus**

- Commissioner Morita reported on August 2<sup>nd</sup> the mosquito abatement program sprayed insecticide in parts of the Auburn Gresham, Chatham and Washington Heights communities on the South Side to reduce mosquitoes that may cause West Nile Virus. This was the first time that the program sprayed this summer. The spraying continued on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in parts of the Albany Park, Forest Glen, North Park and Norwood Park communities on the Northwest side, and parts of the Ashburn, Chicago Lawn, Gage Park, New City, West Englewood and West Lawn communities. Most recently, parts of the Portage Park, Dunning, and Jefferson Park communities on the Northwest Side were sprayed last night. Tonight, weather permitting; the mosquito abatement program will spray parts of the Chicago Lawn and West Lawn communities on the South Side, and parts of the Humboldt Park, West Garfield Park and East Garfield Park communities on the West Side. Decisions to spray are based on the results from CDPH's citywide mosquito surveillance program, and follow the spring CDPH citywide application of larviciding agents in catch basins to kill mosquito larva.

**Lakeview Health Clinic**

- Commissioner Morita announced the CDPH Lakeview Specialty Clinic will officially re-open in its new location. Tomorrow, Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-5:30pm, CDPH, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC), and PrEP4Love will be hosting a wonderful Community Open House event with giveaways, refreshments, and more. The Clinic is located at 2849 N. Clark Street, on the 1st Floor.

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**Smoking Cessation**

- “Nobody Quits Like Chicago: Smoking Cessation Awareness Week,” is moving from August to November. This will allow us to more closely tie our efforts to the Great American Smoke Out. The new dates will be November 14-18, 2016. There will be a week’s worth of events and activities designed to unify and motivate smokers to give up a dangerous and costly habit.

**Immunization**

**Back to School**

- CDPH has launched our annual Back to School Vaccination Campaign that reminds parents to immunize their children before schools starts to help keep them healthy. This year’s campaign includes print and CTA ads, free clinics around the city, and a presence at this past Saturday’s Bud Billiken Day Parade that was held on the South Side.

**Influenza Prevention**

- Tomorrow morning, in preparation for flu season, CDPH’s Immunization Team is hosting the 1st Annual Ward Flu Clinic Aldermanic Staff Breakfast. The program will share new information about influenza statistics for each Ward and discuss ways that collaborative efforts can increase flu vaccinations across the city.

**CDPH All-Staff Meeting**

- The CDPH 2016 All Staff Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at South Shore Prep High School, located on the South Side at 1955 E. 75<sup>th</sup>. This year’s program will have staff led workshops and training sessions, and is built around four key goals:
  1. Improving Health Equity
  2. Building Cultural Awareness
  3. Living Healthier Lives
  4. Developing Professionally

**Executive Team**

- Lastly, Commissioner Morita introduced CDPH’s new Managing Deputy Commissioner, Megan Cunningham. Megan started just yesterday. She was the strongest candidate for this position because of her excellent interpersonal skills, outstanding management/supervisory skills and her recent experience overseeing operations of the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) for the NYC Health and Hospital System. Over the course of her 3 years at the ACO, Megan held three increasingly responsible positions after demonstrating her strong leadership and managerial skills. In addition, to overseeing the Planning, Grants, Organizational Development and Epidemiology Units and the External Affairs Bureau (led by Deputy Commissioner, Brian Richardson), Megan will be continuing the work that Jaime started with Healthy Chicago 2.0. I am confident Megan will provide the support that these units need so they can be as efficient and effective as possible.

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**Comments by the Board President:**

Dr. Lopez welcomed the journalism students from Columbia College 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/Legislative Updates:** Jesse Lava, Director of Policy provided the following four updates:

- Last month, the city passed an ordinance making our produce stand program permanent to help ensure more Chicagoans, especially those in low access areas, can buy fresh produce on the street. Now we're moving from the ordinance phase to implementation, which means we'll be reaching out get more businesses involved in the program.
- As a first step in making Chicago a trauma-informed city, we are continuing our partnership with Presence Health to ensure training for aldermanic staff in mental health first aid. So far, staff members of at least 21 wards have received training.
- Our Health in All Policies task force is proceeding to meet monthly, and a working group will be soon be developing recommendations on how City departments can work more effectively to promote health.
- We are beginning to prepare for the 2017 City Council budget hearings, which will happen in the fall. This hearing is an opportunity that shows aldermen the work we're doing to promote health among Chicago residents and introduce them to any new initiatives we're undertaking. We are developing these initiatives now and will have more information to share in the months ahead.

**Presentations:** "HIV/STI Bureau: Goals and Direction" - Dave Kern - Deputy Commissioner, HIV/STI Bureau

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Next Board Meeting: September 21, 2016, 9:00 a.m.**