

Chicago Board of Health  
Meeting Summary: July 20, 2016  
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President  
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH  
Steven Rothschild, M.D.  
Joseph B. Starshak  
Horace E. Smith, M.D.

Board Members Absent

Carl C. Bell, M.D.  
Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.  
Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.  
Victor M. Gonzalez

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:** July 2016 minutes were approved.

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

**Centers for Disease Control (CDC)/ Chicago Department of Public Health Congressional Briefings:**

- On June 28<sup>th</sup>, CDPH and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) hosted a delegation of Chicago area Congressional staff at Rush hospital to discuss the Chicago Public Health system and how CDPH and CDC collaborate to prevent and control infectious diseases. CDC and the CDPH team, led by Dr. Stephanie Black, Co-Medical Director of the Communicable Disease Program briefed the Congressional staff on topics including hospital infection control, antibiotic resistance, disease outbreak response, Ebola and Zika.

**Big City Health Coalition (BCHC)**

- Dr. Morita attended the BCHC in-person meeting on July 18-19 with lead health officials. The meeting provides health officials with the opportunity to exchange ideas and address a wide range of health issues, including nutrition and tobacco policy, bioterrorism preparedness, environmental challenges, school health, and infectious disease.

**Zika Roundtable Discussion**

- On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Morita met with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin and several doctors from Northwestern's Prentice Hospital and other area healthcare providers for a round table discussion on the status of Zika in our region. They were asked, how they would work together to protect our residents from Zika? Senator Durbin called on his Congressional colleagues to pass dedicated Zika funding that will give Chicago, the region and the rest of the U.S. the necessary resources to protect residents.

**PlayStreets 2016**

- July 10-16 was PlayStreets Week. PlayStreets is a CDPH initiative that creates 150 fun events in 2016 for children and their families to get outside and get active. It focuses on those neighborhoods that lack safe play spaces and have high rates of childhood obesity.
- PlayStreets events include closing down residential streets to traffic for 3 hours, then providing structured and unstructured play activities for youth and families. We work with more than 20 community-based organizations that organize each event, and provide health snacks, education opportunities and activities that are in line with what people in each respective neighborhood love to do.

**Lakeview Health Clinic**

- The Lakeview STI Specialty Clinic has moved into its new space at 2849 N. Clark on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The clinic opened officially on July 11<sup>th</sup>, and staff served more than a dozen patients on the first day.

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**Foodborne Illness Response**

- During the week of June 27, CDPH identified an outbreak of STEC E.coli that was traced to a local Mexican restaurant in Pilsen. We began working immediately with the restaurant management which closed at our request. During the outbreak, there were over 60 people sick, with over 20 hospitalized. The outbreak was contained and addressed by the incredible work of our Communicable Disease and Food Protection teams.

**Preparedness**

- From June 13-17, the CDPH Preparedness team completed a 4 day full-scale exercise that was collaboration between multiple City, State and Federal Partners. Significant national focus was placed on the exercise, as it preceded the Republican National Convention which began on Monday in Cleveland, Ohio. The exercise tested many elements of operational readiness for medical material management and distribution, medical countermeasures dispensing, and activating the Public Health Emergency Operations Center.
- CDPH was well represented at the Illinois Department of Public Health 2016 Integrated Public Health and Healthcare System Preparedness Summit from June 21-23. CDPH presented at 2 breakout sessions, 2 panels and 2 poster sessions on topics as varied as Chicago Healthcare Dashboard: Hospital SURGE and Intelligence Sharing; The Different Roles and Responsibilities in a Foodborne Illness Outbreak; An Affordable Care Act and Emergency Preparedness Poster session; and Responding to Health Care Surges During Large Public Events.

**Special Event Support**

- CDPH continues to provide planning and support during Chicago's major summer events. Our Emergency Preparedness team was on site during the Pride Parade and multiple 4<sup>th</sup> July celebrations. Our Food Protection team was at the Taste of Chicago, conducting regular inspections to ensure the safety of the food served.

**Additional Mental Health First Aid Training**

- Additional Mental First Aid (MHFA) training opportunities were offered to Aldermen and their staff in July and August. The MHFA training is designed to increase the capacity of frontline Aldermanic staff to identify residents facing mental health and substance use issues, and connect them to appropriate resources.
- The initial series of MHFA trainings for Aldermen and their staff were conducted in June with more than 30 aldermanic staff, from 17 Wards, completing the training. Feedback from MHFA training participants has been very positive. The Mental Health First Aid training is made available through our partners at Presence Health and is facilitated by Trilogy Health.

**CDPH Leadership Team**

- Fikirte Wagaw returned to CDPH as the First Deputy Commissioner in mid-June. She attended today's Board Health meeting and was introduced by Commissioner Morita.

**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.

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**Policy/Legislative Updates:** Jesse Lava, Director of Policy provided the following updates:

**Produce stands**

- The City Council's Committee on Health and Environmental Protection passed a CDPH ordinance to improve our produce stand pilot program and make it permanent. The ordinance is expected to pass the full City Council. The program is aimed to expand produce access not just in areas where nutritious food is abundant but also in areas where grocery stores are sparse.
- Since 2012, stands have appeared in areas ranging from Streeterville to Lawndale. Yet the program has seen operational challenges impeding sustainability. Our improvements include items to promote profitability -- like allowing vendors to sell beverages beyond bottled water as long as there's no added sugar, cutting the price of a license from \$275 to \$125, and requiring a lower percentage of stands to be in low-access areas. An increased number of permits will be made available along with outreach to increase the number of participating businesses to attempt a variety of models to achieve success.

**Pfizer agreement**

- The City has made an agreement with Pfizer committing the company to strict standards for the marketing and promotion of prescription opioids. The agreement says Pfizer will fairly and accurately disclose the risks of opioids in its promotional activities and external communications, including through its sales representatives who promote drugs directly to doctors. Specifically, the company will disclose the risk of addiction, even when the drugs are used as directed; disclose there are no good studies of the use of these products longer than 12 weeks; refrain from promoting opioids for off-label uses; include information on addiction and abuse; maintain and promote a non-marketing website; fund continuing medical education programs aimed at increasing prescribers' awareness of the risks of opioid addiction and abuse.

**Tobacco**

- On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the smoking age went up to 21. And on July 12, the ban on smokeless tobacco in ballparks went into effect.

**Sick days**

- The City Council passed an ordinance allowing workers at Chicago businesses to earn up to five sick days a year and carry over two and a half. The vote was 48-0. This ordinance is seen as pro-health and pro-family.

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**Stopgap budget**

- The stopgap budget in Springfield is helping to pay CDPH bills such as our tobacco grant. However, we are receiving cuts in family case management and maternal and child health -- representing a 13% cut in that area's overall budget. Moreover, the stopgap is not a real budget. It's restricted to FY2016, and even then, it isn't balanced and doesn't fully cover costs. The social service safety net in Illinois is still fraying and nonprofits are continuing to lay people off. We are hopeful that a more sustainable solution can be reached next year, though even then, some of the damage is probably irreversible, as places like Lutheran Social Services won't be able to simply hire back everyone at once and get their programs up and running with no additional start-up costs. City Council passed an ordinance allowing workers to earn up to five sick days a year and carry over two and a half. The vote was 48-0. This ordinance is seen as pro-health and pro-family.

**Presentations:** "Healthy Chicago Babies" - Deputy Commissioner and Chief Program Officer - Kai Tao

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Morita answered the following questions:

- What is the status of Community Seed Grants? Over 100 applications were received and 6 applications made it through the finals. Awardees will be announced by next month.
- Has the Heroin Task Force Report been completed? The report will be finalized next month.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:**

Kai Tao, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Program Officer answered the following questions:

- How do you identify post-partum depression? Post-partum depression screens are conducted on all patients, patients are connected to a Federal Qualified Clinic if needed, and social workers are assigned.
- How do you promote breastfeeding? CDPH has a breastfeeding initiative to educate pregnant moms and inform them about the benefits of breastfeeding.
- How do you improve WIC services? CDPH updates WIC services to promote and provide these services to eligible moms.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 9:00 a.m.**