

Chicago Board of Health
Meeting Summary September 19, 2018
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Juan M. Calderón
Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.
Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH
Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President
Joseph B. Starshak

Board Members Absent

Victor M. Gonzalez
Steven Rothschild, M.D.
Horace E. Smith, M.D.

For the Department

Fikirte Wagaw, MPH, First Deputy Commissioner

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

Approval of Minutes: The August 2018 minutes were approved with modification.

Commissioner's Update: First Deputy Commissioner Fikirte Wagaw provided the following updates:

RFP

We have released the first round of Request for Proposals connected to 'Getting to Zero- our effort to eliminate new HIV diagnoses within the next decade. CDPH will invest \$1.1 million annually in four community based organizations which will help identify, develop and implement evidence-based community programming to combat HIV prevalence among African-American and Latino gay and bisexual men, and trans-women-groups that continue to face a disproportionate burden of new HIV diagnoses.

Proposals are due October 8th, 2018.

In addition, we have also released a School- Based Oral Health Program (Program). The Program will provide preventive oral health services to all students in the Chicago Public Schools from Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade that provide a positive consent form for treatment. The children and adolescents in Chicago will benefit from improved access to oral health care with the goal of positively impacting health outcomes and school attendance. This proposal is due October 15th.

Safe Passage

It was back to school time for several CDPH staff as they joined other departments in support of safe passage. Staff was dispatched to various communities across the city during the first week of school to support our students, we are glad we were able to help and plan on participating again.

Mental Health First Aid

Chairman Mitts is hosting a mental health first aid workshop with CDPH's Office of Violence Prevention via our Resiliency in Communities after Stress and Trauma (ReCast) in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness. You are invited to participate on September 27th from

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Institute for Non-Violence, 4926 W. Chicago Ave. If you are interested please let Angelica know and she will send registration information.

Direct Funding

Commissioner Morita attended the State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the CDC, of which she is a member. She took the opportunity again to speak in favor of ensuring direct funding opportunities for large urban cities like Chicago given our unique needs. Director Redfield acknowledged the need and we remain hopeful of potential opportunities for Chicago.

Healthy Chicago 2.0 Award

CDPH and our Chicago-based design firm will be awarded the Healthy Active Community Award from the American Planning Association – Illinois Chapter at the end of the month in Springfield. The award honors the content and goals of the plan, as well as the design framework, helping ensure it can be communicated successfully to partners and residents. This will be the first planning award for CDPH and we are looking forward to it.

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Comments by the Board President:

Dr. Lopez welcomed the students from Columbia College and Rush University. She provided them with 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. In addition, Dr. Lopez explained board members promote efforts that benefit the health of the public, and today, they will join Commissioner Morita at a press conference in city hall to introduce a new proposal to increase taxes on e-cigarettes and prevent youth from a lifelong addiction. She invited the students to join them at the press conference.

Policy Update:

Angelica Alfaro, Manager of Legislative Affairs provided the following updates: Today City Council is expected to vote on a new ordinance to reduce youth tobacco use. Specifically there are two key parts of the ordinance:

- Increase e-cigarette taxes on both the amount of e-liquid that includes nicotine and the number of containers of e-liquid – discouraging residents who are price sensitive, especially young people, from trying the products and getting hooked. However, the increase is not so large as to dissuade residents who use traditional cigarettes from switching to electronic options.
- Require that tobacco product displays be behind the retail sales counters, not on top of the counter right in front of youth.

Old Business:

Dr. Lopez called BOH members asking for recommendations and topic discussions relative to their role as members.

New Business:

Juan Calderon BOH member mentioned, he emailed BOH members (3) recommendations:

- Create a subcommittee to work with Jesse Lava, Director of Policy to formulate policy recommendations and shared annually with the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Health.
- Discuss a change of venue for this year's meetings e.g. holding board meetings at different health department centers and communities.
- Invite the African American and Latino Caucus chairpersons of the city council to give a presentation/or discussion at BOH meetings that would include recommendations on all health related matters in Chicago's communities of color.

Public Comments:

A member of the audience inquired how CDPH is promoting the use of e-cigarettes. Brian Richardson, Deputy Commissioner mentioned: the city has a week in November dedicated to smoking cessation. In addition, the city has an ad campaign for no smoking indoors and instrumental in raising the purchase of tobacco to 21 years of age, increasing tobacco taxes and restricting tobacco purchase near schools. Another member of the audience asked if medical research has caught up with use of e-cigarettes. Dr. Lopez explained medical literature is starting but it's too early; however, we do know nicotine is highly addictive.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 9:00 AM