

Chicago Board of Health
Meeting Summary: June 15, 2016
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President
Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.
Caswell A. Evans, Jr., DDS, MPH
Victor M. Gonzalez
Steven Rothschild, M.D.
Joseph B. Starshak

Board Members Absent

Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.
Carl C. Bell, M.D.
Horace E. Smith, M.D.

For the Department

Julie Morita, M.D., Commissioner

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Carolyn Lopez, M.D.

Approval of Minutes: May 2016 minutes were approved.

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

Healthy Chicago 2.0

- CDPH recently hosted 6 Town Hall meetings across Chicago where we spoke to more than 250 residents about Healthy Chicago 2.0 and how they can join our efforts to create health equity and improve life in all communities. Planning is underway for continued and sustained community engagement.
- Over 100 proposals were submitted for Community Seed Grants, which are designed to facilitate further engagement and collaboration with community stakeholders regarding Healthy Chicago 2.0. CDPH will award up to six community seed grants, ranging between \$10,000 and \$20,000, to local non-profit organizations with innovative ideas on how to address health disparities at a community-level. Awards will be based on how closely programs align with the strategic goals of Healthy Chicago 2.0.

Meningitis Response

- Our outreach efforts to the LGBT community during Pride month have increased to ensure that gay and bisexual men are vaccinated. We have provided all Aldermen with updates and a social media toolkit to help spread the word, and will host vaccination drives in Boystown leading up to the Pride Parade. Over 400 people were vaccinated during the 2015 Pride weekend. Additionally, during Memorial Day weekend, we provided vaccines and information during the International Mr. Leather conference.

Petcoke

- In early June, KCBX Terminals Company confirmed removal of all petroleum coke (petcoke) storage from their southeast side facility as required by CDPH regulations. KCBX is converting to a direct transfer operation, moving petcoke from one mode of transportation to another, without storing any petcoke on the ground. On a related note, researchers at Indiana University released a report earlier this month showing that residents that live near petcoke storage piles report increased adverse health effects.

Lead Prevention

- CDPH continues to work with the Department of Water Management and Chicago Public Schools to provide medical guidance and logistical support in response to elevated levels of lead found in water at CPS buildings. CDPH helped make mobile testing sites available and are now mapping alternative testing sites (including school based health centers). CDPH nurses made direct calls to parents of children whose preliminary tests showed the possibility of elevated blood lead levels, referring them to a medical provider for a confirmatory test. Commissioner Morita emphasized that our water supply is safe.

Mental Health First Aid Training

- CDPH kicked off the series of June mental health first aid trainings for Aldermen and their staff, to increase the capacity of frontline Aldermanic staff to identify residents facing mental health and substance use issues, and connect them to the appropriate resources.

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The mental health first aid trainings are made available through our partners at Presence Health, and are facilitated by Trilogy Health.

Healthy Families

- CDPH, in partnership with Metropolitan Family Services, hosted a graduation ceremony on June 8th for eleven women and their children who participated in Healthy Families Illinois, an evidence-based program that strengthens parent/child relationships and healthy child development through intensive home visits with at-risk families. The families in the graduation ceremony successfully completed the 3-5 year program and the companion Nurturing Parenting Curriculum.

CDPH Leadership Team

- Fikirte Wagaw will be returning to CDPH as the First Deputy Commissioner. Fikirte she worked at CDPH from 1997-2009 in the HIV/STI bureau. During her time at CDPH, she served as Deputy Director, Director and Acting Assistant Commissioner. Since leaving CDPH, Fikirte has held leadership positions at not for profit organizations in Chicago including Human Resources Development, Inc., and Alliance of Community Health Services. Fikirte brings extensive knowledge of city systems/processes, strong relationships with external partners, experience with project management and excellent communication skills to our team. Fikirte will start as First Deputy Thursday, June 16th, so please join me in welcoming her!

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

Tobacco lawsuit

- Tobacco companies have sued the City of Chicago for our tax on "other tobacco products" beyond cigarettes. They are arguing that state law preempts cities from imposing taxes on any products they weren't taxing as of 1993. We have a different reading of the statute and will be defending the tax vigorously. Still, we do have a safeguard if the tax is overturned: price floors. These price floors would be adjustable for inflation each year. So while we believe key aspects of the policy goal will be met either way, we want to draw a line in the sand with the tobacco companies, and we want to preserve the revenue, which is targeted for summer programming at high schools.

Tobacco 21

- The new age minimum of 21 is going into effect on July 1. As we said before and when the law was passed, the estimates are that thousands of today's youth will live longer, healthier lives as a result of the ordinance. Over time, tobacco-related deaths will drop an estimated 10%.

Heroin Task Force

- CDPH is finalizing our recommendations. The recommendations will be in areas like education of the community, education of prescribers, and treatment, among others.

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More specifics will be given once the report is finalized and released; there is no release date yet.

Health in All Policies

- After our Health in All Policies resolution passed the City Council—codifying the importance of health to all departments’ work and requiring departments to issue a report on how best to collaborate—we had our kick off meeting of the Health in All Policies task force. Various departments had strong ideas on how to proceed, and we will be meeting monthly over the summer and fall to put together our report, with recommendations.
- Springfield. No meaningful update.

Presentations: CDPH Violence Prevention Efforts - Marlita White, Director, Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

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

Next Board Meeting: July 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m.