

## **Board of Health Meeting Minutes February 3, 2011**

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by Chair Bill Hance at 4:00 p.m. in room 212 of the Lentz Public Health Center.

### **Present**

Bill Hance, Chair  
Ruth Stewart, MD, Vice Chair  
Carol Etherington, MSN, RN  
Henry Foster, Jr., MD  
Samuel Okpaku, MD, PhD, Secretary  
Bill Paul, MD, MPH, Director of Health  
Keri Fowler, JD, Metro Legal  
Stan Romine  
Rich Riebeling, Director, Metro Finance

### **Update and Approval of New Building Plans**

Rich Riebeling, Director of Metro Finance, presented an outline and site plan of the proposed new location of Metro Public Health Department's (MPHD) new building. Mr. Riebeling asked for the Board's support in having Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) build the new building to Metro's and MPHD's specifications at the proposed location on Charlotte Avenue between 24th and 26th Avenues North. It is anticipated that this arrangement will minimize construction costs and development fees, as HCA constructs all of that corporation's buildings. Once the building is finished and MPHD has moved to the new location, MPHD's current location at 311 23rd Avenue North would be deeded to HCA. The budget for the new building is not to exceed \$28.5 million, and includes Silver LEED certification, as specified in Metro Ordinance. Mr. Riebeling expects that with Board approval, Finance will file the legislation for the March 1, 2011 Metro Council meeting.

**Dr. Stewart made a motion to accept the plan of the land swap and new building for a new Health Department building as proposed by Mr. Riebeling. Dr. Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Approval of Grants/Contracts**

Stan Romine referred to the Grants and Contracts Summary, which was submitted to Board members for their review. The grants and contracts were as follows:

1. Grant Award Amendment from U. S. Department of Health and Human Services ?  
Compensation: Increase of \$171,918 for a total of \$917,590.00
2. Grant Amendment from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ? Compensation:  
\$1,289,604.00
3. Grant Amendment 4 from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services ?  
Compensation: Increase of \$141,320.00 for a total award of \$4,753,047.00
4. Extension/Renewal 4 to Contract between MPHD and United Way ? Compensation:  
\$1,476,022.00
5. Contract with UPSTREAM Coalition ? Compensation: None

**Ms. Etherington made a motion to approve the Grants and Contracts. Dr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Report of Chair**

Chairman Hance commended Dr. Wyche-Etheridge on her article about teen birth rates that appeared on The Tennessean's front page February 3. Davidson County has lowered its rate from 65.7 births per 1,000 teenage females in 2007 to 54.2 births per 1,000 teenage females in 2009.

### **Approval of January 6, 2011 Minutes**

**Dr. Stewart made a motion to approve the January 6, 2011 minutes as written. Dr. Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Report of Director**

Copies of the Director's Update to the Board were provided to Board members. Dr. Paul gave a summary of this report ([Attachment I](#)).

## **CIVIL SERVICE BOARD**

### **Personnel Changes and Exit Interviews**

Personnel changes and exit interviews were unremarkable.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William N. Hance, JD  
Chair

## **ATTACHMENT I**

### **Director's Update February 2011**

#### **Larry Cole Hall of Fame Inductee**

Larry Cole was recently inducted into the Nashville Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame by the Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association. This is a great accomplishment for a truly deserving man. Larry has served in many roles at the Health Department for nearly 40 years. Congratulations to Larry.

#### **Budget Update**

The Metro Finance Department e-mailed an announcement last week to all Metro Department heads with details about the upcoming 2012 budget process. The board was provided with an e-mail with details of the process.

You are aware in years past we have been asked to submit a proposed initial scenario for a 5 to 15 percent cut in our locally funded budget for consideration. In the last few years, the actual budget

proposed by the mayor and passed by the Metro Council has never included all of the cuts requested in this preliminary scenario, but we have experienced some reductions every year.

This year we are being asked to submit a proposed operating budget with a proposed three percent reduction.

We will follow the same process as in previous years that will propose the requested reduction and bring the proposed budget before for approval. If you approve our proposal then it will be sent to the Mayor's office for consideration. The Mayor will submit his budget to Metro Council by May 1st and the Metro Council has until midnight of June 30 to file the final budget.

This time of year is never easy, but I am confident that we will make decisions and recommendations in keeping with our core values, and that our Department will continue to fulfill our important mission.

### **Federal Menu Labeling Update**

The American Heart Association recently provided an update on federal menu labeling. According to AHA, because the FDA has found implementation of the law so complex, the FDA has changed the way they plan to roll out its enforcement. The FDA now plans to issue a proposed rule in March, followed by a final rule later this year. The FDA will require compliance with the law six months after the final rule is issued. Until that time, they will not be enforcing the federal law. They are also asking states to practice enforcement discretion until there is more clarity by the FDA on the federal law.

If the FDA keeps on track, it sounds like the federal law will be finalized and in place sometime in the spring or summer of 2012.

### **Family, Youth and Infants**

MPHD Family Youth and Infants bureau along with its community partners will host the Annual Incredible Baby Shower on April 28th. This event draws hundreds of pregnant women from around the county for an afternoon of information, resources, give aways and tips to help assure a healthy birth outcome. The event will be held at TSU Gentry center this year.

The FYI bureau will host for the first time a mother daughter symposium this spring targeting middle school girls at risk for risky health behaviors and their mothers for a day of training around parent child communication, health information focused on what it takes to be a healthy young woman, as well as an emphasis on keeping girls interested in science and math. The event will take place May 6-7 on the campus of Fisk University

Music City Healthy Start Program in partnership with the Meharry MSPH students will host a community Barbershop event Saturday Jan 28 at Hadley Park. This event is a health fare targeting young men and is part of the responsible fatherhood program spearheaded by MCHS and the Preconception Peer Educators project which trains students to be advocates around reducing infant mortality through improving preconception health.

The FYI bureau in partnership with the Meharry MSPH students will host a midnight spa event Friday Feb 11 on the Campus of Fisk University. This event is a comprehensive health fair targeting college-aged women and focuses on improving preconception health and health across a woman's life span. The event usually draws over 100 young women for an evening of table talk sessions, screenings and spa services.

## **CPPW Update:**

The Food Policy Council elected officers at their January 13th meeting. Co-Chairs are Erica Gilmore and Clifton Harris, Vice Chair is Tifanie Adams. Several members of the council attended a workshop on food policy councils at the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Conference in Chattanooga.

Nashville Mobile Market, a food Desert intervention being developed as a social enterprise by Vanderbilt Medical Student Ravi Patel, plans to be the wholesaler for the corner stores. The Mobile Market project is collaborating with business students at Owen Business School at Vanderbilt on a business plan for the wholesale operation.

HBO Documentaries have produced several multi-part documentaries on public health campaigns with the support of the CDC and the National Institute of Health. They are currently in pre-production for a documentary on obesity, and Nashville will be of three cities to be featured.

Mayor Dean has been invited to speak at an Institute of Medicine Panel on community efforts to prevent obesity.

Locomotion Creative has completed phase I of brand design. The team plans for the overall unifying brand for the CPPW campaign will be launched in March.

The Community Food Advocates hosted a King Day of Action on Saturday, January 15th at George W. Carver Food Park. The event drew over 50 volunteers to gather and deliver compost to the intergenerational community gardens. Recipients of the Community Garden Mini-Grant program were announced at the King Day of Action event. Agreements with the 26 grantees are being finalized.

A breastfeeding community work team has been established and maternity hospitals are discussing establishment of baby-friendly practices that facilitate successful initiation of breastfeeding,

Several CPPW Staff provided significant support and assistance for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's regional Childhood Obesity grantee meeting held in Nashville on January 19th and 20th.

A bill has been introduced in the Tennessee Legislature that would remove the 12-month age limit on children that can be breastfed in public. Current laws permit breastfeeding in public, but only for babies up to 12 months of age.

## **Cleaner Air and a Safer Environment**

An ordinance has been introduced to increase the current exemption on testing new vehicles from one year to two years.

Discussions are continuing on the issue of contract renewal for the vehicle inspections program.