



Observer Reporting Form

Table with 4 columns: Feature Evaluated, Yes, No, Comments. Rows include: Meeting started on time?, All members present?, Members attentive?, Did members appear to have done their 'homework?', Were members courteous to each other and the public?, Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?, Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?, Adequate opportunity for public input?, Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?, Was background information available to the public?, Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs?

- 1. Grant approvals: Eight grants were approved, including a net increase in funding for Family Planning services. Only a portion of state funds for that program were cut. The Director explained that most funding for Family Planning is from federal grants, authorized by Title X of the Public Health Service Act, "Population Research and Voluntary Family Planning Programs".
2. Director's report: William S. Paul, MD, MPH, summarized developments of interest with respect to Metro Health Department programs, including the following:
- The Nashville Birthing Project has received an award; 120 women have enrolled. This project provides mentoring, youth development, education, and support to pregnant and parenting teens in Davidson County.
- The STEP-Up to Health Program was featured in the media. This program works with middle school and high school age youth to increase physical fitness through traditional "Step Dancing", with the ultimate goal of diabetes and obesity prevention.
- The 3rd National Summit on Preconception Health and Health Care, sponsored by CDC, will take place June 12-14 in Tampa/ St. Petersburg, FL. Representatives of historically black colleges in Tennessee will attend.
- The Mayor's Walk 100 Miles Campaign, supported by Metro Health Department, will kick off in April. There will be 28 separate walking events in Metro parks and greenways throughout the spring and summer. The purpose of this initiative is to reduce the impact of obesity, tobacco use, and disparities in heart disease, diabetes and cancer. A community snapshot of health indicators is available at: http://www.healthynashville.org/.
- Nashville is being featured in a HBO documentary on Obesity as a community that is making changes to reduce obesity.
- Metro Health Department is making \$100,000 in Mini-Grants available to the community through the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant. These mini-grants will "provide a mechanism for individuals and organizations to develop sustainable culturally relevant initiatives that increase access to healthy foods, decrease access to unhealthy food or increase access to active living within their community."
3. Budget: A 3% reduction in the Metro Health Dept. budget was submitted to the Mayor as requested. Significant cuts in the state and federal budgets are also expected, which will increase the financial burden on Metro. Dr. Foster expressed concern about cuts in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) at the federal level. He noted that representatives who went to Cuba to observe public health facilities there and reported to Board of Health in Dec. 2011 will be presenting at the American Public Health Association (APHA) meeting.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Not at this time.

Other Concerns: None

Observer: Pat Post

Meeting: Metro Board of Health

Date: 3/3/2011