

**JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
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**February 24, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Diehl called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Department to order at 3:00pm .

**ROLL CALL**

- Dennis Diehl, Chairman - Present
- Dr. Amber Henry, Vice-Chairman – Present
- James Prater, Secretary-Treasurer – Present
- Tim Pigg, Member – Present
- Susan (Suzy) Davis, Member – Present

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

- Kelley Vollmar, Executive Director
- Steve Sikes, Deputy Director Operations
- Jennifer Pinkley, Deputy Director Admin.
- Christi Coleman, Legal Counsel

Others in attendance:

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Pigg made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Davis seconded. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

**APPROVAL OF December 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Prater made a motion to approve the **December 21, 2021** meeting minutes. Dr. Henry seconded. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

**APPROVAL OF January 20, 2000 Special Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Henry made a motion to approve the **January 20, 2022** special meeting minutes. Dr. Henry seconded. Ms. Davis requested that the minutes be changed to reflect her

vote as no, Chairman Diehl asked if that could be done and Ms. Coleman stated we cannot do that, if she did not vote the minutes are what happened contemporaneous to what was going on. So, we can't go back and record a vote that wasn't actually cast. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried with Mr. Prater abstaining and Ms. Davis being the only dissenting vote and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

### **January 2022 APPROVAL EXPENDITURES**

Dr. Henry motioned to approve the January 2022 expenditures in the amount of \$95,927.13. Mr. Prater seconded. Ms. Davis asked for clarification from Chairman Diehl what was being approved, to which Mr. Prater told Ms. Davis to do her research and not stop coming to the meetings unprepared and wasting everyone's time and stalling the meeting. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

### **January 2022 APPROVAL ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS**

Mr. Prater motioned to approve the electronic payments for January 2022 in the amount of \$404,279.88. Dr. Henry seconded. Motion carried and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

### **March 2022 PRE-APPROVAL ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS**

The list of vendors for pre-approved electronic payments for March 2022 presented to the board with an estimated amount of \$569,497.25. Mr. Pigg motioned to pre-approve the March 2022 Electronic Payments. Mr. Prater seconded. Motion carried and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT – KELLEY VOLLMAR**

Ms. Vollmar stated that the board received the respiratory report yesterday, but otherwise we are we have been experiencing the same trends as we have over the last couple of which has us heading down in community transmission. The CDC has announced that either tomorrow or early next week they will be announcing updates to their guidelines for Community transmission, so we are awaiting information coming from the CDC to ensure that we maintain our policies and accordance with their guidelines. Other initiatives, we are steadily moving forward with our work with our behavioral health tool ASPEN and working with our schools. Mental health services with youth and so we've got some great projects going up and running with a lot of our health education programs and environmental programs are getting started with doing some standards and lead testing. And so we're excited to get back to our normal flow.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Announcement of Town Hall Meeting**

Chairman Diehl announced that there will be a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 9 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Hillsboro Civic Center, this is an opportunity for the community to come and make comments to the Board. We have a standing resolution on public comment whenever we elect to have public comments, there will be a signup sheet as you walk in the building where you will have to have your name, your phone number, and your address. There is not going to be any public business conducted, this is simply an opportunity for the public to share some feedback, positive or negative feedback, encouragement, and concern.

Ms. Davis states, “I ran across something from CDC, and I delved into it because it interested me, it was talking about VAERS data. What I'm seeing here? It's called COVID-19 vaccine safety in children aged 5 to 11 years old, United States. This report is for the month of November 3rd through December 19th 2021. In one month's time I notice that from November 3rd to December 19th they received and processed 4249 reports of adverse events. This is from them; this is not me making this up. I'm reading right off their page. The median age was eight years old, 44% were males. Most children received the Pfizer biotech COVID-19 vaccine alone. All 4149 reports were made by the parents' doctors, they were nurses or caregivers for these children, so they were so they were sufficient enough for someone to make a report out. They 2.4% were. So, there were what they call non serious. So, in the non-serious range it was things like dosages were wrong, and because of that fever, vomiting, those kinds of things occurred. In the more serious ones that what they were seeing was the median age was around nine years old for 61% of these individuals. The most commonly reported conditions and diagnostic findings among the 100 most severe reported, most all had fever, 29% had vomiting, 21% had troponin. I looked up that word troponin and it's released into the blood after a heart attack. The medical term is mild cardiac infraction. So, they're finding troponin in these children blood and it's causing heart problems with these children that are being reported among twelve serious reports were seizures. And here's what really stood out to me besides the myocarditis identified in a lot of these cases. This is a one-month report and two children died from the vaccine, and their age was five or six years old. It's just, sad. The troponin, and it also causes syncope, which is blood clotting. Of course, when your blood clots it mostly happens to 70-year-olds, but for children it's unheard of. Fatigue, nausea, rash, fever, vomiting, chest pain, seizures. 55% had injection reactions. 35% had abdominal pain, chills, diarrhea, fatigue, myocarditis, vomiting. It impacted these children, and you know, everybody says, you know, if it affects one life. Next food for thought. The zero- to 19-year-old age bracket people have in our county, for example, have not died. They have not had a problem. Here's a pause. Why are we doing this to children?”

Ms. Coleman states that the agenda does reflect rebuttal time limited to 3 minutes, but Ms. Davis spoke for 5 minutes and 54 seconds so each Board member would get the same amount of time.

Mr. Pigg asked, do we know how many children have had issues and how many have been affected and or died from COVID? The numbers that Ms. Davis was talking about were nationwide. "I mean, you know, it's a balance. I do get it and I understand it. I don't want anybody injured by anything. That's what we are here for to try to protect as many people as we can without causing hurt or harm to others. You know, and it's a tough balance and you do the least amount of harm as you can and do the greatest amount of help for everybody you can."

Ms. Vollmar replied the youngest fatalities that we have had in Jefferson County are in the 20- to 29-year-old age range. Looking at the study that Ms. Davis is speaking about 97.6% were considered non serious adverse reactions. One of the things that has been unusual about the COVID epidemic has been the fact that they have provided links to and given information on how to report information to VAERS because they wanted to document all of the potential side effects. Side effects for typical vaccinations are fever, soreness or swelling at the site. VAERS received 2 reports of death during the analytic period both are under review, but these deaths occurred in two females, age 5 and 6, both of whom had complicated medical histories and were in fragile health before vaccination. Ms. Davis interrupted Ms. Vollmar and Chairman Diehl called Ms. Davis out of order. Ms. Vollmar stated according to the very same report Ms. Davis quoted none of the data suggest causal association between death and vaccine.

Mr. Prater had the opportunity to visit the Wellness Van and he said it was a great experience and the ladies were very professional and easy to work with.

Chairman Diehl stated that these are all the reports that are received by anyone that the CDC has not yet investigated and very easily can be taken out of context. I'm not saying that there may not have been side effects, but you can pretty much take whatever case you want and make the information you want.

Ms. Coleman gave an update on the Robinson case; the Supreme Court has asked the respondents in the case to file any objections they might have to the transfer of the case because the appellants have requested a stay from the Supreme Court which would mean that Judge Green in Cole County's judgement would not be implemented until the Supreme Court is able to make a decision.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Pigg motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM.



Secretary-Treasurer