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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Diehl called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Department to order at 3:03pm.

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:

Katelyn Mary Skaggs, Leader Publications Debby Moore, Mobile Wellness Coordinator Mary Tongay, Nurse Practitioner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Pigg made a motion to amend the agenda to table the approval of the of the September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes to next month. Dr. Henry seconded. Mrs. Davis asked for clarification for the amendment, Mr. Pigg stated that the minutes were not ready for the board to approve. Hearing no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

Mr. Pigg made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Dr. Henry seconded. Mrs. Davis asked why the minutes where not ready for Board approval, Mrs. Vollmar replied that there were several sets of meeting minutes that had to be compiled for this month's meeting along with a lot of other requests going through Mrs. Pinkley's office this month. Hearing no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

APPROVAL OF September 29, 2021 Tax Rate Meeting MINUTES

Dr. Henry made a motion to approve the **September 29, 2021** Tax Rate minutes. Mr. Pigg seconded. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

APPROVAL OF October 18, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pigg made a motion to approve the **October 18, 2021** Special meeting minutes. Mr. Prater seconded. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

September 2021 APPROVAL EXPENDITURES

Mr. Prater motioned to approve the September 2021 expenditures in the amount of \$122,064.37. Dr. Henry seconded. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

September 2021 APPROVAL ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Mr. Prater motioned to approve the electronic payments for September 2021 in the amount of \$491,875.99. Dr. Henry seconded. Mrs. Davis states she did not receive this in her packet and would like to table until next month. Mrs. Vollmar verified that all Board members get the board packet in the same email from the Board secretary Mrs. Pinkley. Chairman Diehl asked Mrs. Davis if she did or did not get a packet and she stated that she only got part of the packet, but Mr. Pigg stated that it all came in the same email. Ms. Coleman asked Mrs. Davis if she received an email from Jennifer Pinkley on Wednesday, October 27 timestamped 12:37 pm. Mrs. Davis said she did not. Mrs. Vollmar stated that it would be impossible for Mrs. Davis not to have received documents that the entire rest of the board received in the same email. Further, when Board members are present at a meeting in person they get a hard copy of the packet as well. Mrs. Pinkley re-sent the Board packet to Mrs. Davis at 3:17 pm. Motion carried with Mrs. Davis being the only dissenting vote and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

November 2021 PRE-APPROVAL ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

The list of vendors for pre-approved electronic payments for November 2021 presented to the board with an estimated amount of \$581,997.25. Dr. Henry motioned to pre-approve the November 2021 Electronic Payments. Mr. Prater seconded. Mrs. Davis stated she does have this in her packet. Motion carried with Mrs. Davis being the only dissenting vote and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – KELLEY VOLLMAR **Mobile Wellness**

Debbie Moore is the Program Coordinator for the Mobile Wellness Van and Mary Tongay is the Nurse Practitioner. They work together, along with two alternating medical assistants, on the Wellness Van. They are a medical clinic that goes out into the community approximately 4 days per week to offer primary care to individuals with and without insurance. Some of the sites that they visit monthly are the Peace Pantry in Cedar Hill, DeSoto Farmers Market, Oak Ridge Church in Arnold and a few of the residential care facilities in the County. They also offer immunizations and sports physicals to several of the school districts in the area and see patients for variety of medical services. They are able to provide primary care services utilizing a collaborative practice agreement with Dr. Pascal Gaudreault, who serves as the supervising physician for our medical services. We have several regular patients that are being treated for chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, thyroid disease, and hyperlipidemia, and also see patients for common illnesses such as strep throat, UTI's, ear infections and rashes. They serve as the primary care for one assisted living facility in the area and provide resources to patients with issues that are out of our scope of care. Thanks to grant funding from the Missouri Foundation for Health and collaboration through organizations such as the Jefferson County Rotary Club, we can help underserved communities in Jefferson County by providing free or reduced cost care. Most individuals are extremely grateful for our services many of our patients had postpone medical attention for years due to lack of insurance, transportation, and fear of a catastrophic diagnosis.

COVID Update

Mrs. Vollmar reviewed our week 42 COVID updates The Board and several of our community partners receive this report to let the community know where we stand with vaccinations and cases. It is very exciting to state that we have seen decreases for the last couple of weeks. We've seen our weekly case count decrease 18.4% from last week to this week and our positivity rate has also decreased down to 7.73%. On our weekly reports we have speedometers which shows our level of transmission within a community. We look at the two CDC indicators - one is the 7-day case count for 100,00 population. We are sitting around 151 cases for that indicator. We also look at our test positivity, which is sitting at 7.76%. This data accurately reflects the threshold or zone we are in = red (which is high transmission within a community) and our test positivity is sitting in the yellow zone (which is showing moderate transmission). CDC indicators require we utilize the highest-level color status; our color status so for this past week is red. In week 42 there were 82 new youth cases - which again is good news because it's the first time this number has been in double digits since July. Our total vaccinated individuals are 43% and of our 341 new cases last week 78.9% were unvaccinated.

Mrs. Davis asked what establishes how the people are positive. She claimed that "the studies" have shown that the PCR tests are faulty. She asked if Ms. Vollmar was seeing any of the children that are testing positive, sick. Mrs. Vollmar replied - as has been repeated multiple times - the test is not faulty - that is a mis-statement that

needs to be corrected. Pediatric hospitals have seen patients both in patient and in the ICU. The Board discussed the differed testing methods, and Mrs. Vollmar suggested that Mrs. Davis talk with our Clinical Services Manager, Melissa Parmeley to get more information.

Chairman Diehl stated that it was nice to see section reports again in the Board packet, because there is a lot of good information in those, and asked Mrs. Vollmar if the public would have access to those. We will work on getting those on the website.

Mrs. Davis asked Mrs. Vollmar, since the numbers and percentages are coming down, when will we “see those masks coming off the kids and our health department so people can walk in and not feel isolated?” Mrs. Vollmar replied that, as Public Health Board member Mrs. Davis should support CDC guidance and as well as be informed as to the levels that we would be looking at so as far as is looking at guidance and recommendations. Those levels would likely be around the moderate transmission range. When that happens, and considering we are a healthcare facility, we have to ensure that both our clients and our staff are in a safe environment. As far as schools, their school boards set their policies regarding masking requirements. We do recommend masking, social distancing and good hand washing practices, there are several CDC best practices that have been shown to slow the spread of COVID. Mrs. Davis stated that the death rate from COVID is 1% or less and the hospitalizations haven’t been as high and the survival rate of COVID is actually 99.97% and she would like us stop with the measures because it is hard for the kids and the community.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of JCHD 2022 Holiday Schedule

Mr. Pigg motioned to approve the JCHD 2022 Holiday Schedule. Mr. Prater seconded. Mrs. Davis asked what the dates of the Board meetings are for 2022, but Mrs. Vollmar explained to Mrs. Davis that the motion was to approve the Holiday Schedule and not Board meeting dates. If approved, the schedule will be posted online. Hearing no other discussion. Motion carried unanimously and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

Approval of Preliminary 2022 JCHD Budget

Mr. Pigg motioned to approve the Preliminary 2022 JCHD Budget. Mr. Prater seconded. Mrs. Davis says she did not receive the preliminary budget in her packet. Mrs. Vollmar stated she does not understand how everyone else received the full packet in their email except Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Davis just wants to pick up the packet when it is ready, it was explained that this option has been given to her and she has not picked up the packet. Mr. Diehl noted appreciation for the comparison between

this year and next year, and a couple line items are different from one year to the next. State contracts have gone down, Mrs. Firle, Comptroller explained it was because of federal versus state percentage. In addition, program services are less; Mrs. Firle explained that we did an average of what we brought in last year and program and medical supplies are lower. Mrs. Firle explained we had a contract for testing supplies last year and we reduced our trainings and conferences this year. Chairman Diehl thanked Mrs. Firle for her explanation. Chairman Diehl asked why this is a preliminary budget, Mrs. Firle stated there are two reasons one is that it is preliminary until the board approves it and two, we have to have a budget to the county by October 31st. We have talked with our auditor about the upcoming expenses that will be happening with the property and can have a non-operating budget that we would like to present to the board once we have additional information. Mrs. Davis wants to make it clear "for the record" that she does not have this information and she would like the board packets printed and mailed to her, it was explained that the board packet is provided to all board members in email as soon as it is available and also provided in paper format to those who attend the meeting in person. Mrs. Vollmar states that she does not appreciate the insinuation that we have a staff member who is not completed the responsibilities of her profession. Mrs. Davis says this is a Sunshine violation, to which Ms. Coleman replied it is not a Sunshine violation the packet is made available to all members as soon as it is complete by email, and it is also made available in person at the meeting, and you are more than welcome to attend the meetings in person. If Mrs. Davis is not receiving things in email, she is welcome to come by and pick up the packet at the health department whenever packets are ready. Hearing no other discussion motion carried with Mrs. Davis being the only dissenting vote and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed.

Mr. Prater motioned to go into closed session citing Sunshine Law Statute 610.021 Sections 1, 2, 3 and 14. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion. Chairman Diehl requested a roll call vote with the results as follows:

Chairman Diehl—Approve
Dr. Henry— Approve
Mr. Prater— Approve
Mr. Pigg— Approve
Mrs. Davis— Approve

Chairman Diehl announced the motion carried and they were now in closed session.

Mr. Pigg made a motion to re-open Open session. Mr. Prater seconded. Chairman Diehl requested a roll call vote with the results as follows:

Chairman Diehl—Approve
Dr. Henry— Approve
Mr. Prater— Approve

Mr. Pigg— Approve

Mrs. Davis— Approve

A Special Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4th at 4 pm.

ADJOURN

Mr. Prater motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pigg seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Chairman Diehl announced the motion had passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.



Secretary-Treasurer