JESSAMINE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Jessamine County Board of Health met on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00 A.M. in the Community Room of the Jessamine County Health Department.

Members present were: William C. McCaw, DVM, Justin Ray, County Judge Executive David West, Dr. John Musick, OD, Mike Montgomery, RPh, Christopher Horne, Susanna Moberly, APRN, RN, Dr. Suzanne Ogden, MD, Dr. Amanda Eschelbach, DMD, and Dr. Darrell Jennings, MD.

Members absent were: Dr. Thomas Coburn, MD and Johnny Bolton.

Guests present were: Dr. Jeff Howard, MD Commissioner of Public Health and Asst to the Commissioner, Kelly Alexander.

Health Department staff present included: Randy Gooch, Director, Andrea Brown, Deputy Director, Lisa Bolton, Environmental Health Program Director, Bruce Crouch, Healthy and Safe Communities Coalition Coordinator, Polly Brandenburg, RN, Hands Program Director, and, Rebecca Wallace, Admin.

Chairperson, Dr. McCaw Called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M.

Dr. McCaw asked for a motion to accept the December 11, 2018 Board of Health minutes. Dr. Darrell Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes, Dr. Musick seconded the motion.

Numbers voting for: 10    Against: 0

No old business was discussed.

New business:

Budget Amendment was the first item on the Agenda and Dr. McCaw turned this over to Randy to explain. As explained in the packet the amount of $12,525.00 set aside for Guttering and Downspouts had been approved in FY2018, however, this did not get billed to us until November of 2018, even though Randy had e-mailed the vendor on January 22, 2018 questioning if they had invoiced us. (They had not.) The other item in the amount of $8,375.00 was for an emergency roof replacement to our GTE building over on York St. Water was pouring through the roof and causing the ceiling tiles to fall in. Ky State Police had to move driver’s license testing to Lexington it was so damaged. Randy is therefore requesting approval
of this budget amendment totaling $20,900.00 for FY19. Randy did state we can pay for this with current operating funds without having to utilize additional reserve funds to meet this need.

Mike Montgomery made a motion in favor of this budget amendment. Judge David West seconded the motion.

Numbers voting for: 10 Against: 0

Dr. McCaw turned the meeting over to our guest Dr. Jeff Howard, Commissioner of Public Health. Dr. Howard’s presentation “Kentucky Public Health Transformation” covers the challenges and solutions facing Public Health today. Randy serves on the Commissioner’s Advisory Committee and is instrumental in working with the Commissioner for these solutions. He stated that the core of public health will be 5 Foundational Public Health areas to include: Population Health, Enforcement of Regulations, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Communicable Disease Control, and Administrative and organizational structure. Additionally, WIC, the HANDS Program and Harm Reduction/SUD will also be included. Communities will also be required to administer a Community Health Assessment to guide the work beyond the Core Public Health Services. Dr. Howard stated he wants to set up a Public Health Advisory Board (5-member-board) to include: a representative from KHDA, KALBOH, KPHA, a UK Representative, and Commissioner of Public Health. The purpose of the board would be accountability and oversight by DPH and LHD. (Complete copy of Dr. Howard’s Power Point presentation was given out to all in attendance and a copy is attached.)

Many of the Board Members had comments and questions for Dr. Howard. Dr. McCaw stated that “the state has no funds, so do we have to solve this ourselves”? Dr. Howard says there is no $ from the state. And, as Randy stated Jessamine County Health Department has been preparing for this for a few years. We have paid off the building 4 1/2 years early and plans are to partner with others for some of our programs. Dr. Jennings mentioned that we as a board have also been looking at Core Public Health. Dr. Musick thanked Dr. Howard for coming.

Dr. McCaw then suggested Randy touch on the hi-points of the Agenda.

Financial / Service Update:

Health Department: As of January 31, 2019, the current cash balance is $912,415, which is $23,628 more than this time last year. We are 7% under budget with expenditures for the year. We may finish the year with an approximate $200,000 surplus.

Taxing District: As of January 31, 2019, has a balance of $1,714,642 with $1,406,718 being held in Farmer’s Bank, $57,924 as a CD in Kentucky Bank, $50,000 in a JP Morgan Market Linked CD and $200,000 CD in Citizen’s Commerce Bank. The current year operating surplus
of $534,536 since the majority of property tax has been received for the year. We are still projected to achieve an approximate $135,000 surplus for the fiscal year.

Randy announced as mentioned above our building was paid off as of January 31, 2019 and, this frees up $100,000 additional funds for the year!

Some of the high lights of the Program Updates were:

Due to the peak in HEP A cases in January in our county, we have been administering HEP A to approximately 100 inmates in our county jail and plans are to go every other week, as well as restaurant employees and anyone else who is at risk.

Randy announced to the board of a grant awarded to JCHD received of $75,000 + vehicle for the Harm/Red program. This will be a mobile unit to travel to Garrard, Boyle and Mercer Counties. Just like Ashley Dufour from ARC does for JCHD on site a couple of days a week, there will be a Peer Counselor from ARC to travel along with this Mobile unit to the above counties.

Dr. Musick moved to adjourn the meeting; Mike Montgomery seconded the motion.

Numbers voting for: 10
Against: 0

Chairperson
Secretary

Next BOH Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:00 A.M. in the Jessamine County Health Department Board Room.