

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Call to Order

The Champaign County Board of Health (“the Board”) held an in-person meeting on June 14, 2022, at the Champaign Urbana Public Health District (“CUPHD”), 201 W. Kenyon Road, Champaign, Illinois. Dr. Krista Jones, President, called the meeting called to order at 5:36 PM.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following Board members were found to be present: Dr. Krista Jones, President, Mr. David Thies, Vice President, Ms. Cathy Emanuel, Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. John Peterson, Dr. Dorothy Vura-Weis, Dr. Vihn Hick, and Dr. Lyndon Goodly. Mr. Jacob Paul and Dr. Brent Reifsteck were absent.

Also present: Ms. Julie Pryde, CUPHD Administrator, and Ms. Whitney Greger, CUPHD Director of Wellness and Health Promotion.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

Dr. Vura-Weis motioned to approve agenda items, seconded by Ms. Emanuel. With all present in favor, the motion was approved. Dr. Goodly then motioned to realign the agenda to first discuss Agenda Item J, Other Business (J1: Slate of Officer/Elections; J2: discussion of Request from SmileHealthy for Funding of the Child Dental Access Program in FY 2023; J3: discussion of Promise Healthcare Proposal for Recruiting and Sign-On Costs to Assist in Hiring New Dentists and Dental Hygienists; and J4: Discussion of Upcoming Budget); Item H8 (the continued presentation of Prevention Funding for Comprehensive Sexual Health Education in Champaign County); and Agenda Item I, Old Business (Discussion and Approval of Spending Fund Balance to Address Future Pandemic Concerns). Mr. Thies seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Participation on Agenda Items Only

None.

Other Business

Slate of Officers/Elections:

The positions of President, Vice-President and Treasurer were open for appointment or re-appointment. Dr. Peterson motioned to maintain the current slate of officers, which was seconded by Dr. Goodly. With all present in favor, the motion was approved. Dr. Jones will remain as Board President; Mr. Thies as Vice-President, and Ms. Emanuel as Treasurer.

Discussion of Request from SmileHealthy for Funding the Child Dental Access Program in FY2023

Ms. Jennifer Henry, Executive Director, and Mr. Shea Ward, Director of Marketing and Outreach, for Promise Healthcare asked that the Board renew its support of the SmileHealthy Program for \$50,000, which the Board has done for the last few years. The funds for this request would be used to support a dental hygienist to provide outreach and education for new pediatric patients.

Discussion of Promise Healthcare Proposal for Recruiting and Sign-On Costs to Assist in Hiring New Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Service at Smile Healthy was paused in mid-May after their last dentist left the program, but two new dentists begin in July and August. Ms. Henry noted that it is increasingly difficult to recruit and retain qualified dental hygienists and dentists. In addition to the \$50,000 requested for the Child Dental Access Program in FY2023, Ms. Henry requested support for a program to recruit dentists and dental hygienists by hiring a professional recruiting firm at a cost of \$50,000.

Dr. Jones noted that the Board will vote upon both SmileHealthy requests at the August 23, 2022, Champaign County Board of Health meeting. She invited Ms. Henry and Mr. Ward to attend the August meeting in case there are further questions.

Discussion of Upcoming Budget

Dr. Jones estimated that the Board's fund balance contains approximately \$361,000 at this time. The Board allocates \$50,000 within its budget as a line item outside the fund balance; this has been used to support SmileHealthy services for the past six years. This year's proposals from SmileHealthy were different in that they focus more on personnel than services. Dr. Jones cautioned that the Board not overly deplete its fund balance as public health emergencies could arise at any time. The Board is committed to retaining a 25-30% fund balance, which it has currently exceeded, and should focus on spending the balance down to an acceptable level. Dr. Jones will have the CUPHD secretary send out an accurate report on the Board's current funds to members.

Dr. Jones moved that the Board revisit the agenda and proceed to Approval of Minutes. This was seconded by Dr. Vura-Weis. With all present in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Goodley motioned to approve the March 22, 2022, meeting minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Vura-Weis. Mr. Thies requested that a typographical error in the minutes be corrected. With that agreed upon, all present were in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of CUPHD Invoices

Dr. Vura-Weis motioned to approve CUPHD invoices from February, March, and April of FY2022. This was seconded by Dr. Peterson. With all present in favor, the motion carried.

Dr. Goodley and Ms. Emanuel left the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Continued Presentation of Prevention Funding for Comprehensive Sexual Health Education in Champaign County

Ms. Whitney Greger, Director of the CUPHD Wellness and Health Promotion Division, requested funding for a Prevention Program for Comprehensive Sexual Health Education in Champaign County. Ms. Greger pointed out that since the original draft of the meeting material went to the Board, another school requested the program's services; an updated handout was provided to Board members. The program received confirmation of participation from Heritage High School, Ludlow Grade School, and J.W. Eater Junior High School for the 2022/2023 school year and working relationships with Fisher Jr./Sr. High

School and Thomasboro Grade School. The first proposal, which asks for a total of \$22,000 for the 2022/2023 school year, addresses the three confirmed schools. If all the county schools participated, the maximum cost of the Sexual Education Program would total \$30,000, split between two of the Board's fiscal years as the school year and the Board's fiscal year do not coincide. The program is currently taught in Champaign Middle Schools and Urbana Middle School. Ms. Greger noted that in the county schools, there would be a provision for administrators to be involved in planning with the onus falling to the teachers. Parents would be able to opt their children out of the program. Ms. Greger noted that the Illinois Senate Bill 818 (Keeping Youth Safe and Healthy Act), which creates personal health and safety standards for grades K-5 and updates and expands comprehensive sexual health education standards in grades 6-12, will soon be mandatory in the State so the program will most likely be welcomed.

Dr. Peterson mentioned that CUPHD's Illinois Department of Human Services Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), used to service Champaign Urbana schools, requires that schools must have a student body consisting of at least 40% minority students, a level most of the county schools do not meet. The curriculum between the two programs is identical. Mr. Thies suggested it would be desirable if parents as well as administrators and teachers were allowed to take part in tailoring the curriculum, but Ms. Greger and Ms. Pryde noted that this curriculum is evidence-based and trauma-informed, which precludes any major changes. Ms. Greger commented that the curriculum used in the programs was developed by ETR and has been used by CUPHD for several years.

Discussion of E-cigarette Free Ordinances in Champaign County Jurisdictions

Ms. Greger's division receives funding from the Illinois Tobacco Free Communities Grant every year from the Illinois Department of Public Health. In FY2023, Ms. Greger wishes to create a program that would help make public spaces in the county e-cigarette free. Ms. Greger asked the Board for their guidance on how to approach the issue; the funding is already in place. Possibilities are to approach business owners, increase public education, and then present it to local boards. Dr. Peterson observed that he has not personally observed vaping in public places in Champaign-Urbana. Ms. Pryde pointed out that vaping seems to be concentrated in specific public places. Ms. Greger expressed concern over the normalization of vaping and e-cigarettes among youth, leading to higher rates of addiction to nicotine in adolescents, with Dr. Peterson confirmed. Ms. Pryde observed that e-cigarettes are also used as a delivery method for THC. Dr. Jones suggested that Ms. Greger's staff gather data for town councils and village boards as to how local businesses address vaping and suggest appropriate ordinances and/or actions based on the information.

Old Business

Discussion and Approval of Spending Fund Balance to Address Future Pandemic Concerns

Dr. Jones asked Ms. Pryde to address the ongoing issue of COVID-19 in Champaign County and any possible related funding matters that the Board needed to address. Ms. Pryde reported that there are no ongoing funding issues concerning COVID-19 at this time; the main concern is for the well-being of those still not vaccinated. Unvaccinated persons are more likely to be hospitalized and experience worse outcomes than vaccinated persons. Dr. Peterson observed that recent statistics indicate a high percentage of COVID-19 cases occur in vaccinated individuals. Ms. Pryde pointed out that most vaccinated people have milder cases and are less likely to be hospitalized or die. Currently COVID-19

variants are extremely contagious. Dr. Peterson asked if agencies can estimate accurate numbers of new cases with so many people using self-tests; Ms. Pryde said the most important indicators now are the numbers of hospitalizations and deaths. Mr. Thies noted that the Board kept the fund balance up during the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic to have money available to pay for contact tracers and other expenses, but funding was supplied from outside sources. Ms. Pryde said that this was a very adventitious situation; if another critical public health emergency developed in Champaign County, such as a hepatitis or tuberculosis outbreak, the agency would be able to move quickly, which is critical in such situations.

Dr. Jones noted that there were three proposals that came to the Board this fiscal year, the first of which is a request for \$50,000 for support of a dental hygienist for SmileHealthy; this is already accounted for in the budget. She reminded the Board that there is a provision for \$15,000 discretionary chair funds, which could be immediately available to CUPHD in an emergency. In addition, last year the Board discussed allocating \$50,000 of the budget to fund a health-related project. Ms. Greger requested \$30,000 for Prevention Funding for Comprehensive Sexual Health Education in Champaign County, and SmileHealthy has asked for an additional \$50,000 for assistance with recruitment of dental professionals. If these requests were fully funded, including the \$50,000 already allocated for SmileHealthy's support of a dental hygienist, the Board would fund an additional \$80,000 out of its balance of approximately \$361,000. Fully funding these projects would bring the fund balance down to approximately 25%. Dr. Jones reminded the Board that she could not say whether these projects would be funded completely or partially but was putting these forth as possibilities. Dr. Peterson suggested preparing different budget scenarios for Board members to consider. Dr. Jones will have the secretary send out accurate balances to Board members.

Ms. Pryde informed the Board that Dr. Awais Vaid, CUPHD's Deputy Administrator and Epidemiologist, has accepted the position of Director of McKinley Health Center. CUPHD is in the early planning stages of replacing him.

SmileHealthy Reports

Mr. Thies moved to put the Smile Healthy Reports from February, March, and April of FY 2022 on file. Dr. Vura-Weis seconded the motion, and with all present in favor, the motion passed.

Monthly Reports of CUPHD Performance Management

Mr. Thies moved to put the Monthly Reports of CUPHD Performance Management on file. Dr. Vura-Weis seconded the motion, and with all present in favor, the motion passed.

Request to Increase Late Fee for County Health Permit Renewal by \$100.00

Ms. Pryde noted that late fees for County Health Permit Renewals are apparently too low and not taken seriously, causing administrative and clerical difficulties. Counties that raised these fees report significantly more compliance. Mr. Thies moved that the request to improve these fees by \$100.00 be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vura-Weis. With all present in favor, the motion was passed.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Champaign County Board of Health will be held in person on Tuesday, August 23, at 5:00 PM at CUPHD, 201 W. Kenyon Road in Champaign. All meetings going forward will begin at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Mr. Thies motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Vura-Weis seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.