

**CABELL-HUNTINGTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
*Board of Health Regular Meeting –February 28, 2018*

**Board Members Present:**

J. Larry Crawford  
Kevin Yingling, MD  
Donna Rumbaugh  
Robert Sweeney  
Daniel Konrad  
Danny Porter

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff Members Present:**

Michael Kilkenny, MD, MS, Physician Director  
Tim Hazelett, Administrator  
Jack Mease, Accountant  
Casey Napier, Accreditation Coordinator/Grant Writer  
Kathleen Napier, Director of Nursing  
Kim Lockwood, Epidemiologist  
Teresa Mills, Prevention Coordinator  
Allen Woodrum, Information Technology Manager  
Laura Johnson, Secretary  
Karen Hall-Dundas, Director of Environmental Health General Sanitation  
Tonya Chaney, Regional Epidemiologist  
Jaclyn Johnson, Threat Preparedness Coordinator  
Elizabeth Adkins, Director of Health and Wellness/Public Information Officer

**Visitors:**

Jasmin Richmond, Intern  
Amy Atkins, Bureau for Public Health/Center for Local Health  
Harriette Cyrus

**Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Yingling made a motion to approve the January 2018 Board of Health Meeting minutes as written. Mr. Conrad seconded and the January 2018 Board of Health minutes were approved.

Dr. Kilkenny presented Harriette Cyrus a service award on behalf of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department in honor of the 11 years of service on the Board of Health. Mrs. Cyrus said it has been a remarkable 11 years. This is a great group, the people on the board and the employees. I love the direction that the BOH has taken and the change seen over the past 11 years. Mr. Crawford said he has never seen an organization so professional and so well run as this board is and the department itself. It is a real privilege to be a part of something this fantastic. There has been a big change in the department from the day he began and now. It is an honor to be in the position as Chairman of the Board of Health.

**Board of Health Technical Assistance**

Amy Atkins, the Deputy Commissioner at the Center for Local Health presented the Board of Health Technical Assistance.

The presentation included:

1. The scope of public health practice
2. The structure, powers and duties, mission and functions of the public health system
3. An overview of public health funding
4. Emerging demands.

The Cabell-Huntington Health Department is extremely progressive.

#### **Environmental Health/MRC:**

Karen presented the Environmental Health/MRC Report. Report presentation was changed to mandated services on the top of the list and non-mandated services on the bottom of the list. Mandated services are those outlined in Chapter 16. Mr. Sweeney inquired on microblading. Microblading is a form of tattooing. Only one business is completely licensed for microblading. There are two or three other businesses in the process of becoming licensed. Dr. Yingling said he was surprised mosquito evaluation is not mandated. Karen said less than half the counties in the state of WV participate in the mosquito program. The Cabell-Huntington Health Department mosquito program has evolved into trapping, identifying, and surveillance. Dr. Yingling said there is an important aspect of public health around the diseases.

#### **Threat Preparedness:**

No written Threat Preparedness report was submitted. Jaclyn has been working on learning the statement of work, researching what we can spent the grant funding on, and how to allocate that money correctly.

#### **Epidemiology:**

Kim presented the Epidemiology Report. A comparison of calendar year 2016 and 2017 was submitted. The acute and chronic hepatitis cases are being reported separately. Dr. Yingling inquired on the reports on the relationship between IV drug abuse and streptococcus pneumoniae infections and how that is reported to the health department. The hospitals report to the health department. We also get a history and physical. Kim has not seen a relationship between IV drug use and streptococcus pneumoniae infections.

#### **Nursing:**

Kathleen presented the Nursing report. There was an increase in the positive syphilis numbers in January. We are watching the numbers and completing investigations. The mandated and non-mandated services have been divided out in the report. Dr. Kilkenny said there has been an outbreak of syphilis in Cabell County since 2014. With the assistance of the state health department, we have placed a Disease Investigation Specialist (DIS) at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department and now have the outbreak controlled. Mr. Sweeney asked if the syphilis outbreak is associated with the drug use population. There is a specific population, but drug use is not highly associated with the syphilis outbreak.

#### **Information and Technology:**

Allen presented the Information and Technology report.

#### **Regional Epidemiology:**

Tonya presented the Regional Epidemiology Report, which included regional epidemiological trainings and meetings held in the past month, field and partner education that was completed, and disease investigation and surveillance undertaken. This included timeliness reports which are generated on a monthly basis and presented to establish timelines of communicable/infectious disease reports completed and submitted to the State and CDC. Dr. Yingling how we identify and monitor the

nursing facilities with influenza outbreaks. Facilities are required to report any outbreaks to the health department. An outbreak consists of one confirmed case and one suspected or symptomatic. Kim Lockwood contacts the facility and provides education on precaution, prophylaxis, and monitors their compliance. Compliance is shown through the numbers not increasing by utilizing control measures to stop the spread of disease. Dr. Yingling asked if the at-risk individuals are actually getting prophylaxis. Kim said facilities will start with roommates or treat the whole floor or facility. There is a physician on staff who has put standing orders in place for these situations.

**Health & Wellness Director/Public Information Officer (PIO):**

Elizabeth presented the Health and Wellness/PIO Report. The prevention coordinator report will be included in the health and wellness report from this point forward. The Cabell-Huntington Health Department hosted a press conference this past week. It was a great success and we were honored to have the founders of Kaleo Pharma, Inc. at our facility, who presented Dr. Kilkenny and Jan Rader The 2017 Kaleo Cares Award. During this press conference, they donated 4,000 doses of EVZIO, the naloxone auto injector. Mr. Crawford said it was exciting and very emotional. Mr. Crawford inquired on paying for Moms Everyday. Moms Everyday is paid out of our small advertising budget. For what we get, it is a good marketing tool for the cost. It airs live and we have full rights to the video. They five-minute educational videos on different areas of public health.

**Prevention Coordinator Report:**

Teresa presented the Prevention Coordinator Report. The Health and Wellness Department worked on submission of an Appalachian Regional Grant and the United Way Impact Grant in January. In March, we expect to hear if we have been accepted to submit a full application for the United Way Impact Grant. The Appalachian Region Grant is built to build capacity in the department in chronic disease classes. Dr. Yingling asked for clarification of the 26% smoking rate per the county health rankings. According to the county health rankings, Cabell County is at a 26% of adults that smoke. County health rankings will be updating in March. Dr. Yingling asked if there has been a change in the 33% adult tobacco use. According to Kathy Eldridge, the state epidemiologist, the percentage has remained the same over the past six years. Electronic cigarette usage has increased in youth. Research shows electronic usage is a stepping stone with the youth to tobacco products. Adults use the electronic cigarettes as a harm reduction tool. Dr. Yingling asked if we can see the age segments in the adult percentage. Teresa said yes, the 18-34 age category is the highest. Dr. Yingling said the most alarming statistics were in young women who begin to use cigarettes. Can we see what is happening in Cabell County? Teresa said the state is not collecting that data. This year, the question will be included in the Pride Survey. The Pride Survey will be distributed in late summer or early fall. We should have the completed data by the end of the year.

**PACT/Accreditation Report:**

No written PACT report was submitted. Dr. Kilkenny stated we did receive notification yesterday with the decision for accreditation. Our site visit occurred in October 2017 and documentation was submitted in December 2016. Dr. Kilkenny explained the Accreditation process. The Cabell-Huntington Health Department has been working on accreditation since 2013. The Public Health Accreditation Board publishes a set of criteria that must be met. In order to apply, the health department submits documentation of compliance with those measures. There are some 100 measures and each of those have sub measures. For those 100 measures, we may have submitted 400 documents on December 30, 2016, to demonstrate our compliance with those measures. A site visit occurred on October 3 and 4, 2017. After which the reviewers submit a report to the accreditation committee that meets quarterly. It was reviewed in February 2018. The finding of the Accreditation Committee was it could not offer accreditation at this time, but the Cabell-Huntington Health Department can submit an action plan. This is not an unusual finding as 40% of health departments fall into this category. The

Action Plan is prescribed by the Accreditation Committee to specific measures that they reviewed and ask us to resubmit documentation., For us, it is 8 measures. We are being encouraged to continue our quest. Dr. Kilkenny has already ordered work to begin on our action plan. We had a discussion with representatives of the PHAB board prior to this meeting and were reassured this will not take another 14 months to complete. We will submit our action plan within the next 90 days, after which they will meet to approve it. We have been given assurance that review will be expedited and once approved, we can submit our documentation. We believe we have most of the documentation ready because we did not stop what we were doing on December 30, 2016. We worked all 2017 in accreditation readiness. We anticipate a positive result. The timeframe can't be less than 6 months. Mr. Sweeney asked if they have to schedule another site visit or inspection. No, they will review the documentation as a committee on site and make their recommendations. Dr. Yingling asked if any of the eight measures were a total surprise. Dr. Kilkenny said none of them were a surprise. Some of the depth of what they are asking for is a little surprising. Dr. Yingling asked what resources the Board can provide to complete the journey. This has dramatically improved the structure and climate of the health department. Dr. Kilkenny said we feel the Board's support and has provided us with the resources we need. We fully intend to submit an acceptable and successful action plan and achieve accreditation in the shortest time possible. Mr. Conrad asked what accreditation does? Does it give us something or just validate what we already know we do well? The accreditation framework aligns very closely with the organizational transformation that we wish to achieve. If we are going to complete the organization transformation and we can in the framework of national accreditation, it just makes sense to get the accreditation status. We do not get extra funding. However, to be able to say you are an accredited health department, as you saw on the slide, it validates that you are a top 10% health department. When we apply for grants, it allows a certain understand of capacity and capability to achieve that work. It does make us more competitive in what is growing as a competitive market in obtaining public health funding. Mrs. Rumbaugh said it is good public relations in the county to know we have a top health department that is nationally accredited and will lead to them to vote for the funding we need. Dr. Kilkenny said it is also important to know that the PHAB board does not consider this as a failure, only another short step in the accreditation process.

A motion to approve the departmental reports as submitted and presented was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and approved.

#### **Financial Report:**

Jack presented the invoices and receipts for January 2018. The P-Card is a state credit card that gives us a half percent back on purchases.

A motion to approve the January 2018 invoices and receipts with the date correction was made by Dr. Yingling, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, and approved.

#### **Administration:**

Tim presented the Administration Report.

Tim submitted the Board of Health By-Laws recommended changes. One additional change is an amended document will be included to track the amendments. Changes are highlighted in yellow. There is a 30-day notice before the vote for approval. Tim requested any additional amendments, so he could email them to the board. The Board will vote on the Board of Health By-Laws in March. Tim presented the evaluation of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department Performance Management. We achieved 100% for the first six month of FY18.

Dr. Yingling asked for clarification on the \$75,000 grant from the Bureau for Public Health for the mobile unit and naloxone. When distributing Naloxone, there is public pressure on knowing who is paying for the Naloxone. Are public tax payer dollars paying for Naloxone? Tim said, the answer is

yes. The money was allocated from a federal program. The state appropriated \$600,000 to the local health departments for a competitive grant process. Our biggest gap was Naloxone distribution, because we were out of product. The other \$30,000 came through the Appalachian Regional Commission. Dr. Yingling asked if there is an implementation plan for the mobile harm reduction van. Tim said we are working with Kanawha Charleston on a grant through NACCHO and CDC to deploy a van through the Great Rivers area. They are working on policies and procedures that will be implemented. That van is supposed to be mobile March 1<sup>st</sup>, but we have hit some resistance. Dr. Yingling is encouraged by the mobile unit and the red map should encourage everyone in the room. This county does an excellent job in leveraging all the resources in the county. Dr. Yingling stated Amazon is a good corporate partner in communities, not just to step up to participate, but also willing to step up to contribute and support and provide money. Dr. Yingling encourages the Health Department to inquire on Amazon becoming a corporate sponsor of health department services. Tim said we have completed Naloxone training and participated in a health fair there. Mr. Sweeney asked how many units of Naloxone does \$50,000 buy. We can get it a two-dose pack for \$75, so about 600. Mr. Sweeney asked if Naloxone is effective if the overdose is due to marijuana with fentanyl in it? Dr. Kilkenny said fentanyl in a drug, like marijuana, is exceedingly dangerous to people who are not taking opioids or are not tolerant of opioid and are suddenly exposed to fentanyl. It will kill them. It would take large doses of naloxone to reverse those overdoses. The Naloxone Distribution Program is incredibly effective in Cabell County. Cabell County leads the state in the highest overdose rate in the state. Our ability to distribute naloxone to the point to where it is most effective, where the first person at the scene is saving lives. We know there is some criticism, political and social noise about these programs, but we have to look at the bigger picture. We have been hearing complaints about syringe litter. This is a serious problem. Chief Dial has talked to us and announced at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast our Syringe Litter Abatement Program, which will begin this spring to reduce syringe litter. Stopping the distribution of sterile syringes to prevent the spread of Hepatitis C is not the answer to syringe litter. Picking up litter is the answer to litter. We have seen a remarkable number of individuals go into recovery, especially in the last four months. People do get better with treatment and re-engage. The goal is to keep individuals disease free and alive until they re-engage. It took tremendous courage from the Board of Health to put the program in place. Now there are 15 other Boards of Health who are able to put the program in place because of this board's actions. Mr. Sweeney asked how long 600 units would last. Approximately 3 months. The donation of 4,000 kits of Evzio from Kaleo saves lives. We have only purchased \$30,000 of Naloxone using the Appalachian Regional Commission grant. Dr. Kilkenny invited the Board members to the Syringe Exchange Program and take a tour of all the services we offer. Another product donation grant provided law enforcement with 8,000 doses of Narcan. Cabell County law enforcement received 450 units. Jan Rader and Dr. Kilkenny wrote the policy and procedure for Huntington police and fire to carry Naloxone. Every law enforcement agency in WV has access to Naloxone through that model.

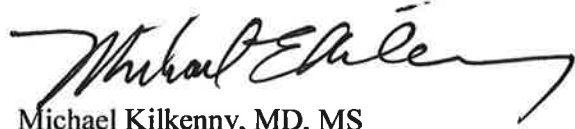
**Physician Director's Report:**

Dr. Kilkenny presented the Physician Director's Report.

Mr. Sweeney made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Rumbaugh seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Kilkeny, MD, MS  
Physician Director, Cabell-Huntington Health Department



Approved:

J. Larry Crawford, Chairman  
Cabell-Huntington Board of Health