

**MINUTES**  
**Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board**  
**March 19, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board was held Monday, March 19, 2018. Vice Chair Sandy Praeger called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan Partridge, director, thanked Kevin Stuever and Judy Brynds for serving on the Health Board.

Dan Partridge, director, introduced Linda Craig, director of clinic services.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Doug Dechairo made a motion to approve the Agenda for March 19, 2018. Vern Norwood provided the second and the motion passed.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2018**

Sandy Praeger made a motion that the Minutes of February 19, 2018, be revised to “Sandy Praeger made a motion to provide a letter of support stating good sidewalks promote the public health, safety and welfare. The Lawrence-Douglas County Board of Health has reviewed the proposed City of Lawrence Administrative Policy No. 117, Sidewalk Hazard Repair Program, and found that it advances progress toward the community’s public health goals.” Steve Fawcett provided the second and the motion passed.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVE FEBRUARY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Dan Partridge, director, reviewed the February Monthly Financial Report. During discussion, Shannon Oury requested that an additional column for budget variances be included in the monthly income and expense report. Sandy Praeger moved that the February Monthly Financial Report be approved. Shannon Oury provided the second and the motion passed.

### **DISCUSSION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND JAIL NEEDS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY**

Bob Tryanski, director of behavioral health of Douglas County, reported the Douglas County Commission has proposed a plan to improve the jail with an expansion and reconfiguration to provide better housing space for women and individuals who need special health care, as well as programming space for the jail's nationally recognized reentry services. The County Commission has proposed several measures to serve residents with mental illness and substance use disorders, including building a crisis center and supporting staffing and programming in newly constructed transitional housing. This crisis center would support an integrated system of care that moves individuals from crisis and illness to recovery and prevention. In 2015 and 2016, Douglas County saw a sharp increase in the number of days individuals were incarcerated. The county implemented three alternatives to incarceration to help alleviate over-crowding at the jail. The alternatives were pretrial release, behavioral health court and house arrest. Douglas County has proposed a half-cent sales tax to finance a jail configuration and expansion and a mental illness and substance use disorder campus. The strategy is to serve people where we find them and focus on intervention, recover, and prevention with safe and secure housing for those with mental illness and substance use disorders. The crisis center intervention would include 23-hour observation and 72-hour stabilization, a sobering area, medication assisted detox, and housing for up to 14 days. There would also be dedicated bed space for youth. The recovery would provide three tiers of support. Tier one would be supportive housing up to 14 days. Tier two would provide transitional housing for 12 people (6-12 months). Tier three would be ten permanent housing units. Prevention and recovery services would provide timely access to psychiatry and outpatient services, implement Zero Suicide program, convene an opioid crisis summit in Douglas County and expand WRAP to include mental health professionals in schools in Baldwin, Eudora and Lecompton.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Kay Kent Award Recognition Letters

Dan Partridge, director, stated there were three nominations for the Kay Kent Excellence In Public Health Service Award. Nominees were: Kathy Colson, Nicole Herrera, and Vince Romero.

### Recognition of Charlotte Marthaler, 20 Years of Service

The Board signed a Letter of Recognition congratulating Charlotte Marthaler for twenty years of service.

### Board Composition

Shaun Musick, chair, reported on her discussion with Mayor Boley and the process for recommending new Health Board members appointed by the city.

### Kansas Department of Health and Environment Grants

Dan Partridge, director, submitted the Grant Application Signature Page from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KSHE) for the grant period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$887,798. After discussion, Doug Dechairo made a motion to authorize Shaun Musick, chair, to sign the Grant Application Signature Page. Shannon Oury provided the second and the motion passed.

### Receive the 2017 Annual Report

Karrey Britt, communications coordinator, distributed the 2017 Annual Report. After discussion, Vern Norwood made a motion to receive the 2017 Annual Report. Sandy Praeger provided the second and the motion passed.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### 2018 County Health Rankings

Dan Partridge, director, reported Douglas County dropped in health rankings to No. 23 in Kansas. Dan stated for length of life Douglas County was No. 6 and for Quality of Life, No. 68. There were areas where Douglas County is faring better than the state average also.

### New Orleans Site Visit

Dan Partridge, director, stated as part of the Kresge Foundation work to share data across organizations focusing on behavioral health, the data sharing collaborative team will be going to New Orleans April 17 to April 19, 2018. They will learn about how we utilize a touchpoint map, how their behavioral health council functions and how the city of New Orleans uses their metric dashboard to communicate efforts to the community. Community partners attending are: Lisa Larson, Bob Tryanski, Patrick Schmitz, Robert Bieniecki, Lori Alvarado, Kate Kiefert, Charlie Bryan and staff member from Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

### Phone System Upgrade

Dan Partridge, director, reported parts are no longer available for our telephone system. Data-Tel will provide an update in the amount of \$9,975.50.

### Other New Business

1. The next scheduled Health Board meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2018, at 5 p.m. in the first floor meeting room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. on a motion by Sandy Praeger and a second by Kevin Stuever.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Partridge  
Secretary

Present: Judy Brynds  
Doug Dechairo  
Steve Fawcett  
Shaun Musick  
Vern Norwood  
Shannon Oury  
Sandy Praeger  
Kevin Stuever  
Other: Dan Partridge  
Mary Beverly  
Karrey Britt  
Linda Craig  
Colleen Hill  
Charlotte Marthaler  
Chris Tilden  
Bob Tryanski