

**Fulton County Board Of Health (BOH)
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 25, 2018
10:30 a.m.
Commissioner Joan P. Garner Conference Room
10 Park Place South SE, 6th floor.**

Board Members Present

Chairman Otis Webb Brawley, M.D., MACP, FASCO, FACE
Vice -Chairman Jack Hardin City of Atlanta
Secretary Lynne P. Meadows, R.N., M.S.
Council Member Carla Smith
Renay Blumenthal
Commissioner Natalie Hall

Board Member Absent

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Fulton County Board of Health was called to order by Chairman Otis Brawley at 10:37 a.m. Chairman Brawley opened the meeting acknowledging the presence of the Board Members in attendance.

II. SWEARING IN OF FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER NATALIE HALL

Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier, swore in Fulton County Commissioner Natalie Hall as member of Fulton County Board of Health.

III. OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2018

Chairman Brawley asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes of January 24, 2018, Regular Board Meeting. With no questions, Chairman Brawley

accepted the motion of Secretary Lynne Meadows to approve the minutes. Renay Blumenthal seconded the motion.

All Members in Favor: Brawley, Hardin, Meadows, Smith, Blumenthal, Hall.

All Members Against: None.

Abstentions: None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

I. DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S BOARD REPORT BY KATHLEEN E. TOOMEY, M.D., M.P.H., DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR

Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey reported that the 1st week of April was Public Health Week; numerous health activities were coordinated to highlight the role of Public Health. Dr. Toomey participated in the Georgia Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Conference, where Fulton County Board of Health staff served as presenters on several of the Board of Health initiatives.

Each Board of Health member received a card with the mission, vision and values of BOH and Dr. Toomey presented the first Values Champion Award recipient of the Board of Health, Ms. Debra Jennings.

Dr. Toomey announced that the first steps toward the accreditation process of the Board of Health are in motion. Lisa Goodin was introduced as the Accreditation Coordinator.

Dr. Toomey shared that on April 10, John (Jack) Kennedy, M.D., District Health Director of Cobb and Douglas Health District shared invaluable information about their agency's accreditation process with our Senior Team and our new accreditation study group. Staff had positive feedback about the presentation and an increased enthusiasm about moving forward with the process.

Dr. Toomey also informed the Board that the "Back to School" process starts in July for the Health Department. The vaccination for school-age children is a central part of what our clinics do and is a task that involves "all hands on deck."

Dr. Toomey also reported our success story with a full scale Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise executed in March at the College Park Health Center. This exercise

reflects our capacity for prophylaxis distribution in case of a full scale public health emergency in the county such as a biological weapons attack or pandemic influenza.

HIV UPDATE

**BY DERICK WILSON, HIPP (HIV HIGH IMPACT PREVENTION PROGRAM)
PROGRAM MANAGER**

Derick Wilson, HIPP Program Manager, gave an update about the HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) prevention and treatment services in Fulton County. See the full HIV update report attached.

After the presentation, Vice-Chair Jack Hardin asked Mr. Wilson about the service locations for people who tested positive. Mr. Wilson noted that in his presentation was a map with the zip codes where the CBOs (Community- Based Organizations) contracted by the Board of Health operate in Fulton County, and indicated these are being analyzed to ensure good coverage and accessibility. In addition the Communicable Diseases Prevention Branch services are being expanded by the nurse team in all the Board of Health clinics to include HIV testing and other sexual health services.

Vice-Chair Hardin asked about the relationship of our services with the services offered by Grady. Dr. David Holland explained that Board of Health clinicians refer to Grady Hospital patients with acute active cases.

Vice-Chair Hardin also inquired about the number of people who are HIV-infected in Fulton County. Mr. Wilson's team reported that over 16,400 people were reported positive for HIV as of December 31 of 2016. (Source: 2016 Georgia HIV Surveillance Survey)

Commissioner Natalie Hall asked about the process to select the locations for services in the community. Mr. Wilson reported that the CBOs (Community -Based Organizations) that applied for funding to provide services identify their own established location in Fulton County. Dr. Toomey also informed that our main Health Center in 10 Park Place is the headquarters for Communicable Diseases treatment, but our nurse team is in an intensive training phase to allow the expansion of Board of Health services to all the Health Centers in Fulton.

Commissioner Hall asked about the feasibility to provide training about HIV and PrEP to other physicians. Dr. Holland reported that his goal is to make sure that all

general physicians in the County know about PrEP. Dr. Holland is currently coordinating with Grady system physicians who proactively requested this kind of training.

Commissioner Hall requested information about the dates of this kind of training for the community. Mr. Wilson apprised that all information will be provided to the Community Advisory Board and soon will be available in the brand new BOH website. Currently, in order to reach priority populations, particularly younger members of priority populations, FCBOH is developing a hashtag campaign #StopHIVATL to empower individuals in the community about their role in ending the HIV epidemic in the Atlanta metropolitan area and reduce stigma related to HIV prevention activities.

Vice-Chair Hardin suggested that a good place to promote HIV prevention should be the homeless shelters, where the Board of Health recently had a successful influenza immunization campaign. Dr. Holland agreed with Vice-Chair Hardin and reported that as the TB (tuberculosis) Task Force sunsets, a new committee will address health concerns for people who experience homelessness including TB (tuberculosis) testing, HIV prevention, and PrEP.

Commissioner Hall recognized a member of the public attending the meeting, Reese McCraine, from the City of Atlanta government, who asked what our HIV team is doing in relationship to faith-based community organizations. Mr. Wilson informed that a meeting was planned at the beginning of this year with churches and church organizations that have a health and wellness committee, but had to be postponed due to inclement weather. Currently the HIV team is coordinating a new date for the informative session.

Chairman Brawley thanked Dr. Toomey and Mr. Wilson for their reports.

II. BOH GOVERNANCE

Jennifer R. Culler, Esq., Attorney for the Fulton County Board of Health

- a) Request for Approval of a Resolution To Adopt Certain Provisions Of The Fulton County Health And Sanitation Code Chapter 34 With Certain Limited Omissions And Modifications As Rules And Regulations Of The Fulton County Board Of Health; And To Adopt A New Booklet Of Rules And Regulations For The Control And Prevention Of Communicable Diseases; And For Other Purposes.

Ms. Jennifer Culler summarized for the Board the four primary purposes of the Resolution:

- (1) To Adopt certain of the current Fulton County Ordinances as Board of Health Rules and Regulations;
- (2) To Adopt a new Regulation for the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases;
- (3) To provide for minor changes in the Rules and Regulations to how the Ordinances appear in order to (a) change references to the Department of Health and Wellness to the Fulton County Board of Health, (b) remove citations to a since-repealed state law, and (c) to provide for any appeals from final orders or decisions of the FCBOH to go through the State Department of Public Health processes rather than through the Fulton County government process as set forth in state law; and
- (4) To recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Rules and Regulations adopted by the FCBOH be repealed by the Board of Commissioners and then re-adopted and incorporated by reference into the Fulton County Code of Ordinances.

She explained that the repeal and re-adoption would serve two purposes: (1) to allow the FCBOH agility in its future amendments or additions to the Rules and Regulations; and (2) to provide the enforcement authority of the County for any violations of the Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Culler also made available to all the Board members a hard copy of the Ordinance realignment project redlined changes. The documents were also emailed to all the BOH members for review and consideration prior to the Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Chairman Brawley to approve the proposed Resolution and Adoption of the Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Jack Hardin and Council Member Carla Smith.

All Members in Favor: Brawley, Hardin, Meadows, Smith, Blumenthal, Hall.

All Members Against: None.

Abstentions: None

Chairman Brawley commended Ms. Culler for all the work involved in the presentation and approval of regulations and to put Fulton County Board of Health regulation on the same level of all the other Boards of Health in the State.

III. BUDGET

a. Financial Status Report by Jamar Parker, Financial Manager, and Beverly Stanley, District Administrator

Mr. Parker made a brief presentation about the third Quarter Expenditure Report for the Board of Health. (See the full Financial Status Report Presentation Report attached).

Vice-Chair Jack Hardin asked how the revenue improved with the increase on fees collection reported in the last BOH meeting. Mr. Parker reported the Environmental Health Environmental Fees were \$5,139,219 and Vital Records revenue was \$1,152,679.

Secretary Lynne Meadows asked Mr. Parker to provide more information about the composition of the BOH revenue. Mr. Parker will prepare the information for the next meeting.

Dr. Kathleen Toomey informed that the Board of Health is improving the revenue collection in the health centers through private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare.

Vice-Chair Hardin asked what happens in clinics with patients who are eligible for insurance coverage but currently not enrolled. Dr. Hogai Nassery, BOH Medical Director, informed that each clinic has dedicated staff to enroll clients in Medicaid.

b. Request for approval of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 Budget by Beverly Stanley, District Administrator (See the full FY 2018-2019 Report Presentation Report attached).

Beverly Stanley, District Administrator presented an abbreviated version of the Fulton County Board of Health Annual Budget FY 2018-2019.

Vice-Chair Hardin asked about the difference between the match required by the County by Law and the actual budget allocated.

Ms. Stanley reported that Fulton County is required by State law to provide match funding in the amount of 3.7 million. The county contributed 5,059,254 above the required minimum. Once the county approved the reduction, that number decreased to the 4.5 million listed below. The county's total contribution for 2018 is \$8,286,759. This funding is allocated to the Board of Health's 3rd and 4th quarter fiscal year 18 budget and the 1st and 2nd quarter of the fiscal year 19 budget.

Commissioner Hall asked if BOH needed additional funding to hire staff. Dr. Kathleen Toomey informed that Environmental Health has a greater number of facilities to inspect than other counties in Georgia and that definitely hiring staff is one of permanent process improvements needed in the Department. She also indicated that additional nursing staff is needed for optimal service.

Chairman Brawley called for the approval of the Projected FY2019- July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 Fulton County Board of Health Budget. Ms. Renay Blumenthal made the motion to approve it, and was seconded by Council Member Carla Smith.

All Members in Favor: Brawley, Hardin, Meadows, Smith, Blumenthal, Hall.

All Members Against: None.

Abstentions: None

IV. Board Comment

Chairman Brawley commended the financial and legal teams for their excellent presentations.

Secretary Lynne Meadows praised the Epidemiology team for their support to the public school health system with project reports and data management.

Chairman Brawley thanked also the Epidemiology team for their report and the good work for the Fulton County citizens.

Renay Blumenthal echoed the congratulations for good work to the BOH teams. Ms. Blumenthal expressed that the “overmatch” of Fulton County to the Board of Health reflects the importance of the County investment in the Health of Fulton County citizens, and recommended that the word used to describe that additional funding be “investment” rather than “overmatch,” since it reflects Fulton County’s provision of much needed funding in public health.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chairman Brawley and seconded by Vice-Chair Jack Hardin

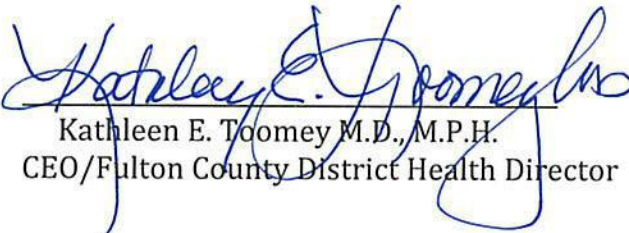
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All Members Against: None.

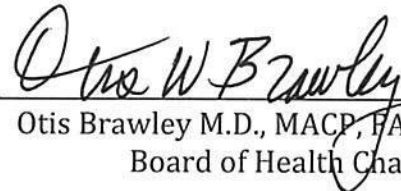
Abstentions: None

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Brawley at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen E. Toomey M.D., M.P.H.
CEO/Fulton County District Health Director



Otis Brawley M.D., MACP, FASCO, FACE
Board of Health Chair