LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED AGENDA

5:00 PM, Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Training Center
3131 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

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TO:  Board of Health Members, Media and Interested Parties

FROM:  James Michael Bowers, President

SUBJECT:  Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda

DATE:  January 26, 2021

5:00 PM, Tuesday, February 9, 2021
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The tentative agenda is as follows:

I.  CALL TO ORDER – Bowers
   A.  Roll Call

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Bowers

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Bowers
   A.  Regular Meeting – January 12, 2021

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

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V.  DEPARTMENT REPORTS
   A.  Health Director Update – Lopez

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS – Information Items
   A.  Tobacco Prevention Program Update – Hitz
B. City-County Employee Wellness Update – Schlichting

C. COVID-19 Update – Lopez
   1. Dashboard
   2. Vaccination

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

   A. Request for Information/Topics for Future Agenda

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

   Next Regular Meeting – March 9, 2021 - 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:05 PM by James Michael Bowers at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: James Michael Bowers, Katie Garcia, Dustin Loy, Stephanie Jarrett, Stacie Bleicher, Sean Flowerday, Tom Randa, Jenifer Holloway (ex-officio), Rick Tast (ex-officio) and Adelle Burk (ex-officio).

Members Absent: Jacqueline Miller and Jasmine Kingsley.

Staff Present: Pat Lopez, Charlotte Burke, Raju Kakarlapudi, Christina Hitz, Amy Schlichting, Ellyn McCarter, Justin Daniel, David Humm, Scott Holmes, Tim Timmons, Bernice Afuh, Leah Bucco-White and Angel Edwards.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda. No corrections were requested.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Loy to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Mr. Flowerday. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes. No corrections were requested.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Flowerday that the December 8, 2020 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Garcia. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

No one came forward.

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update
Mr. Flowerday wanted to start by congratulating Health Director Lopez regarding the NACCHO award for her service throughout the year.

Next Ms. Lopez started by talking about the Division Report from the Health Department. One point of interest was Animal Control who have extended coverage hours. Environmental Health continues to meet with local businesses and childcare facilities. Ms. Lopez also introduced Leah Bucco-White as the new Public Information Officer. Ms. Bucco-White comes to us from the State of Nebraska and has 15 plus years in government with a focus on Public Health. Health Promotion and Outreach also introduced Shelby Bingham as the new Public Health Educator II.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Board of Health Approval For Lincoln Municipal Code Chapter 8.20 Amendment

Scott Holmes, the Environmental Health Manager, introduced an ordinance amendment for Cottage Foods. The local Food Advisory Board and the City Council have already voted to approve the amendment, however, the local code must now be updated to comply with The State of Nebraska. Changes include registration, regulation and consultation/inspection visits.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Loy to approve the amendment. Second by Dr. Garcia. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Ordinance to Temporarily Extend the LLCHD Child Care Center Certificate of Compliance

Scott Holmes, the Environmental Health Manager, explained the childcare certificate of compliance extension request is due to extending the time frame for fee due dates. This will assist facilities to stay open and operational. Upon approval from the Board of Health it will be reviewed by The City Council.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Bleicher to extend the certificate of compliance. Second by Ms. Jarrett. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Item)

A. COVID-19 Update & Data Testing Vaccine

Health Director Lopez started by telling the Board about the dashboard update. Case numbers are still increasing and the dial remains in red. The positivity rate is 25%. UNL comes back from Winter break next week and will do saliva testing for students. Restrictions on bars and restaurants will remain in place at this time. Raju
Kakarlapudi, the Epidemiology Supervisor, explained that his team has now added vaccination information to the dashboard. The Health Department is currently issuing Phase 1A of vaccine roll-out and we have partnered with Bryan, CHI, Lincoln Surgical and Blue Stem to provide first doses of vaccine to Primary Care Providers. Mr. Kakarlapudi’s team has also sent out a survey to gather numbers of vaccine needed. The CDC recommends 65+ for the next tier instead of the original 70-75+. Bernice Afuh, the Community Health Services Manager, is heading up the logistics and scheduling for vaccine to the assigned tiers. There are a lot of moving parts and they are planning to get more information out to the public. The Health Department will release a registration page next week on the City of Lincoln website to sign up for vaccine and it will also be available in different languages. This data will be used for scheduling appointments.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

A. Tobacco & Vaping

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – March 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Mr. Flowerday that the meeting adjourn. Second by Ms. Jarrett. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Angel Edwards
Recording Secretary

Katie Garcia, DDS
Vice President
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

This month, Community Health Services Division worked diligently to provide COVID vaccination to individuals in Phase 1A. This effort took cooperation from a variety of people internal and external to the division and department. We have had a huge interest from the community at large that continue to request the vaccine. Requests have been coming in all possible forms. Here at the Health Department, we welcome the interest. This response, in many ways, have made our work easier. Residents are willing to reach out giving us the opportunity identify the need and to plan accordingly.

In January, we concentrated on the identified groups. To accomplish our goal of completing the Phase 1A group, we worked very closely with our partners including CHI, Bryan, Bluestem and Lincoln Surgical Hospital. We had a common goal of ensuring health care workers and those who work directly with persons at risk receive the vaccine. These efforts allowed LLCHD to concentrate on a number of groups within this phase. Throughout this month, staff held an average of four clinics each week and occasionally two clinics on one day allowing us to vaccinate numerous agencies.

On January 22 and 29, the Health Department held a mass clinic event at Pinnacle Bank Arena. These clinics were meant to bring in large groups of individuals in Phase 1A giving them an opportunity to receive their vaccines before we moved to the next phase. The Health Department provided online registration specifically for the identified groups. Individuals had the opportunity to select an appointment time that worked best for them. Again, the health department, not surprisingly, received an outpouring of cooperation and collaboration from our partners. We are very pleased to state that we successfully completed the first phase.

Many people-private citizens, companies and others- reached out to LLCHD after each clinic to thank us for providing this needed and welcomed service to the community; commented on how well the clinics were conducted; and commented on the short wait to get through and the kindness of each member of our team.
DENTAL HEALTH

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Caseload (Participation)

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<td>Main</td>
<td>2816 (+77 Nov 2020)</td>
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Participants by Category/Breastfeeding Information

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<td>882 (22.1%)</td>
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<td>Total Children</td>
<td>2,269 (56.8%)</td>
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<td>842 (21.1%)</td>
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(Number and school)

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WIC QI—No Show Rates:

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Dec caseload was 3,993 (+307 from Dec 2019 and +117 from Nov 2020). We had 22 working days in December. There was a decrease in no-show rates compared to the previous month (-4.4%). Waivers have been extended through February 21. LLCHD WIC is completing all WIC visits via phone, while exploring the possibility of piloting use of video platform for pump clinic.

**DENTAL HEALTH**

**Dental Clinic Services:**

- Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 507
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 690
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 963
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White non-English speaking patients: 429 (85%)
- Total number of children served: 358 (71%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 442 (87%)
- Total number of all clients with language barriers: 322 (64%)

(Albanian, Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Farsi, French, Karen, Kurdish, Russian, Spanish, Ukranian, Vietnamese, Other)

There was an increase of 190 provider visits when compared to November 2020 and a decrease of 105 provider visits when compared to December 2019. Our clinic added 2 contract dentists to our provider group mid-December.

**Community Outreach:** 698

Dental Screening and Fluoride Varnish Program: 204
Malone Cultural Center – 3
K Street Early Head Start Program – 54
Health 360 Early Head Start Program – 19
Educare of Lincoln - 128

LPS Elementary School Screenings: 494
Kahoa - 34
Clinton - 140
Elliott - 100
Don Sherrill - 33
Riley – 89
Sheridan - 98
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Waste Management: Nuisance/Solid Waste Complaints

**Goals:** Protect human health and the environment by assuring proper management and disposal of wastes and preventing illness and disease caused by improper waste management.

**Methods/Strategies:** Receive complaints and send letters to property owners and tenants; Investigate complaints; Issue warning notices; Abate nuisance conditions

**Indicator:** Resolve 90% of nuisance complaints involving garbage within 30 days.

**Indicator Description:** This indicator measures how quickly the Health Department responds to nuisance complaints.

**Indicator Rationale:** Garbage presents unique public health risks due to serving as a food source for rodents and insects which can carry disease. Quick action to resolve garbage complaints reduces public health risks in our community.

**Comparison:** 94% of garbage complaints were resolved within 30 days in FY20. This compares to 84% in FY19, 84% in FY18, 87% in FY17, 83% in FY16, and 81% in FY15.

**Funding/Source:** Waste Hauler Occupation Tax (100%)

In June of 2011, the City of Lincoln changed LMC 8.32 to require owners of rental property (duplex and single family) to provide for garbage service. For the years FY08-FY11 there was an average of 621 garbage complaints. For the years FY12-FY20, there was an average of 431 garbage complaints.

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**Garbage Complaints**

![Chart showing garbage complaints from FY08 to FY20]

**Lincoln, NE**

6/11 new ordinance requires rentals to have garbage service provided by owner

**Avg Before = 411; After = 228**

**Avg Before = 621; After = 485**

LLCHD 11/25/20
Comparison of Higher Priority Nuisance Complaints from FY15-FY19 (1)

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*Not including bedbug complaints

**Description:** The public reports nuisance complaints to the Health Department. In most cases, a letter is mailed to both property owner & tenant informing them of the complaint, directing them to abate the conditions, and asking them to complete & return a postcard. If no response is received indicating action has been taken, staff inspect the property, and issue official warning notices if appropriate. In most cases, resolution is obtained, but abatement of the conditions is necessary about 40 times each year. Costs are charged as a lien (special assessment) against the property. Higher priority complaints include garbage, stagnant water, mosquitoes, sewage discharge, standing water, water safety, and unfenced backyard pools, since they present the highest public health risk.

**Partnerships & Efficiency:**
Mailing notices instead of field investigation of every complaint reduces costs and the number of complaints with no findings, but delays response to problem nuisance conditions. Health is part of the City Problem Resolution Team and attends the Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable. Health works closely with Building and Safety and Weed Control to address all complaints on properties. Health staff will note violations of the B&S Housing Code, include such violations on official notices and enforcement letters, and make referrals via Accela Automation, email, or phone to other agencies as appropriate.

**Water Quality: Property Transfer Reviews**
**Goals:** Protect human health by preventing waterborne illness and preventing ground and surface water pollution.
**Methods/Strategies:** Train and permit Property Transfer Inspectors; Review Property Transfer Inspector’s inspection reports; Issue approval or denial; Provide consultation to resolve problems; Assure failed systems are replaced or repaired and meet current regulations.

**Indicator:** 100% of property transfers are inspected to assure that wells and private wastewater treatment systems meet public health water and sewage criteria.

**Indicator Description:** Property Transfer regulations require that prior to sale, each property that has a private well or sewage system must be inspected to determine compliance with state and local regulations created to protect public health.

**Indicator Rationale:** Failed sewage systems and contaminated wells pose risks to human health and our environment. When conditions present a health risk or significant risk of contamination of the environment, the Health Department follows up to assure that corrections have been made.

**Funding/Source (1):** 100% of direct field costs were funded by user fees.

**Comparison:** Staff estimate that 99% of property transfers were inspected. In FY20, 227 Property Transfers were reviewed, which is the highest number reviewed within the last five fiscal years. Our Property Transfer Program tracks very closely with the real estate market which has also seen strong activity over the last year.
**Description:** The Property Transfer regulations (LMC 24.42 and County Resolution R-13-0064) require that prior to sale, each property that has a private well or onsite wastewater treatment system must be inspected. Inspections are conducted by private businesses that are trained and permitted by the Health Department. The Property Transfer Inspectors send the inspection report to the Health Department for review. A review fee of $240 was charged for FY20. A “Denial” is issued if either the well or sewage system has significant deficiencies. This does not stop the sale of the property but informs the seller and buyer of what issues may be present. When conditions present a health risk or significant risk of contamination of the environment, the Health Department follows up to assure that corrections have been made. In FY20, 11 failed sewage systems and 13 wells that were contaminated or had significant deficiencies were required to be repaired or replaced to protect human health and our environment. Numerous other violations have also been corrected and human health has been protected from bacterial and Nitrate contaminated water. About 55% of the properties are in the County/Village jurisdictions and 45% in the City 3-mile jurisdiction.

![Property Transfer Reviews](chart.png)

Source: LLCHD 11/2020
HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

CHRONIC DISEASE
Lancaster County Crusade Against Colon Cancer coalition implemented a social media campaign to help thank local pharmacies for their participation with distributing FOBT kits to increase colon cancer screening rates. Due to COVID, an in-person appreciation event was unable to happen. Plans for 2021 include a mail in option for distributing kits in addition to the regular 32 pharmacy partner effort.

COVID
Staff continue to serve as a courier service for the decontamination of N-95 masks for LPD, LFR, Building and Safety, LLCHD and community partners. A typical day includes picking up masks at locations, transporting them to the Decon Center for processing, then returning the masks the same day. The number of days offered each week for the routes is Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Currently, there is a request for staff to assist with pickup/deliveries on Wednesdays each week. Due to increased demand, an additional day each week, Tuesdays, will be added temporarily as a “community day” for local businesses to drop off and pick up masks for processing.

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS
Two Dietetic Interns (Ellyn McCarter and Haley Thiele) began their three-week rotation with HPO on January 5. They have created two wellness calendars, a nutrition and stress mini workshop, hosted three open forums for Jump Start participants, and are creating a healthy recipe book. One UNMC Public Health graduate student (Michaela Geisert) is doing her APEX (Advanced Practical Experience) project with HPO. From January 12 – mid-April, she’ll be using HeartAware data to design a six-week heart health challenge for City/County employees.
TOBACCO
Two new tobacco prevention health educators were hired to fill existing position openings, with Shelby Bingham starting January 7 and Sadie Jensen starting on February 4.

The 2020 Program Highlight infographic below shows the program’s efforts visually, which will be shared at the February BOH meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS & PLANNING