



SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

Fulton County Board of Health (BOH)
Regular Board Meeting
10 Park Place South SE
6TH Floor, Joan P. Garner Conference Room

The following is a general summary of actions taken by the Fulton Board of Health at the October 25, 2017 regular meeting.

Members Present

Chairman Otis Brawley, Renay Blumenthal, Board of Commissioners (BOC) Vice Chairman Bob Ellis, Lynne Meadows.

Members Absent

Vice Chairman Jack Hardin, Council Member Carla Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Fulton County Board of Health was called to order by Chairman Otis Brawley, at 10:38 am. Dr. Brawley opened the meeting acknowledging the presence of the Board Members in attendance, and informing that Vice Chairman Jack Hardin will be absent due to previous commitments.

II. SWEARING IN OF FULTON COUNTY COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN BOB ELLIS
Interim Clerk to the Commission, Tonya Grier, swore in Fulton County Commission Vice Chairman Bob Ellis as member of Fulton County Board of Health.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF POSITION AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH BY
FULTON COUNTY COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN BOB ELLIS
BOC Vice Chairman Bob Ellis accepted his appointment as BOH member and continued with the meeting in his new role.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Board Meeting of July 26, 2017

Chairman Brawley asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes of July 26, 2017, Regular Board Meeting. Lynne Meadows requested a correction in the spelling of her name in the minutes. With no other questions, Chairman Brawley entertained a motion by Renay Blumenthal to approve the minutes with the correction of Lynne Meadows' name. Lynne Meadows seconded the motion.

All Members in Favor: Brawley, Blumenthal, Ellis, Meadows.

All Members Against: None.

Abstentions: None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S BOARD REPORT

KATHLEEN E. TOOMEY, M.D., M.P.H., DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR

1. TRANSITION SUMMARY

Dr. Kathleen E. Toomey introduced the new staff in leadership positions hired since the last regular meeting of the BOH.

In a brief summary of the highlights and achievements of the programs of Board of Health during the last quarter, Dr. Toomey made special mention of the following: PICH program, Epidemiology Department, the managers that served in interim capacities and the DHEART (District Health Emergency and Response Team) for their special efforts setting up a shelter during Hurricane Irma.

Lynne Meadows asked if there are plans to continue funding PICH in 2018. Dr. Toomey explained that CDC closed the operations of PICH at a national level and that BOH is looking for funding through the County and other agencies.

2. TUBERCULOSIS (TB) UPDATE

Dr. David Holland, Chief of the Communicable Diseases Branch, gave a TB update. See the full TB update report attached.

Lynne Meadows asked if the 10 deaths of TB-infected citizens during the TB outbreak period were also HIV patients. Dr. Holland confirmed that the vast majority were advanced HIV cases.

Lynne Meadows and Renay Blumenthal asked if HIV screening is mandatory for TB patients.

Dr. Holland informed that at present the outreach teams are testing TB and HIV in all the Atlanta shelters, but that the screening for HIV is not mandatory, rather, it is “opt out.”

3. BOH GOVERNANCE

REQUEST APPROVAL OF A “RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT POLICY TO EXEMPT CERTAIN CONTRACTS PAID THROUGH GEORGIA GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Jennifer R. Culler, Esq., Attorney for the Fulton County Board of Health presented the agenda item for consideration.

Chairman Brawley made the motion to approve the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Lynne Meadows. The motion was approved with all the members in favor.

All Members in Favor: Brawley, Blumenthal, Ellis, Meadows.

All Members Against: None.

Abstentions: None.

This Resolution passed unanimously.

B. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Jamar Parker, Financial Manager, made a brief presentation about the First Quarter Expenditure Report for the Board of Health. See the full Financial Status Report Presentation Report – 10/25/17.

BOC Vice Chairman Ellis suggested that the next report present all the sources of potential revenue to have a clear understanding of the funding of programs and health activities.

Dr. Toomey informed that BOH is working to grow the billing capacity through outsourcing the billing processes. BOH is aiming to get a

better process in place by the end of 2018, thereby increasing the ability to bill insured clients.

C. Board Comment

Chairman Otis Brawley congratulated Epidemiology for a thorough report, and congratulated the Financial Manager for a clear presentation of the financial data.

D. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chairman Brawley and seconded by Renay Blumenthal.

All Members in Favor: Brawley, Blumenthal, Ellis, Meadows.

All Members Against: None.

Abstentions: None.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Brawley at 11:58 am.