

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Carolyn C. Lopez, M.D., President

Juan M. Calderon

Melanie Dreher, RN, PhD.

Victor M. Gonzalez

Steven K. Rothschild, M.D.

Horace E. Smith, M.D.

Joseph B. Starshak

Board Members Absent

Adele Joy Cobbs, M.D.

Caswell A. Evans, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.

For the Department

Fikirte Wagaw, 1st Deputy Commissioner

Chicago Board of Health
Meeting Summary: April 18, 2018
DePaul Center, 333 South State Street

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Dr. Lopez, Board President.

Approval of Minutes: The March 2018 minutes were unanimously.

Commissioner's Update: Fikirte Wagaw, 1st Deputy Commissioner reported the following on behalf of Commissioner Morita:

- *Synthetic Cannabinoids.* CDPH is taking every precaution to limit the impact of an outbreak of synthetic cannabinoids, sometimes called 'K2' or 'spice'. Synthetic cannabinoid products are unsafe and the health effects of using synthetic cannabinoids can be unpredictable and harmful—even life-threatening. Over the last month, there have been over 100 patients hospitalized across the state (30 in Chicago), with three associated deaths (one in Chicago), and other cases seen in emergency departments. CDPH is teaming up with IDPH and law enforcement to investigate synthetic cannabinoid cases, to prevent future use and death and have also partnered with the media to instruct residents to seek medical care immediately. We continue to monitor this situation.
- *LGBT Health Report.* The first-ever report describing the health status of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Chicago residents was released on March 26th, 2018. The report looks at LGBT persons across various life stages, providing population estimates and demographics for the approximately 146,000 adult Chicagoans who identify as LGBT, representing about 7.5% of Chicago's population. This report builds on the larger goals of Healthy Chicago 2.0.
- *Westside Heroin Epidemic.* On April 4th, 2018, CDPH Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health, Community Engagement and Commissioner Morita joined State Representative Ford and Lt. Governor Sanguinetti at "Fighting the West Side's Heroin Epidemic.", commemorating 50 years since the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commissioner highlighted the city's investments combat addiction, going from 1.5 million in 2015 to over \$3 million in 2018, with all new dollars going towards the opioid crisis. This includes \$500,000 in new funding to support 500 more residents through medication-assisted treatment and recovery homes.
- *Black Women's Expo.* CDPH promoted its work around increased access to health resources and information at the Chicago Black Women's Expo from April 6-8, 2018 at McCormick Place. This work included community engagement work, LGBTQ initiatives, teen and adolescent programs as well as sexual health.
- *Community Investments.* We will launch a new wave of Requests for Proposals this month, seeking applications from community-based partners for a variety of public health initiatives. Specifically, WIC and nutrition services, tuberculosis response, lead prevention, violence prevention and our healthy families program, which assist through home visiting services. Combined, we will invest around \$5.1 million in communities, which are part of the 50+ RFPs our agency will issue this year.
- *Chicago Ryan White Resource Hub.* CDPH announced the launch of the Chicago Ryan White Resource Hub, an online resource that serves as a central, virtual collection of quality management resources produced or promoted by CDPH and PHIMC for building or improving Ryan White Part A quality management (QM) programs and activities. CDPH has collaborated with PHIMC to provide QM technical assistance and capacity building, identifying areas for improvement and developing resources and trainings to improve Ryan White Part A services in this jurisdiction. These activities and resources support 44 sub-recipient agencies providing HIV care and essential supportive services to Ryan White eligible, HIV positive clients in the Chicago EMA.

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Comments by the Board President: Dr. Lopez welcomed all the students and a member of the public. Dr. Lopez provided an overview of the board's history and explained the board's advisory role in matters of infectious disease and health issues affecting public health. Dr. Lopez mentioned, for today's presentation, we will have an opportunity to hear and get to know two of our BOH members.

Policy Update: Jesse Lava reported on the Policy Update:

- *Tobacco ordinance.* Today the City Council is voting on a measure that we and Mayor Emanuel introduced to put health warning signs on the doors of all stores that sell tobacco. The warning signs will contain factual information about health risks, countering decades of non-factual marketing from Big Tobacco. These warning signs will be the first of their kind in the country, making Chicago a national leader on this issue. The ordinance also bans all tobacco samples that are free or of nominal price. Federal regulations already ban most sampling but this ordinance closes all loopholes. The ordinance passed out of committee last week and we expect it to pass the full City Council today.
- *Manganese.* I mentioned last time that the Mayor introduced an ordinance to ban any expansion of operations that use manganese in Chicago. That ordinance passed. So there can be no additional operations, or extensions of existing ones, that are crushing, screening, transporting, storing, or handling material that bears manganese. There will also be a setback of 150 feet from the public way.
- *ACA.* The Trump administration has promulgated a rule that will let states water down requirements for plans sold on the ACA marketplace. The 10 essential health benefits established by the ACA—such as for maternity care and mental health services—can have lower benchmarks, like covering fewer drugs or doctor visits. States will also be able to let insurers spend less of their revenue on patient health care and quality improvement. Today, insurers have to pay 80% of profits on such things. These changes do come on the heels of sharp premium increases in 2017 and 2018 after efforts that the Trump administration acknowledged were designed to undermine the law.
- *Public aid.* President Trump signed an executive order directing all cabinet departments to produce plans that put more work requirements on able-bodied recipients of food assistance, Medicaid, and low-income housing subsidies. HHS had already started giving waivers to governors to who want tougher work requirements on Medicaid recipients, so this executive order builds on an ongoing approach to public aid. The executive order does not call for work requirements for people benefiting from the mortgage interest deduction, yacht tax deduction, or the reduced tax rate on capital gains, among other things.

Presentation: “Chicago Board of Health Members” Victor M. Gonzalez J.D., and Steven Rothschild, M.D.

Old Business:

Dr. Lopez mentioned the BOH retreat update is still pending.

New Business:

- BOH member, Juan Calderon provided a brief report on his trip to Puerto Rico with the delegation and will provide a more comprehensive report in June.
- Dr. Lopez reminded BOH members to complete and submit the Economic Interest Form by May 31, 2018.

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Public Comment:

A mental health advisory member in the audience mentioned, new psychiatric services will start through the County.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: May 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m.