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**NORTHERN KENTUCKY
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOONE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH (BCLBOH) MEETING**

Charles Kenner, DMD, Chair
Thursday, May 15, 2025, 8:00 AM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Kenner, DMD, Chair
Kimberly Arnett, OD
Christopher Cunha, MD
Vera Hall, RN
Gary Moore, Judge Executive
Brian Rickert, RPh
Daniel Riegler, Jr.
Tyler Whisman
Anthony Wolfe, DVM

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rosa "Millie" Asseo
Timothy Franxman, MD
Michael Jones, MD

STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

Jennifer L. Mooney, PhD, MS, District Director of Health
Pamela Millay, Director of Clinical Services
Kim Monaco, Human Resources Specialist
Marie Schenkel, Deputy Director of Health
Stephanie Vogel, Director of Population Health
Carrie Herrmann, Boone County Public Library
Laura Pleiman, Director, Boone County Community Services and Programs
Kim Ross, Boone County Early Childhood Fund

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Dr. Kenner welcomed everyone, noted a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM.

APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2025 PROPOSED AGENDA

Chair, Dr. Kenner presented the Proposed Agenda for approval. **MOTION:** Mr. Rickert moved to approve the Proposed Agenda as presented. Dr. Cunha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2024 PROPOSED MINUTES

Chair, Dr. Kenner presented the Proposed Minutes for approval. **MOTION:** Dr. Arnett moved to approve the Proposed Minutes as presented. Mr. Riegler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2024 AUDIT REPORT

Marie Schenkel, Deputy Director of Health, provided an overview of the FY 2024 Audit Report as prepared by Dean Dorton noting it was an unmodified opinion on the basis of cash.

MOTION: Dr. Wolfe moved to accept the Audit Report as presented. Mr. Whisman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Mooney expressed her appreciation to the board members for their dedication and continuing support of the Health Department. She then presented an overview of the following key Health Department initiatives:

- **Data Modernization Initiative:** Dr. Mooney detailed the objectives and the current progress of the Data Modernization Initiative and outlined the upcoming steps for the project.
- **New Communications Platform:** Dr. Mooney introduced Meltwater, a new communications platform that will be used to measure the reach and impact of the Health Department's public information efforts.
- **Community Mental Health:** Dr. Mooney provided an overview of the Health Department's involvement and ongoing efforts in community mental health initiatives.

SPECIAL PROJECT(S)

Boone County Early Childhood Fund

Ms. Carrie Herrmann, representing the Boone County Early Childhood Fund, provided the Local Board with a status update of the Fund's current operations and the ongoing implementation of its strategic plan. Ms. Herrmann then presented a request for \$25,000 in funding from the Local Board to support the Boone County Early Childhood Fund's programs in FY 2026. Discussion ensued. **MOTION:** Mr. Rickert moved to approve the Boone County Early Childhood Fund allocation of \$25,000. Dr. Cunha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Boone County Suicide Response

Stephanie Vogel, Director of Population Health, and Laura Pleiman, Director, Boone County Community Services and Programs, presented an overview of a new initiative for Boone County Suicide Response. The goal of this initiative is to improve youth mental health in Boone County through collaboration with community organizations and schools to implement policies for enhanced mental health services and crisis response, adopt mental health wellness and suicide prevention curricula, and establish a data system. The Boone County Suicide Response team has requested \$94,758 from the Local Board to support programs in FY 2026. Discussion ensued. **MOTION:** Dr. Cunha moved to approve the Boone County Suicide Response allocation of \$94,758. Dr. Arnett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT INCLUDING HISTORICAL DATA, FY 2025 APPROVED BUDGET, FY 2025 ESTIMATE & FY 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ms. Schenkel presented the financial report, which included a comparative analysis of historical data from FY 2019 through FY 2024. She then provided an overview of the approved budget and current estimates for FY 2025. Following this, Ms. Schenkel presented the proposed budget for FY 2026, outlining contingency plans developed to address potential uncertainties related to federal funding. Discussion ensued. **MOTION:** Ms. Hall moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Dr. Cunha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SET TAX RATE AND APPROPRIATION TO THE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Ms. Schenkel presented the proposed FY 2026 budget based on a public health tax rate of 2.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value. A proposed allocation of 2.10 cents per \$100 of assessed value to the District Health Department is requested, comprising a 1.90 cent base and a 0.20 cent increase. The budget also includes the Boone County Early Childhood Fund and Boone County Suicide Response requests. Discussion ensued.

Approve Tax Rate Recommendation

MOTION: Ms. Hall moved to recommend to the Boone County Fiscal Court that the public health tax rate for FY 2026 be set at 2.0 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuations. Dr. Cunha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Exempt Non-Commercial Aircraft

MOTION: Mr. Riegler moved to exempt non-commercial aircraft from the public health tax for FY 2026. Mr. Whisman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Set Inventory in Transit Limits

MOTION: Ms. Hall moved to set a cap on Inventory in Transit taxable limit at \$150,000,000 from the public health tax for FY 2026. Mr. Rickert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Appropriation to the District

MOTION: Dr. Arnett moved to approve the annual appropriation to the District for FY 2026 at 2.10 cents per \$100 of property valuations. Mr. Whisman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT CONTRACT

MOTION: Ms. Hall moved to authorize Dr. Charles Kenner, Chair, to sign the FY 2026 audit contract. Mr. Riegler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

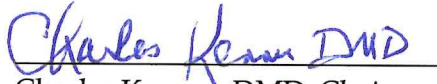
OTHER

There was no other business to bring before the Boone County Local Board of Health.

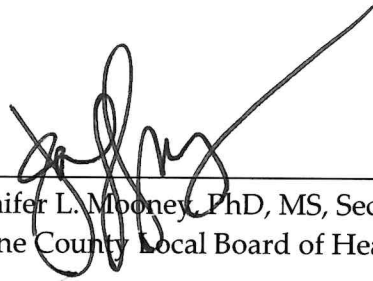
ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Rickert moved to adjourn the Boone County Local Board of Health meeting. Dr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Kenner, DMD, Chair
Boone County Local Board of Health



Jennifer L. Mooney, PhD, MS, Secretary
Boone County Local Board of Health