



## Knox County Health Department

140 Dameron Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917

### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

August 5, 2020

Knox County Health Department

Via Zoom Meeting

**Present:**

Martha Buchanan, MD, Secretary

Dianna Drake, PharmD

Jack E. Gotcher, Jr., DDS, Chair

Maria Hurt, DNP

Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Mayor

Patrick O'Brien, MD

James Shamiyeh, MD

Marcy Souza, DVM

Lisa Wagoner, RN; representing Superintendent Bob Thomas, Knox County Schools

**Absent:**

None

**Others Attending:**

**KCHD:** Charity Menefee, Danielle Davis (zoom host) and Narda Cappuccilli (recorder), Katharine Killen

**Knox County:** David Sanders, Esq. representing Knox County Law Department

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dr. Gotcher called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**II. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Dr. Gotcher requested Narda Cappuccilli take roll call, to confirm the establishment of the quorum, all Board members were in attendance, therefore there is a quorum.

**III. PUBLIC FORUM**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: JULY 29, 2020 MEETING**

Mayor Glenn Jacobs made the motion to approve the July 29, 2020 meeting minutes as they stand.

Dr. Souza seconded the motion.

**Vote #1:** Narda Cappuccilli took roll call and the July 29, 2020 minutes passed unanimously.

**V. SET THE AGENDA**

Dr. Souza motioned to set the agenda and Dr. O'Brien seconded. Dr. O'Brien subsequently proposed the removal of item 11, "Proposed Regulation No. 2020-4 – COVID-19 Social Group Suppression Regulation". The agenda as it appears below was approved unanimously via roll call vote

1. Call to Order
2. Public Forum
3. Roll Call
4. Establishment of Quorum
5. Approval of Minutes from July 29, 2020 Meeting
6. Set the Agenda
7. Benchmark Presentation by Knox County Health Department
8. University of Tennessee Medical Center Knoxville Data Update
9. COVID-19 Face Covering Regulation, Regulation No. 2020-1 Review
10. COVID-19 Suppression in Bars Regulation, Regulation No. 2020-3 Review
  - a. Proposed Amendment One to Regulation No. 2020-3 – Bar Closures at 10 pm
11. Proposed Regulation No. 2020-4 – COVID-19 Social Group Suppression Regulation-  
**withdrawn at the request of the sponsor.**
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

#### **VI. BENCHMARK PRESENTATION**

Dr. Buchanan reviewed the current local situation and the five benchmarks, available on the health department's website as follows:

As of the official update to the website today:

- We have 131 new confirmed cases since yesterday's report.
- Giving us 4296 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Knox County since March.
- Additionally, we have 144 probable cases.
- 2197 of our cases have recovered, giving us 2203 active cases.
- 202 individuals have been hospitalized at some point in their illness.
- 35 Knox County residents are currently hospitalized.
- We grateful to report no additional deaths related to COVID-19, keeping our total at 40.

##### **Benchmark 1: Sustained reduction of stability in new cases for 14 days / Red**

One 3-day period of red flags but no flags in the past 6 days is encouraging

##### **Benchmark 2: Community-wide sustained and increased diagnostic testing with consistent or decreased test result reporting turnaround time / Yellow**

Show signs of improving

##### **Benchmark 3: Sustained or increased public health capability / Green**

KCHD has contacted all new cases within 24 hours and close contacts within 48 hours; which is a hard-fast goal of KCHD's and has been consistent since March 16, 2020.

##### **Benchmark 4: Health care system capabilities remain within current and forecasted surge capability / Yellow**

Upward trends, consistent collaborative efforts within the Health Care System

##### **Benchmark 5: Sustained or decreased COVID-19 related death rate for identified positive or probable cases / Red**

Nearly half of all the COVID-related deaths in Knox County have happened in the past 14 days.

**VII. UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MEDICAL CENTER AT KNOXVILLE DATA UPDATE**

Dr. Shamiyeh presented **COVID-19 Update-August 5, 2020**, a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. The information was compiled from real regional data, from UTMC, Knox County and THA (Tennessee Hospital Association) Knoxville District, which includes eleven (11) surrounding counties to Knox County. A question and answer session followed. See attached PowerPoint presentation.

**VIII. COVID-19 Face Covering Regulation, Regulation No. 2020-1 Review**

Compliance has increased and the County and City continue to provide education to enable businesses to comply. There have been no citations issued.

**IX. COVID-19 Suppression in Bars Regulation, Regulation No. 2020-3 Review**

Dr. O'Brien offered a motion for an amendment that would allow bars to remain open until 10 pm eastern time after which they would close for on premise consumption.

Mayor Jacobs seconded the motion.

Mr. Sanders advised that he recommends a new regulation that would replace the current Regulation 2020-3.

**Roll call vote:**

Dr. Drake	No
Dr. Gotcher, Chair	Yes
Dr. Hurt	Yes
Mayor Jacobs	Yes
Dr. O'Brien	Yes
Dr. Shamiyeh	Yes
Dr. Souza	Yes
Ms. Wagoner	Yes

The motion carried, see attached Regulation 2020-4.

**X. Other business**

It was decided to continue public forum on a monthly basis. The details of how that will work going forward will be determined later.

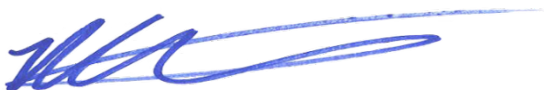
**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Zoom meeting: Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 5 pm.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Dr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Dr. Drake. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Martha, Buchanan, MD, Senior Director and Public Health Officer  
Knox County Health Department  
Secretary, Knox County Board of Health