

**THE FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF BALTIMORE COUNTY  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024**

The Five Hundred Seventy-Second meeting of the Baltimore County Board of Health was held January 26 at 9:30 a.m. via WebEx.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Adelsberger, Dr. Samuel Havrilak, Katie McElroy, Judy Kistner and Dr. Camille Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Winona Matthews

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Gregory Branch; Health Officer and Secretary to the Board, Della Leister; Deputy Health Officer, Lauren Buckler; Deputy Director, Public Works and Transportation, Justin Hall; Chief of Design, Engineering and Construction, Public Works and Transportation, Colleen Hess; Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Teresa Messler; Division Chief, Maternal Child Health, Renee Youngfellow; Chief, Quality Improvement, Samantha Allen; Accreditation Coordinator, Quality Improvement and Kathy Wynn, Executive Secretary.

Dr. Havrilak opened the meeting. Should it be necessary to close the meeting, the Chair will conduct a recorded vote on a motion to close. A closing statement will also be prepared that cites the part of the Open Meetings Act that contains the applicable exception, lists the topics to be discussed in the closed session and give the public body's reason for excluding the public.

**I. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of December 1, 2023

**Motion:** Ms. McElroy

**Second:** Mrs. Kistner

**Decision:** Minutes were approved with the following correction:  
*Katie McElroy noted as both present and absent. Corrected to reflect Ms. McElroy unable to attend the December meeting.*

**II. BALTIMORE COUNTY LEAD AND ASTHMA ENVIRONMENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Ms. Hess provided an overview of the County's Lead and Asthma Environmental Case Management Program via Power Point. (See attached PPT)

**III. BALTIMORE COUNTY LEAD AND COPPER RULSE REVISIONS**

Mr. Hall provided an overview of the requirements of the EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions via Power Point. (See attached Power Point).

**IV. PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION**

We are working with bureaus in preparation for submitting the annual report in March.

## V. DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION BY THE SECRETARY

### Program Updates

- Animal Services is now on Instagram.
- The Shelter is filled to capacity with dogs. The County Executive has done promotions on live TV with some of our animals.
- Two weeks ago, we launched our quick response team. This is a joint collaboration between the Department of Health and the Fire Department. In conjunction with grant funds, an enhanced SUV was purchased for this initiative. The SUV is outfitted with Naloxone, fentanyl test strips and other harm reduction activities. It is jointly staffed with peers and specially trained EMS staff.

The response team currently operates two days a week. We are looking for grant funds to increase operation. Dates and times are chosen based on data that shows when we have overdoses. The response team can divert to an overdose scene if the person is not transported. They can work with families and follow-up to a non-fatal overdose, whether transported or not, and offer to get them into treatment and connected to services.

### Site Visits

There has been one site visit since our last meeting. A Ryan White A site visit was held early December. There were no findings.

### Budget

We are in the middle of budget preparations. Next week starts the County Executive's budget town hall meetings. Dr. Branch and deputies ensure there is department representation at these meetings to help with questions the public might have. There is also staff present to assist attendees with any questions at the open house 30 minutes prior to the official start of the meeting.

### Personnel

- Dr. Donatelli, Bureau Chief of Animal Services, Communicable Disease and Environmental Health Services (ACE) has tendered her resignation. She has accepted a position with the Maryland Department of Health. We are currently recruiting to fill that position. Ms. Leister will be covering the bureau in the interim.
- The County Administrative Officer, Stacy Rodgers, has announced she will retire the end of April.

### Facility Updates

- We continue to work to get a permanent trailer at the Dundalk location. This will be pushed to sometime in 2025 due to permitting issues and delays with the vendor.

- The WIC program is moving out of their Chartley location in Reisterstown and moving two blocks to the Commerce Center.

### Events

- Dr. Branch was the keynote speaker for the Maryland Public Health Association’s Annual Conference. The theme for the conference was Restoring Trust in Public Health. Dr. Branch emphasized “*the major threat to public health isn’t emerging infectious disease, the major threat is the community’s mistrust and misunderstanding of public health*”.
- Dr. Branch was appointed to Maryland’s Commission on Public Health which was passed during last year’s legislative session. He is also co-chair of the Funding Workgroup. They held their first kickoff meeting at Drumcastle this month. The County Executive, who also serves as President of the Maryland Association of Counties, provided welcoming remarks.
- Ms. Leister, Mark Millsbaugh; Deputy of Social Services and Lawrence Richardson; Deputy of Finance and Administration, attended a leadership learning collaborative. Leadership is working to boost the skill set of managers and supervisors and provide a forum in which to re-focus their activities.
- The department is sponsoring a training to be held in two weeks on recognizing and eliminating disparities in access to treatment for the LGBTQIA+ populations. We are working with a partner who will provide the training.
- Dr. Branch spoke recently at the National Association of County Officials (NACo) Opioid Settlement Summit. He spoke on how various funding streams can be combined and leveraged for more impactful community overdose prevention efforts.

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Havrilak referenced a *Baltimore Sun* article where the County is proposing a vertical expansion to the Eastern Sanitary Landfill in White Marsh. Are there any potential health issues with raising the height of the landfill? Dr. Branch is not aware of any specific health issues to raising the landfill. We will check with the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding this question and place under old business for next month’s meeting.

Dr. Havrilak inquired if the County monitored areas around landfills to make certain there is not leaching of potential environmental harmful substances. If yes, how often is it done? Ms. Leister will inquire at the department’s next meeting with DPWT and Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS).

Dr. Havrilak has been in touch with Steve Kinsey who was just named the Supervisor of Athletic Training for Baltimore County Public Schools. His job is to put together policies and procedures and hire athletic trainers so that there will be one present at just about every

high school athletic event. Dr. Havrilak will be meeting with him and will report back to the Board.

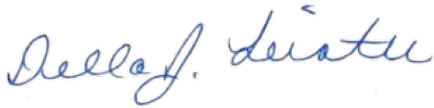
### VIII. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Board will next meet virtually on February 23, 2024. A reminder for board members to please complete their ethics disclosures.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at. 10:35AM

**Motion:** Mrs. Kistner  
**Second:** Ms. McElroy  
**Decision:** Unanimous Approval



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Della J. Leister, RN