

Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County June 4, 2019 Retreat Minutes

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County was called to order by Chair Carol Etherington at 1:10 p.m. in the Board Room, on the third floor of the Lentz Public Health Center, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Present

Carol Etherington, MSN, RN, Chair
Alex Jahangir, MD, Vice Chair
Thomas W. Campbell, MD, Member
Margreete Johnston, MD, MPH, Member
Tené H. Franklin, MS, Member
David A. Frederick, MS, Member
Wendy J. Long, MD, MPH, Director of Health
Sanmi Areola, PhD, Deputy Director
Hugh Atkins, REHS, Director, Environmental Health Services Bureau
Jim Diamond, MBA, Director, Finance and Administration Bureau
Rachel Franklin, MBA, Interim Director, Communicable Disease and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Bureau
Tina Lester, RN, MSN, Director, Population Health Bureau
Michelle Pardue, DDS, Interim Director, Community Health Bureau
Tom Sharp, Policy Director
Joanna Shaw-KaiKai, MD, Associate Medical Director, Communicable Disease Control
Brian Todd, Communications Officer
Laura Varnier, MNsc, APRN, Director, Clinic Operations and Director of Nursing
Gill Wright, MD, Associate Medical Director, Clinical Services, and Civil Service Medical Examiner
Judith Byrd, Mayor's Senior Advisor on Health and Wellness Policy
Alex Dickerson, JD, Metropolitan Department of Law

Overview of Retreat Agenda

Chair Etherington reviewed the agenda for the retreat.

Interactive Discussion with Dr. Long

The Board and Dr. Long engaged in an interactive conversation regarding Dr. Long's vision for the Department; the Department's organization, strengths and weaknesses; her philosophy about professional development of staff; and equity, diversity and inclusion.

Interactive Discussion with the Executive Leadership Team

After a brief break, the Executive Leadership Team joined the Board in an interactive conversation.

Proposed Resolution on Vaccinations

Tom Sharp reviewed the draft resolution on vaccinations. The Board suggested several revisions and Mr. Sharp advised he would present a revised draft at a regular Board meeting.

Board Development and Engagement

Board members expressed their desire to engage with and support the Department. Dr. Long advised that a list of councils, committees and work groups would be compiled, and she invited Board members to share their particular interests and areas of expertise.

Other Business

Alex Dickerson advised that he would review the bylaws and make recommendation regarding election of Board of Health Chair and Vice Chair. The current officers were elected at the October 2018 regular meeting.

The Board agreed to consider another retreat in November 2019 or early 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Etherington, MSN, RN
Chair