

# HEALTH EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD ACTION LETTER

# Thursday, June 28, 2018

#### I. Call meeting to order

The Health Education Advisory Board (HEAB) meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Dr. Ed Kraemer in the Administration Board Room at John Knox Village.

Members Present Dr. Edwin Kraemer Dr. Steve Salanski Tammy Landrum Dr. Merle Nunemaker Rodney McBride Lori Rodgers Monica Meeks Dr. Doug Herriott Katie Murphy Rhonda Canning <u>Staff</u> Colene Roberts

<u>Guest</u> Craig Faith

#### II. Public comments

None.

#### III. JKV-EMS-Community Paramedic Program

Craig Faith serves on the Lee's Summit City Council and is the Director of Public Safety at John Knox Village. JKV Public Safety includes 5 departments: transportation, security, EMS, dispatch and administration. Emergency management is covered by Public Safety. Mr. Faith provided some information from MARC on emergency preparedness. JKV PS also provides training and continuing education. JKV's EMS carries the same equipment as the fire department and is trained for advanced life support. Of their calls, only 40% are on the JKV campus while 60% of their calls take them out into the surrounding community. It is an ambulance response area within an ambulance response area. All of JKV's security officers are either EMTs or paramedics. Security officers also respond outside of the JKV campus, but not as often. Security vehicles carry medical equipment, tools for minor car emergencies, and communications devices. JKV's dispatch is a secondary Public Safety Access Point. JKV has an Emergency Operations Center much like a municipality. The Transportation Department provides services on campus only but they have provided their buses for use in local emergency situations. The buses can be converted to carry stretchers.

The Community Paramedic program is intended to fill in alongside home health care. Not all patients receive home health care services. They must be home-bound. Many patients need assistance but will end up calling an ambulance. Seventy percent of patients don't need to go to the hospital. The Community Paramedic program will help by treating patients at home, providing patients with alternatives, reducing high risk readmission, reducing high volume utilizers, and increasing patient satisfaction. The goal is to close gaps in services while providing

better outcomes, improved clinician experience, lower costs and improved patient experience. Community Paramedics will have the ability to draw labs and give some results using an i-Stat machine. The expected return on investment is \$80,000 in the first year for JKV. A public-private partnership has been established with the City of Lee's Summit. The program will roll out on Aug. 1. CPs will be available seven days a week. CPs will provide home safety inspections, training on meds, and more. The in-take program will work with hospitals, physicians, home health care, and social workers. The program is currently being funded by Anthem Insurance. City funds are not being requested but the City will provide staff. The program will be seeking grant funding in the future. KU will be providing data services for one quarter. Image Trend electronic communication will be used. CPs all have basic paramedic training plus an additional 60 to 80 hours of training. CP services will be available community-wide, not just in JKV. CP programs are currently available in the Dallas area, St. Louis, and Central Jackson County Fire Protection District (Blue Springs). Kansas City Fire Department is working on creating a program. Mr. Faith said that the program will provide data to HEAB as it becomes available. Assuming that the results are positive, HEAB could help the program by becoming an advocate for it.

#### IV. Approval of April 26, 2018 meeting summary

The meeting summary was approved.

#### V. Meeting with Independence Advisory Board of Health

The Independence Health Department has officially closed. Ms. Landrum reported that the food handlers training has moved to City Hall and Animal Control is now under the Police Department. Dr. Nunemaker spoke to their Board Chair. They haven't experienced any changes yet. Dr. Kraemer said that he and Dr. Salanski will remain available if they would like to meet.

#### VI. Schedule Hands Only CPR event for fall

Dr. Salanski suggested getting some available dates at the Gamber Center for September or October via email.

## VII. Media articles

Dr. Kraemer distributed a list of observances for August and September. Mr. McBride provided an article on senior health and fitness for May and Ms. Rodgers provided an article on COPD for June. For July, Dr. Kramer will rerun Ms. Orr's article on summer safety from last year, omitting the part on fireworks. Ms. Rodgers will provide an article on breastfeeding for August. Ms. Meeks will provide an article on suicide prevention for September. Last year's article focused on youth. Ms. Meeks said that another Community Conversations event on suicide is being planned. An article on PTSD was suggested for the future. Veteran's Day is in November. An article on marijuana was suggested for October. There could be as many as four items on the November ballot regarding marijuana. Four ballot petitions have been submitted and are currently in the Secretary of State's verification process. Most address medicinal use but one does include recreational use. A bill on medical marijuana in the State legislature passed the House by a large margin. It was sent to the Senate where it was assigned to committee.

## VIII. Future continuing education topics

Dr. Salanski will connect with the Kansas City Medical Society for a presentation on their Stop the Bleed program, training lay people in emergency first aid techniques. HEAB may be able to

help them get the training out into the community. Ms. Meeks offered a presentation on the new Alive and Well Lee's Summit program that will be rolling out soon.

## IX. Healthy Lee's Summit next steps

Think First, the program on distracted driving from Research Medical Center was given at all 3 LSR7 high schools during the last school year. Ms. Rodgers asked if there was a way to adopt the program at the school district level so they won't have to reach out to each school separately. She also suggested expanding the program to reach parents as well. Ms. Meeks said that there will be a presentation to students and parents on vaping at St. Michael's this fall.

## X. Roundtable

Ms. Landrum reported that Jackson County is hiring a full time family nurse practitioner. Jackson County has signed an MOU with the state to be a narcan dispensing site. They will dispense to agencies only (sheriff, fire, EMS, etc.). They are starting to take flu clinic requests for the fall. There are 47 scheduled so far.

Ms. Canning mentioned the large number of suicide prevention presentations being given. She also recently attended trauma-informed care training.

Ms. Meeks said that Summit Park Community Church is offering a free clinic once a month. It is staffed by volunteers. Free gun locks are available at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Dr. Nunemaker said that he has been looking into adding fluoride to Independence's water. Lee's Summit purchases water from Kansas City and Independence. Kansas City adds fluoride but Independence does not. It would be extremely expensive for Lee's Summit to add fluoride since we do not have a treatment plant.

Dr. Kraemer said that Building a Healthier Jackson County is continuing to meet.

Ms. Murphy mentioned that the hospital added 16 new beds and opened the new third floor in May. They are searching for a new CEO.

Dr. Herriott recently attended a powerful speaking engagement on overcoming obstacles in your life. He also mentioned the positive mental health effects of gratitude journaling.

## XI. Adjournment – 8:25 p.m.

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

In collaboration with the City of Lee's Summit we will promote and advocate personal and community health by assessing health issues and resources, educating the public and appropriate government agencies, developing plans to address health issues, encouraging public/private partnerships and evaluating our outcomes.