

**Minutes - Draft**

**PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services  
Committee**

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Thursday, May 25, 2023

3:00 PM

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**Special Called Meeting**

Meeting Started At: 2:05PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Long Spears, Patrick, Terry

**Present**      3 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, Robert Patrick, and Michelle Long Spears

**I. AGENDA ITEM**

[2022-1045](#)      Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
To Renegotiate the 1984 Grady Operating Agreement between DeKalb County, Fulton County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/22/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Patrick, and Long Spears**

*-presentation provided by COO Williams, Dr. Sandra Ford*

*-Question MLS: do you feel we are on track to have this contract finalized by the end of the year?*

*Z Williams: I feel good; worth noting is the expansion of Medicaid as well. There are some that believe that we have opportunities in the coming years, and I feel that will be in the back of our minds. Additional information provided by COO Williams*

*-Question MLS: any idea on the joint meeting?*

*Z Williams: I will continue to press; Fulton's position has been until we develop a draft that people would need something to focus on; probably late June or July for a draft contract*

*-Question LJ: could you provide additional information on the strategic direction? Where will be the patient care portion? Where is the community oriented primary care?*

*-responses provided by COO Williams*

*-Question LJ: in lieu of the expansion of Medicaid, the program that Grady created regarding giving patients a primary care home - do you have a plan B that we will put in here, beside looking for Medicaid expansion?*

*-responses provided by COO Williams*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson*

*-Question TT: Unitus we met with them last year, and I believe we allocated funds as well. Will this intersect with what we're talking about here?*

*-Z Williams: we are still formulating the strategic plan for that allocation; additional information provided by COO Williams*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*-Question TT: regarding health equity fit within these plans?*

*Z Williams: this is going to be an underlying theme. Additional comments provided by COO Williams*

*-Question TT: who can the Clarkston Health Equity Coalition meet with to brief you all on the health equity model?*

*-MLS: motion to defer to first PECS meeting in August*

## **II. DISCUSSION**

CDC - Lifting of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

-presentation provided by Dr. Brendan Jackson - CDC

-Question RP: you mentioned commercialization - what are the expected costs?

Dr. Jackson: for insurance it should be fully covered; for the uninsured there will be the Bridge program to ensure the vaccines are available.

-Question RP: There were a couple of orange counties you referenced; what are the activities that you are noticing that relates to the greater prevalence of cases there?

Dr. Jackson: there is not a high population for those areas, so it may make it seem that the numbers are higher than they are

-Question MLS: you said that you have to treat the air five times per hour; do you feel that people received that well regarding the ventilation systems to clean the air?

-response provided by Dr. Jackson

-Question TT: for COO Williams, we did do the MERV filters with the first tranche correct?

Z Williams: certainly all the large buildings sir

-Question TT: does Facilities have measures on whether the County changes air five times?

Z Williams: we can find out

-Question TT: could you discuss the Bridge program?

-response provided by Dr. Jackson

-Question TT: we allocated \$3M of tranche 2 for COVID vaccine programs; were we going to continue the incentive program for vaccines? Knowing there will be a cost to the vaccine, does it make sense to further articulate that the funds could be used to support those that don't have insurance?

Z Williams: that conversation is one of the conversations that we're having with the Health Department right now; additional comments provided by COO Williams

-Question TT: does Director Mitchell's department have a procedure to ask people if they've received the vaccine?

Z Williams: when COVID first happened that was part of our protocol besides offering them other resources

-Question TT: regarding wastewater, are you testing in DeKalb's systems?

Z Williams: I believe that we have been

## Medical Examiner

-presentation provided by Director Bailey, Gail Parker - Practice Manager

-Question LJ: the delta 8 are popping up at gas stations a lot; do you see the state trying to classify that as a drug?

P Bailey: I have not been a part of those discussions to date

-LJ: please keep me posted on that

-Question RP: could you provide more information on the trends and data based on your heat maps?

-responses provided by Director Bailey

-Question RP: could you forward the PowerPoint to me as well?

P Bailey: yes sir

-Question MLS: are you engaging or working with all the colleges in DeKalb?

-responses provided by Director Bailey

-Question TT: do you see trends as we are here in May?

P Bailey: right now Fentanyl has been trending upward each year; additional information provided by Director Bailey

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

## Multi-Family Enforcement Team Update

*-presentation provided by Dr. Kimble, Director Hardy*  
*-Question LJ: for the Law Department to consider - if you know a property doesn't have their business license but continues to operate, Code Compliance doesn't have the legal power to say that can't operate and take action. I believe the Police department does but they don't. They need the policing power to do so*  
*-comments provided by County Attorney Ernstes*  
*-RP: if there were a hearing officer that is something that I have seen at the municipal level?*  
*-comments provided by County Attorney Ernstes*  
*-comments provided by COO Williams*  
*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry and County Attorney Ernstes*  
*-Question TT: are we covering all the dangerous dwellings identified by the media?*  
*Dr. Kimble: we are covering those and are doing re-inspections for those that have been deemed dangerous dwellings*  
*-Question TT: we've issued 3 citations this year?*  
*Dr. Kimble: 15 have been issued sir*  
*-Question TT: are there complexes on the list that have not received their business license in several years?*  
*T Hardy: there are; additional information provided by Director Hardy*  
*-Question TT: are these complexes without certificates, are they choosing not to get an inspection done?*  
*T Hardy: for various reasons; additional response provided by Director Hardy*  
*-Question TT: are you all in contact with the Police Department and the gang task force with issues they encounter at apartment complexes? What is the delta between those that don't have certificates and have been identified by DeKalb County Police?*  
*-responses provided by Director Hardy*  
*-additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry*  
*-LJ: could you get back to us on what the challenges will be and what do you prescribe regarding next steps in your slide?*  
*We will have that during the June 13th PECS meeting*

## County Response Strategy

*-discussion not heard in committee*

Meeting Ended At: 4:49PM

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Patrick**

**Not Present: 1 - Long Spears**

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