

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES January 4, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Ayotunde Ademoyero
Ms. Sandra Clodfelter
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Mr. Robert Whitwam
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Sheila Bogan
Ms. Rolanda Coleman
Ms. Shelley Curry
Ms. Ethel Evans
Ms. Yalonda Miller
Ms. Pattie Sacrinty
Ms. Rebecca Thompson
Ms. Carrie Worsley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Willard L. McCloud, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

None

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, January 4, 2012, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed Board members and guests.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the December 7, 2011, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. A request for a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Calvert Jeffers, Jr. to approve the minutes and seconded by the rest of the Board. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment Section:

The Board Members, staff and members of the public introduced themselves.

Health Director Comments:

Mr. Marlon Hunter stated that January 22nd would mark 6 months that he has been with the Health Department and that he was still having a good time. He mentioned that after spending time with the Leadership Team looking at dates and various projects for the year, along with other day-to-day work schedules, he can see that it will be a busy year ahead for the department. Mr. Hunter met with Dr. Ricky Sides and has been invited to speak at Regan Church on February 12, 2012. He plans to talk about the department and the different programs and services it offers to the community. He also met with Mr. John Davenport, Dr. Sylvia Flack and Mr. Allan Younger to discuss various issues in the community and being part of a Health Equity Action Team, to address health equity issues in the community. Mr. Hunter will be meeting with Dr. Willard McCloud and Ms. Jane Moscow sometime in February and will continue his meetings with the County Commissioners until he has met with all of them. In Mr. Hunter's commitment to visit school nurses and schools, he has so far visited an Elementary School, Middle School, High School and a Special Needs School here in the community. He will be attending the State Health Director's Conference January 26th and 27th, in Raleigh, where the guest speaker will be the US Surgeon General.

Other things happening in the department, that Mr. Hunter mentioned are the recent advertisements in newspapers and on billboards in the mall about the POSSE Team and the services they offer related to sexually transmitted disease in the community. He spoke about the need for some reorganizing in the Nursing Division and will be working closely with Ms. Sandra Clodfelter, Nursing Director to come up with recommendations to present to the Board about how to move forward. Mr. Hunter has spoken with County Manager, Dudley Watts briefly about this issue and he has given some initial ideas about making sure the department is running efficiently. Mr. Hunter thanked Ms. Clodfelter for all her help as they move forward through the process. The department is in the process of going through budget time and the County has moved the process up one month. Mr. Hunter along with the Leadership Team have been discussing budget and potential positions they hope to ask for.

In closing his remarks, Mr. Hunter mentioned the fact that he had changed the name of his Management Team to Leadership Team because he wants model leadership here at the Health Department.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Forsyth County Department of Public Health Child and School Health Programs Update

2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results

Ms. Ayotunde Ademoyero reported on the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior results. YRBSS includes a national school-based survey conducted by CDC and state, territorial, tribal, and local surveys conducted by state, territorial, and local education and health agencies and tribal governments.

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) monitors six types of health-risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults, including:

- Behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence
- Tobacco use
- Alcohol and other drug use
- Sexual risk behaviors
- Unhealthy dietary behaviors
- Physical inactivity

Dr. Petrou thanked staff for all the hard work they did in helping with the surveys for the YRBSS.

School Nurse Report

Ms. Sandra Clodfelter introduced two of her school nurses, Ms. Pattie Sacrinty, Public Health Nurse II at East Middle School, Walkertown Elementary School, Piney Grove Elementary, East Forsyth High School and Kingswood (Alternative School) and Ms. Shelley Curry, Public Health Nurse II, at the Children's Center (Special Needs School), reported on what a regular daily schedule looked like for them. Ms. Curry explained that the Children's Center serves children with physical and developmental disabilities from birth to age 11. She stated that the school does a great service to the community. Ms. Sacrinty said her role as a Public Health Nurse at the schools is to make sure the school is following the guidelines laid out by the State. The school can be audited and fined if activities are not carried out properly. Each nurse in the department serves from 3 to 5 schools. She stated there is a shortage of nurses and the nurses have to be flexible. It was stressed that more school nurses are needed because the work their jobs entails and the ratio of school nurses to schools is overwhelming. From the stories the Board heard it was very clear that a School Health Nurses' job goes above and beyond their regular duties. Dr. Hudspeth expressed his admiration for the work the nurses do (copy of handouts on file in Administrative Binder).

Preventive Health Programs

Ms. Lynne Mitchell introduced three of her staff, Ms. Rebecca Thompson, Public Health Educator, Youth Advisory Program (Tobacco Program), Ms. Yalonda Miller, Public Health Educator, Behealthy School Kid's Program and Ms. Rolanda Coleman, Public Health Educator II, Teen Talk and Teen Initiative Program (TIP). The presentations were both informative and captivating. Mr. Hunter mentioned that he had gone to the school to watch Ms. Miller work with the kids and said the children were very responsive and excited. At the end of Ms. Coleman's presentation, she asked the board what they thought her budget was – they were amazed to find out that for all she is able to do, her budget was only \$2,400. Mr. Hunter said that he is proud of the time and dedication Ms. Coleman shows for her program and said he has seen her there many evenings working with the kids (copy of handouts on file in Administrative Binder).

The Board thanked and commended all the presenters and expressed their appreciation for the great work they do.

Other Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Dr. Kent Doub spoke about some of the committees he is involved with, including the School Health Alliance and the School Health Advisory Board. He said they have been discussing a lot of nutritional issues at the meetings, such as menus in cafeterias, making sure kids are not getting too many starches, weight and nutrition and exercising (making ways for kids to walk and ride their bikes to school). Dr. Doub also made mention of Instant Recess and Ms. Mitchell's involvement with that. The YWCA and Wake Forest Medicine are working in conjunction to bring more programs dealing with activity, education, cooking classes and spending more family time together. He spoke about a confidential text for teens initiative, where kids can text if they feel suicidal. Committee members are looking at the reasons why kids drop-out of school (some of these include teenage pregnancy, lack of connection with the school, bullying and substance abuse).

After Dr. Doub's report, Dr. Petrou reiterated that she likes the thematic approach in giving the division reports.

Ms. Whisenhunt pointed out that everything said tonight was near and dear to her heart. Perhaps this was because of spending 6 years on the school board. She suggested that during the public budget hearing, staff should go and lobby and to bring as many people as they can. She said she had already encouraged the Board Members to do the same.

Adjourn:

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Hudspeth and Dr. Doub seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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