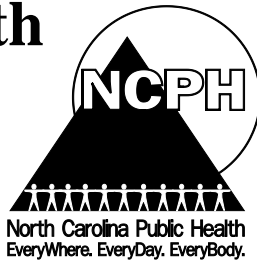


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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES December 7, 2011

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STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Ayotunde Ademoyero
Ms. Sandra Clodfelter
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Robert Whitwam
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Sheila Bogan
Ms. Cornelia Cain
Ms. Debbie Mason
Ms. Marie Moukdarath

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Allen S. Hudspeth

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Robert Dillard, Medical Director, Forsyth Medical Center
Mr. Robert (Bob) Parker, NC Public Health Association
Mr. Phil Seats
Ms. Lisa Walsh, Northwoods

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 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 5:32 p.m. and welcomed Board members and guests.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 2, 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 Dr. Ricky Sides. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment Section:

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

Presentation of Robert S. Parker Award

Ms. Marie Moukdarath, Public Health, Finance and Administration Division, was presented a Robert S. Parker Leadership Award in the amount of \$1,500. This award is presented each year to a deserving student who has worked in the field of public health for at least 5 years and is pursuing graduate-level training that would qualify him/her for a leadership position in public health.

Health Director Comments:

Mr. Marlon Hunter went through the Board agenda and gave a brief update on what has been happening at the Health Department. He has continued to meet with people in the community and is learning a lot. Mr. Hunter thanked the Board for their support and staff for their continued dedication and commitment to public health and their clients.

Old Business:

Open Access

Ms. Cynthia Jeffries gave a brief update regarding Open Access, a new service that is now in place in the Clinics, that allows patients access in a timely manner.

Proposed revision to Forsyth County Board of Health Bylaws

At the November meeting the Board asked that Senior Management take another look at the proposed changes to Article V Bylaws and bring it back for the December meeting.

The following revised Bylaw was reviewed and approved by the Board:

Article V

Section 4: The Secretary to the Board of Health shall prepare an agenda for each meeting. Board of Health members may ask for an item of business to be placed on the agenda by submitting the request to the Secretary at least [two] working days before the meeting. For regular meetings, the Board may add items to the agenda or subtract items from the agenda by a majority vote. The agenda for a special or emergency meeting may be altered as permitted by and in accordance with the North Carolina open meetings laws.

Any person may submit an item for consideration for inclusion on the agenda of a regular Board of Health meeting to the Secretary of the Board of Health at least [ten] working days before the meeting.

Section 6: The Board of Health shall provide an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting for members of the public to address one or more issues that are on the agenda for that meeting or who wish to speak about a matter relating to Public Health or Health Department Management other than a matter on the agenda. Any person who wishes to address the Board during the public comment session must register by completing the Forsyth County Board of Health Public Comment Sign-in sheet prior to the start of the meeting. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the Board. The public comment session will be limited to a total of thirty minutes. Depending upon the situation, the Board Chair will determine how many individuals will be allowed to speak and the time to be allotted for such speakers (copy on file in Administration Binder).

New Business:

The Paradox of Forsyth County's Excessive Infant Mortality Rate

Dr. Robert Dillard is the Medical Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Forsyth Medical Center and the Professor of Pediatrics at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Dr. Dillard gave a presentation to the Board and Staff highlighting Infant Mortality Rate statistics for the past few years, for Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Mecklenburg and Wake counties. It was reported that some of the major causes of premature birth are social stresses, smoking, pre-pregnancy health, infection and inflammation and others. As part of the solutions, Dr. Dillard addressed pre-conception health issues (smoking, abstinence/access to birth control and nutrition and obesity), social support, modification of behaviors and enhancing SIDS awareness to name just a few (copy on file in Administration Binder).

Other Business:

Update – Lead Base Paint

Mr. Robert Whitwam gave an update on the Childhood Lead Poisoning Activities for the period of January 1, 2011 – November 30, 2011. He reported that during this period there were 41 cases of children less than 6 years of age who were confirmed with elevated blood levels. There have been 33 lead risk assessments conducted by the Health Department in 2011, 10 properties with lead hazards remediated and 2 medical practice site educational workshops conducted (copy on file in Administration Binder).

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee

Dr. P. Lee Salisbury and Ms. Nancy Hardie, nominated Dr. Linda Petrou and Dr. James Doub to continue as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively for the coming year. All board members were in favor and the nomination was accepted.

Adjourn:

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Jeffers and seconded by Dr. Ricky Sides and the rest of the board members. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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