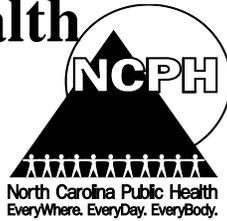


Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Dr. Ricky Sides, DC
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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES April 5, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. J. Phil Seats
Dr. Keith Cash
Ms. Amanda Kistler
Dr. Charles Massler
Ms. Heather Parker
Dr. Scott Schroeder
Dr. Ricky Sides

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. John Davenport
Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

GUESTS PRESENT

Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) Nursing Students

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Boardroom at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Mr. J. Phil Seats called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 1, 2017 Board of Health meeting were reviewed by the Board. Mr. Seats asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Charles Massler made a motion to approve and Dr. Scott Schroeder seconded. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

Mr. Seats introduced and swore in two new Board members, Dr. Keith Cash, Optometrist and Ms. Amanda Kistler, Registered Nurse.

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Glenda Dancy
Mr. Tony Lo Giudice
Ms. Marie Moukdarath
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Charles Cahill
Ms. Jennifer Corso
Ms. Ethel Evans
Ms. Sarah Frantz

Health Director's Comments – Mr. Marlon Hunter reported the following:

- Welcomed the WSSU Nursing students and told them that as they wind up their studies to consider public health.
- Thanked the new members for joining the Board.
- Mr. Edwin Stott's position has been advertised - it will be reposted for a few more weeks.
- Introduced Ms. Marleana Hunter, his daughter, who will be graduating from high school in May.
- **Opioids** - he and Mr. Tony Lo Giudice went to Highpoint to a meeting with the Governor - talked about opioids and what we can do to get the problem under control.
- He will be having a meeting next week with community representatives about needle exchanges - more information to come next month.
- **County Health Rankings** - sent out by Robert Wood Johnson on 100 counties in NC - the rankings is a great snapshot on our social determinants of health. Mortality rate below the age of 75 was looked at and the key finding in NC was that drug overdose is fueling the increase. Last year, out of 100 counties, Forsyth ranked 43, this year it ranked 36 and is the last behind our peers (Mecklenburg, Guilford, Wake and Durham). This all ties in with this being Public Health week across the U.S. - he appreciates the time and effort put forth by the Board and the department. We are experiencing a decrease in life expectancy for the first time in a long time. Some of the strategies happening now include the education system, community planning (more sidewalks to promote physical activity), health ministry/faith-based community and the justice system (Stepping-Up Initiative).
- He would like to have a community-wide health fair with the Board and staff.
- **Zika** - CDC sent out a vital signs document, protecting pregnant women and babies. Forty-four states reported in 2016 pregnant women with evidence of Zika (5% had Zika birth defects). These findings underscore the importance of protecting pregnant women. We have had 11 Zika traveler cases in NC - our staff are out in community working to protect us.

Wellness:

Mr. Seats asked Board members to go online and sign-up to record their physical activity times, as part of wellness.

Mr. Hunter asked Mr. Lo Giudice to talk about the challenge he has with staff for the Susan G. Komen Race. Mr. Lo Giudice explained he challenged staff to raise \$2,500 and he will match dollar for dollar up to \$500. If staff raise \$5,000, he will buy the whole department lunch as well as match dollar for dollar up to \$500.

New Business:

New Rabies Law - Mr. Charles Cahill has been with the department for 20 years and with the Rabies Control Program for 11 years. Mr. Cahill talked to the Board about Senate Bill 74 which was rewritten as management of dogs, cats, and ferrets exposed to rabies. The bill is sitting in the committee and is supposed to be voted on today. A new compendium was sent out March 2016. A lot of the verbage that relates to the quarantining of animals was taken out and new control measures added. When asked what the impact on what we do here is, Mr. Cahill responded the biggest effect is the 6 months to 4 months quarantine change (copy of detailed report on file in the Administrative Binder). Mr. Hunter thanked Mr. Cahill for his work and added there are a lot of strict rules and laws that exist here so you don't hear about many human related rabies. Also, Communicable Disease Nurses are out in the community addressing issues about rabies. Dr. Ricky Sides said he would call Senator Joyce Krawiec about the Board supporting the bill.

Consolidation Update - Mr. Hunter gave an update on Cansler Collaborative, the firm that has been hired by the County to look at possible consolidation of Human Services.

Communicable Disease (CD) Update - Closed session.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Adjourn:

Mr. Seats announced the meeting would be going into closed session. He thanked staff and guest and adjourned the regular meeting at 6:28pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlon B. Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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