

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES March 7, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Dr. Charles Massler
Dr. Willard L. McCloud, Jr.
Mr. J. Phil Seats
Dr. Ricky Sides

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. James Doub
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Kelli Bigelow, Pfeiffer Univ. Student
Ms. Donzella Crawford, Pfeiffer Univ. Student
Ms. Judi James, Pfeiffer Univ. Student
Mr. Levy Riley, Pfeiffer Univ. Student
Ms. Shelli Volpp, Pfeiffer Univ. Student
Mr. Gordon Watkins, Assistant County Attorney

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, March 7, 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 5:36 p.m. and welcomed Board members and guests.

Swearing in New Board Members

Dr. Linda Petrou officially swore in again Dr. Charles Massler, DDS and Mr. J. Phil Seats, R.PH., the two new Board Members.

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Sandra Clodfelter
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Robert Whitwam
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Caroline Ayyad
Ms. Sheila Bogan
Mr. David Foster
Ms. Charlotte Haywood
Ms. Krista Kiger
Mr. Javier Lazaro
Ms. Deanna Powell
Ms. LaToya Sellars
Ms. Lee Anne Stimpson
Ms. Hailey Ward
Ms. Carole Watson

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 1, 2012 and February 15, 2012, Board of Health Meetings 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. Charles Massler to approve and seconded by Dr. Ricky Sides. The rest of the Board agreed and the minutes were approved.

Public Comment Section:

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

Review Written Decision – Vogt Well Appeal

Mr. Gordon Watkins presented a document to the Board for approval regarding the February 15, 2012 Appeal of Denial of Release for the construction of a garage to be constructed within 25 feet from her existing well and the subsequent denial of release by the Department. The decision was approved by the Board on March 7, 2012 (copy of document on file in Administration Binder).

Health Director Comments:

Mr. Marlon Hunter, Health Director, greeted the Board and staff and welcomed the new Board Members. He attended a Health Director's meeting in Raleigh a few weeks ago, where State Health Directors talked about budget cuts coming up. It was said there could be as much as \$500 million dollars in budget cuts around the state. He announced that North Carolina received the 4th highest grant in the U.S. regarding communities putting prevention to work. This grant is through the Federal Government. Each region (we are Region III) will receive \$500,000/year for the next 5 years, to work on the transformation grant. Mr. Hunter will be leaving to attend a Regional Health Director's meeting in West Jefferson after the Board of Health meeting for the next 3 days to talk about plans as a region and the community transformation grant and how to move forward as a region on health related issues. All Division of Social Services (DSS) Directors from the regions were invited to talk about House Bill 433 and how they can work closely together to move forward.

Mr. Hunter reported that on February 17th the department had to let 2 of 5 Transportation Aides go due to a reduction in funding and reorganization.

He also met with the Mayor and during that meeting, had an opportunity to talk about childhood obesity in our community. The Mayor received a grant from the KB Reynolds Foundation to work on childhood obesity and the Mayor is going to do a press release on March 13th @ 10:00 am and asked Mr. Hunter to speak at that event. He will focus on prevention and education as it relates to childhood obesity in our community.

He reported that the Community Health Assessment is going well. Once the department reaches the end of the assessment, they will identify priorities and build those priorities into the Strategic Plan we're working on here at the Health Department. He is pleased about the process and where we are today and said he would keep the Board posted.

Dr. Petrou commented that she had been attending the Community Assessment meetings and participating. She is very impressed by the job Bob Whitwam, Lynne Mitchell and Ayo Ademoyero are doing and the number of people from the outside that have been participating. She said it is a good process.

Mr. Hunter and Ms Cynthia Jeffries will be meeting on March 12th to go over the budget with our Budget Analyst and County Finance Director, Paul Fulton and County Manager, Dudley Watts to present that budget to the County.

When budget talks started, Commissioner Whisenhunt wanted to know the dollar amount the Health Department puts towards the schools for health services. Some of the services the department does in the schools include Behealthy School Kids, Project Teen Talk, Youth Tobacco Program and the Environmental Health Reinforcement Program, just to name a few. The total is \$2,212,644.00 and goes towards programs here in the department to projects that are provided to the school system.

Other projects Mr. Hunter mentioned were: Nurse/Family Partnership (NFP) - the project is going well and Mr. Whitwam has been working with them to continue moving the effort forward with NFP. Ms. Jeffries has been working on our NetSmart Project – it has been moving well and will roll out in the next few weeks. In addition, Mr. Whitwam will be hosting a class for Environmental Health Specialists from around the State. The class is mandatory and centered on Public Health Law.

Mr. Hunter's last comments centered around wellness. He met with Mr. Dudley Watts, Mr. John Dean, Mr. Paul Fulton and Mr. Joe Raymond and they discussed the Wellness Project and the pros and cons of the program, where they are with the program and how they should move forward. Mr. Watts announced the County would be renovating a room at the Government Center into a resource room, using the Wellness dollars they have saved. The room will consist of exercise equipment, educational materials and computers. In addition, Mr. Watts will supply the room with fresh fruit during the harvest season and bottled water. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Raymond are trying to find a space between Public Health and DSS for a resource room for employees in these two buildings. Mr. Watts recognized Ms. Krista Kiger for her efforts as the Health Promotion Coordinator in the Health Department and how she has worked with the employees on various projects. The County received an award and it was presented to Mr. Hunter to present to Ms. Kiger. In order to receive this award there are several things that had to be put in place, including a physical activity process (such as Step Up Forsyth, Bike to Work Week, Lunch 'n' Learns), a nutrition part, a policy for County meetings (must have at least 2 healthy food options), a cultural criteria and also Novant, the Health Rich Assessment part. Mr. Hunter presented the award to Ms. Kiger and congratulated her for all her efforts.

Presentation (Krista Kiger)

Ms. Kiger thanked Mr. Hunter and Mr. Watts for their support. She presented the Board with a handout on the American Heart Association Fit Friendly Companies. Dr. Petrou asked about Instant Recess and if that had been implemented in our policy and Ms. Kiger confirmed that Mr. Watts, County Manager has included it in the County policy (copy of handout in Administration Binder).

PH Week/Open House (100-Year Anniversary of BOH)

Ms. Mitchell gave an update on the Public Health Week and Open House Events coming up in April. She gave invitations to Board Members and asked for their permission to start April's meeting at 6:00 pm instead of the usual 5:30 pm to allow the department the time to have an Open House to celebrate Public Health Week, as well as the 100th Year Anniversary of the Board. Invitations will be going out to all the elected officials and City of Winston-Salem, Board of Education, Legislative Delegation, Department Heads and past Board Members. Electronic invitations will be going out to all of the different Coalitions. Also, a resolution has been submitted to the County Manager's Office and will be read on the evening of March 23rd at the Commissioner's Meeting. She would like to have the resolution read here next month and thought that Commissioner

Whisenhunt would read it at the beginning of the meeting. Dr. Petrou asked if City Council will also do one and Ms. Mitchell responded she did not do a proclamation . Dr. Petrou thought it might be a good idea to have one done for City Council to read as well, since the City is part of the County.

Mr. Hunter added one more comment regarding the Severe Weather Awareness Week drill the department had that morning. He said the drill went really well. It was accomplished in seven minutes. He added, how proud he was of staff.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Theme – Linking People to Personal Health Services

Ms. Sandra Clodfelter, Director, Nursing, introduced some of her staff, Ms. Carole Watson, Ms. LaToya Sellars, Ms. Lee Anne Stimpson and Ms. Charlotte Haywood, who would be giving presentations on various services.

Adult Immunization

Ms. Watson gave a presentation on Adult Immunization. She outlined the various vaccinations adults should have according to age and timeframes they should have them. She stressed the need for people to get the Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine if they have not received a previous dose of Tdap (copy of handout on file in Administration Binder).

Occupational Health

Ms. Sellars presented on Occupational Health. She spoke about the department policy that exists and how it relates to employees (copy of handout on file in Administration Binder).

Tuberculosis (TB)

Ms. Stimpson gave a presentation on TB, what it is and how it is spread. She reported that in 2011, there were 12 reported cases. The main goal is to decrease TB disease in N.C. to 1 case per million by 2015 (copy of handout on file in Administration Binder). Mr. Hunter noted that TB is still very much in our community and how important it is to educate people about it.

WomanWise/WiseWoman

Ms. Haywood gave a presentation on the WomanWise/WiseWoman, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. The program provides screening (breast exams, mammograms and Pap smears) for early detection of cancer in women. The WiseWoman Clinic provides heart disease screening for women who are already enrolled in the WomanWise Program. Any woman age 40-64 (with emphasis on those 50-64), who meets certain income guidelines, has no insurance (or insurance with high deductible), no Medicaid, and no Medicare Part B is eligible. A woman under age 40 must be symptomatic to be seen. There is no charge for these services (copy of handout on file in Administration Binder).

STD

Ms. Haywood also did a presentation on Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinical Services (STDs). The reasons cited for clinic visits were: HIV Testing only, Asymptomatic Screening visit, STD Treatment only visit, Disease Intervention Specialist referrals and Complete Screening visit (copy of handout on file in Administration Binder).

Pharmacy

Mr. David Foster gave a presentation on the Pharmacy. The Pharmacy fills all prescriptions for the Clinics at the Health Department and even formula for the WIC program. Mr. Foster noted that the majority of prescriptions they fill are for mental health patients. The Pharmacy accepts both Medicare and Medicaid – Part D. They fill over 100,000 prescriptions each month and about 150 prescriptions per day. The Pharmacy does not make any money from the Health Department. The revenue is over 4 million dollars.

Cleveland Avenue Dental Clinic

Dr. Javier Lazaro did an oral presentation as well as showed a video clip on the services the Cleveland Avenue Dental Clinic offers. Eighty percent of the services the Dental Clinic offers are for adults and 20 to 25% for children. The video clip focused on the America's Tooth Fairy Foundation, which is designed to focus on what the Surgeon General calls the number one chronic childhood illness, pediatric dental disease (including cavities and gum disease).

Other Business:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Adjourn:

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. McCloud and the rest of the Board seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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