

# Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Dr. James K. Doub, OD, Vice Chair
- Ms. Judy Briggs
- Mr. John Davenport, Jr., PE
- Ms. Carrie D. Fernald, RN, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, FCN
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- Dr. Willard L. McCloud, Jr., MD
- Dr. Scott E. Schroeder, DVM
- Mr. J. Phil Seats, R.Ph., MBA
- Dr. Ricky Sides, DC
- Ms. Gloria D. Whisenhunt, County Commissioner

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES January 7, 2015

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Linda Petrou, Chair  
Dr. James Doub  
Mr. John Davenport  
Ms. Carrie Fernald  
Dr. Charles Massler  
Dr. Willard McCloud  
Mr. J. Phil Seats  
Dr. Scott Schroeder  
Dr. Ricky Sides  
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Judy Briggs

### OTHERS PRESENT

None

### **Call to Order:**

On Wednesday, January 7, 2015, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Boardroom at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

### **Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes of the December 3, 2014 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Charles Massler made a motion to approve and Dr. James Doub seconded. The rest of the members agreed and the minutes were approved by the Board.

### **Public Comment Section:**

Board Members and staff introduced themselves.

### STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter  
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero  
Ms. Lorrie Christie  
Ms. Glenda Dancy  
Ms. Yalonda Galloway  
Ms. Lynne Mitchell  
Ms. Quintana Stewart  
Mr. Bob Whitwam  
Ms. Ethel Evans

**Health Director's Comments** - Mr. Marlon Hunter started by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and wishing the Board members who had birthdays in December and January a happy birthday! Mr. Hunter reported that because of a Reduction-in-Force, the department had to let three people go. He spoke briefly about the Ebola situation saying it has been relatively quiet and Ms. Ayo Ademoyero will give an update. Mr. Hunter told Board members that there has been a spike in flu but no deaths so far. He added there are widespread flu outbreaks around the country and added that Ms. Sandra Clodfelter will be giving an update. Mr. Hunter continued on to say the department is starting the budget season and that Ms. Lynne Mitchell would be speaking to them about position requests. Lastly, Mr. Hunter reported that Dr. Scott Schroeder and Ms. Carrie Fernald met with him in December to go over the Board of Health Role and Responsibility presentation (required for all new Board of Health members).

### **New Business:**

**Ebola Update** – Ms. Ademoyero gave an update on Ebola preparedness. She mentioned that the Ebola plan was created in October. Ms. Ademoyero stated that the current and planned objectives are to protect life and property; minimize exposure especially in schools, faith-based organizations and first responders; conduct active medical and public health vigilance to identify and isolate symptomatic cases; support rapid and effective response; collect and disseminate incident/public information to improve decision making, dispel rumors, and promote public awareness; and understand the importance of preparedness for liquid waste disposal management.

Some of the current and planned actions, strategies, and tactics Ms. Ademoyero mentioned include:

- had more than 15 conference calls from the White House, CDC, NACCHO, APHA and NC State agencies;
- had meetings and briefings in-house with some of our partners such as WSFCS schools, colleges, first responders (Emergency Management Services and Winston-Salem and Kernersville Police Departments), hospitals, Fire Department, and City/County Utilities;
- nurses and have monitored 11 cases – two of those are active;
- monitoring travelers from affected West African countries and have contact information;
- travel questionnaire is in place (in English, French and Spanish);
- 6 FCDPH school nurses were trained as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tier and 18 nurses are trained to go out;
- completed the readiness survey for all Forsyth County funeral homes; and
- since October 6, 2014 have accrued over \$12,000 (staff and supplies).

Mr. Hunter added the State just sent out the procedures for dealing with animals.

Ms. Ademoyero concluded her report by shared a list of the affected countries broken down by total cases, laboratory confirmed cases and total deaths.

**Flu Update** – Ms. Clodfelter reported that as of today they have given 5,890 doses of the flu vaccine – 130 more than last year. Forsyth County has had no flu deaths. Ms. Clodfelter added there have been 17 deaths across the State (two – 5 to 17 years old; three - 25 to 49 years old; three – 50 to 60 years old and nine – 65 and over). Ms. Clodfelter noted that although the strain that is circulating is not in the vaccine, she still encouraged everyone to get the flu shot. Dr. Massler asked if we are giving Tamiflu here at the department and Ms. Clodfelter responded no.

**New Position Requests** – Ms. Mitchell asked Board members for their approval for two school nurse positions for the upcoming budget. Dr. Ricky Sides made a motion to support the request for two school nurses, Dr. Doub and Mr. J. Phil Seats seconded and the rest of the Board members unanimously agreed to approve the new position requests.

**100 Year Anniversary** – In a continuation from last month's Board meeting, Mr. Bob Whitwam gave more facts and information about past Boards of Health. Mr. Whitwam shared public health notes from 1915. Some of the many issues that the Board of Health was dealing with during that time included:

- gardening;
- the small pox situation;
- tuberculosis control;
- child and infant hygiene training to reduce infant mortality;
- steam disinfection for sewage on common carriers;
- Indian health;
- coyotes and the spread of rabies; and
- the value of blood pressure readings and examinations for life insurance.

It was noted that many of the issues that the Board dealt with way back then, we still deal with today. Mr. Whitwam added we have made great strides but still have a long way to go.

**Old Business:**

None

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee:** At the December 3, 2014 Board Meeting, Ms. Judy Briggs, Mr. John Davenport and Dr. Ricky Sides were selected to sit on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged with nominating candidates for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Davenport announced the Nominating Committee had completed their report. The Committee nominated Dr. Petrou as Chairperson and nominated Dr. Doub as Vice Chairperson. A vote was taken and both nominations were unanimously accepted by the Board members.

**Adjourn:**

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Sides and seconded by Mr. Davenport and the other members agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.



Marlon B. Hunter  
Secretary to the Board  
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