

Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Dr. Ricky Sides, DC
- Ms. Gloria D. Whisenhunt, County Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES January 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Linda Petrou, Chair
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Mr. John Davenport
Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Dr. Willard McCloud
Dr. Charles Massler
Mr. J. Phil Seats
Dr. Ricky Sides
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Sandra Clodfelter
Ms. Glenda Dancy
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Robert Whitwam
Ms. Debbie Mason
Ms. Carrie Worsley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Judy Briggs
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Frantz Cadet

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 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 5:34 p.m. and welcomed Board members and staff.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the December 4, 2013 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt made a motion to approve and Dr. James Doub seconded. The minutes were approved by the Board.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members and staff introduced themselves. Dr. Petrou reminded everyone that Mr. Hunter would not be in attendance for tonight's meeting due to a meeting in California. She announced there will be two new members starting in February (Ms. Carrie Fernald, RN and Mr. Scott Schroeder, DVM).

Dr. Calvert Jeffers, DVM, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Dr. Petrou and she thanked him for all his years of service on the board and added he would be missed. Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko, RN, was not in attendance but will be presented with her certificate at a later date.

Dr. Petrou continued by mentioning that she and Mr. Hunter have been discussing the possibility of having the February meeting be a retreat meeting - they could either have the retreat in February or later on in the year. Dr. Doub thought it would be a good time to have a retreat since there are new members starting. She and Mr. Hunter have also discussed setting up a committee structure on the board (there will be further discussions with board members regarding what the structure would be and what kind of committees board members would be interested in). Dr. Petrou asked board members to think about it and she and Mr. Hunter would be in touch.

Accreditation Update – Ms. Quintana Stewart gave a brief update to the Board reporting that the department is finalizing reaccreditation documentation and will send it off on January 17th. Once that is done, there will be a site visit – since this is a reaccreditation and not the first time, we only have to show documentation.

SOTCH Report Update – Ms. Ayo Ademoyero started by telling the Board that it is required by the State that we do an update from the 2011 Community Health Assessment (CHA). She went on to say the handout she gave them talks about the seven priority areas and shows things they are working on, the progress and the collaboration. Ms. Ademoyero added that towards the end of the report are the new initiatives with additional funding and the Legacy 2030 update and from page 10, the report shows the updated data. Lastly, she announced they are starting the 2014 Community Health Assessment process on January 27th and invited board members to attend if they are available.

Flu and Pertussis Update – Ms. Sandra Clodfelter reported the department ordered 7,900 doses of vaccine this year; they have given 5,850 and have 2,050 doses left. She added there were 13 flu deaths but none were here in Forsyth County.

Ms. Clodfelter reported there were 150 cases of pertussis last calendar year and because there were so many cases that was why the State was allowing them to give the vaccine to anyone whether they had insurance or not. She added they have been told that 3 weeks after their last case, the State will cut off getting them for free. Because of the huge number of pertussis cases in Forsyth County, they decided this year along with the flu vaccine, they would offer the TDap. Ms. Clodfelter stated she is extremely proud of her staff – last year for the whole year they gave 2,538 vaccines and this year just up to this point, they have given 4,282 and they will more than double it by the end of the year. She added this shows what a big initiative we have put on this and they have found out it has been a huge benefit because close to 70% of the adults who come in for the flu shot are also getting the TDap shot. She stated it is a great time to educate them – a lot do not know what the TDap is. Ms. Lynne Mitchell commented that part of Mr. Hunter's top priorities is about educating the community and the CHA also does this with all of its data. Ms. Mitchell introduced Ms. Debbie Mason to talk to the board about Infant Mortality.

New Business:

Theme: Latest Trends in Infant Mortality – Ms. Debbie Mason started by saying she has been working with Infant Mortality Reduction Coalition for almost six years. The coalition was formed in 1996 to bring community partners and community agencies together to work in a more coordinated fashion to take a better approach to infant mortality. Ms. Mason added they try to stay on the cutting edge of what other states are doing and even what other countries are doing. She mentioned that North Carolina is very blessed to have Mr. Jonathan Kotch who is one of the Professors at the Gillings School of Global Public Health and is one of the leading experts in the area of infant mortality. Ms. Mason went on to give a slide presentation highlighting risk factors and root causes of infant mortality. She noted that poverty is 2.5 percentage points higher now than in 2007 in North Carolina and it determines many things including access to health care, level of support for a woman's choice to breastfeed and choice of when to become pregnant. Ms. Mason spoke about the different types of stress (non-toxic and chronic), smoking and weight that can have a negative impact on pregnancy outcomes. She added there are no quick fixes. There was discussion around the table regarding Ms. Mason's presentation and questions asked such as what is different about us in Forsyth County as opposed to other counties; what are they doing that we are not doing; are there programs that others are doing that we should look at (copy of handout on file in the Administration Binder). Ms. Mason gave a very informative and thought provoking presentation. She concluded by announcing the coalition will meet on January 6th, downstairs in the large Nursing Conference Room at 12:00 and invited board members to join them.

New Position Requests - Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Clodfelter addressed the board, asking for their support and approval for the following new position requests:

1st Request: *School Health Nurse Position* (Ms. Clodfelter)

2nd Request: *Physician* (Ms. Mitchell)

There was a brief discussion regarding the position requests and the budget. Several board members asked about the ratios between school nurses and students for Forsyth County and the surrounding counties. Ms. Clodfelter gave the following ratios: Forsyth (1: 2,821); Mecklenburg (1:1,159); Cumberland (1:2,054); Davidson (1:over 3,000); Guilford (1:2,249). Ms. Clodfelter added the change of another school nurse would bring us to 1:2,664.

Ms. Whisenhunt commented they do not amend in mid stream – a request can be put in for the new budget and Dr. Charles Massler asked when the new budget starts – Ms. Whisenhunt responded the workshop is in February and the new budget starts in July. Dr. Ricky Sides made a motion to approve the 2 new position requests and Mr. John Davenport seconded. The rest of the board approved. Ms. Whisenhunt asked to amend the motion for the physician position – she explained we need to be assured that funds are there and cap the salary to \$212,000. After the amendment, all board members approved.

Committee Reports:

None

Adjourn:

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Sides and seconded by Dr. Massler. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board

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