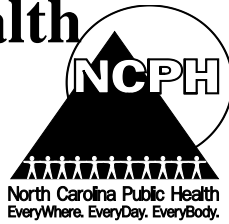


Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES October 4, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. J. Phil Seats
Mr. John Davenport
Dr. Keith Cash
Dr. Charles Massler
Ms. Heather Parker
Dr. Peter Robie
Dr. Ricky Sides

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Dr. Scott Schroeder
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

GUESTS PRESENT

Ms. Phyllis Russell, County Budget Office
Ms. Ronda Tatum, Assistant County Manager

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, October 4, 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 5:36 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 6, 2017 Board of Health meeting were reviewed by the Board. Mr. Seats asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Ricky Sides made a motion to approve and Dr. Charles Massler seconded. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members and guests introduced themselves.

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

- Thanked Ms. Heather Parker, Dr. Massler and the Mayor for attending the Walk-a-Mile to Save Our Babies event.
- Attended the NC Public Health Association Fall Conference in Asheville last week. One of the important topics of discussion was Maternal and Child Health.
- Received a telephone call from Senator Burr's Office and will be meeting with his top aide on October 12th at 4:00pm, here at the department, to talk about health care and Medicaid Reform. Board Members were invited to attend.
- Will be talking about flu at the Public Safety Media Briefing on the government channel next Wednesday.
- Thanked Environmental Health staff and Ms. Denise Price for the great job they are doing at the Dixie Classic Fair.
- Board Members sent a letter to the legislature to support the rabies bill - the bill passed last Saturday. Staff will give an overview about the bill at the next meeting.
- Met with County Manager to go over the cost settlement presentation, as we continue to work through the process to get the payback reduced. We will come back at the November or December meeting after we "scrub" the report to talk about the process of resubmitting the report. We will be attending a meeting in Raleigh with the Division of Medical Assistance, to discuss health care reform. Mr. Seats asked about the status of the resubmission and Ms. Quintana Stewart responded it has been resubmitted and we are waiting for the attestation letter. Dr. Massler commented that we need to be very clear, put facts together to present to Senator Burr's aide when she comes for the meeting on October 12th. He gave credit to Mr. Steven Garner for getting our report submitted. Mr. Hunter also acknowledged Ms. Ronda Tatum, Assistant County Manager and our Budget Analyst, Ms. Phyllis Russell, who were in attendance at the meeting and told Board members that we feel confident about our work and will keep them informed.
- Mr. Hunter asked Ms. Marisela Hairston, RN and Ms. Jennifer Corso, RN from the Communicable Disease program to provide updates on two paramount investigations that are currently going on. First, a Group A Strep (GAS) outbreak identified in a long term care facility has been ongoing since September. One resident was known to have invasive GAS which prompted an investigation at the facility. As part of the investigation, a 1 month retrospective review was conducted including a chart review of all residents by Ms. Hairston and Ms. Corso. Any resident with signs and symptoms of GAS were swabbed. Additional cases of GAS were identified through the chart review. Currently, there are 5 residents identified with the concern of GAS in the long term care facility. The most recent identified case was 10/2/17. All of these residents are of the Memory Care Unit. Site visits have been made to the facility to provide recommendations for infection control, share guidelines from NC DPH and observe staff for adherence to infection control. The facility provides a daily line list to the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) to ensure that there are no additional cases or changes in resident/staff signs and symptoms. Surveillance will continue at the facility for 4 months prospective following each newly identified case of GAS.

The second investigation concerned a plasma center with a cluster of donors with recent (+) HBV (Hepatitis B Virus) lab results. The first donor presented to the health department with a 5 year history of donating and (-) HBV status, denying risk history and voicing concern for infection control practices at the plasma center. A second and third donor were identified with similar histories and recently having HBV (+) lab results from the same plasma center. FCDPH has made multiple site visits with NC DPH and remains in continued consultation with the state for further surveillance and investigation measures. The FDA and CDC have also been made aware of the concern by Dr. Mobley

of NC DPH. Conference calls with all involved agencies are part of the investigation and FCDPH participates in each of these. Ms. Hairston is the HBV nurse and is working with this investigation along with Ms. Corso. The investigation at the plasma center will include a retrospective review of all donors since May of 2017, all donors since 2014 with (+) HIV, Syphilis, HCV and HBV labs, and all staff for HBV (+)/ HBV immunization history. Among the 3 donors, there are common days of donation so additional commonalities within the plasma center will also be investigated. Mr. Hunter, Mr. Tony Lo Giudice, and Ms. Sandra Clodfelter are kept informed of all findings and updates. Mr. Hunter commended the nurses on the job they have been doing.

- Asked by Mr. Seats to develop one final document to complement his work plan, moving forward. Mr. Seats added he wanted Mr. Hunter to promote some high level goals that would be his driving force and could be measured. Mr. Seats asked Board members to review the numeric goals Mr. Hunter presented and suggested a mid-year review.

Dr. Peter Robie commented about the Las Vegas shooting incident and asked if the department should take a stance or if the Board of Health should make a statement about assault weapons/gun violence. With the shooting deaths in our community, should we launch an education program to address these issues. Mr. Hunter said that the department could address crime as a public health issue and that there are strategies to address it. Mr. Seats felt this could be worked on in conjunction with the Police Department. Mr. John Davenport's thoughts were we need to look at other areas to see what they are already doing and cautioned not to be reactionary. He felt that there are lanes in which the Board of Health needs to stay in and was not sure if gun safety was something the Board should take on.

New Business:

2016 SOTCH Report - Dr. Lovette Miller reported that the SOTCH Report has to be completed in the years that a Community Health Assessment (CHA) Report is not due. Local Health Department accreditation requirements guide the SOTCH Report's structure and contents. The purpose of the report is to update the Forsyth County community on the status of the action plans identified during the last CHA (2014), which included chronic diseases, infant mortality, and mental health; report changes in morbidity and mortality data; highlight emerging issues; and report new initiatives. About 80% of each action plan was successfully implemented. Chronic diseases such as cancer and heart disease remain the main health issues for the County's population. The emerging issues we are currently addressing are e-cigarette use among high school students and Chlamydia among populations ages 15 to 24 years. New initiatives include Project Lazarus funding to reduce opioid overdose, TANF funding for Out of Wedlock birth prevention and regional diabetes program (a detailed report is on file in the Administrative Binder).

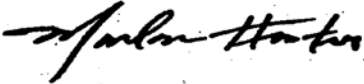
Child Fatality Annual Report - Dr. Miller gave a brief introduction stating that based on the statute, the joint team conducts each review to identify system issues that failed the child or could have prevented his or her death, makes recommendations to address each issue and develops action plans to mitigate them. In Forsyth County, a subcommittee reviews all child death cases received and determines which ones require a full team review. The 2016 Annual Report covers the 2015 child death cases received for review. Of the 44 cases received for review, only 16 cases were found to require a full team review. System issues were identified in 4 of the cases (a detailed report is on file in the Administrative Binder). Mr. Hunter added the meeting is well attended and Dr. Miller should be commended for a very thorough report and for the fantastic job she does.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Adjourn:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm before going into a closed session to continue discussion to complete Mr. Hunter's performance appraisal.

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

Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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