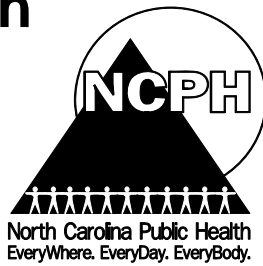


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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

August 1, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Vera Robinson
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Ms. Nancy Hardie
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Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Mr. Matt Dyson
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Ms. Quintana Clinard
Ms. Peggy Lemon
Mr. Bob Whitwam
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Mr. Abdul Natour

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Linda Petrou
Dr. Paul Salisbury

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, August 1, 2007, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled meeting in the Lower Level Large Nursing Conference Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Ms. Vera Robinson, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The Minutes of the June 27, 2007 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Dr. Sides and a second by Dr. Cash, the minutes were approved as presented by the Board of Health.

Old Business:

Construction and Remodeling: The WIC Division has moved back to their newly remodeled area. The TB Clinic has also moved to a new area, which is located directly beside WIC. Employees and clients seem to be very pleased with the new space.

Cleveland Avenue Dental Clinic: The Division Director for the Dental Clinic will be a part of the Senior Management Team, which will report directly to Dr. Monroe. The clinic will be open from Monday to Friday. The salary for the Dental Director is determined by a process in which Human Resources looks at the market value of that position and calculates the salary. It is a negotiable process that is entirely between a potential candidate and the Human Resources Department. The annual salary range for the Dental Clinic Director will probably be anywhere from \$125,000 to \$135,000. The Dental Clinic accepts Adult Medicaid and private insurance. It may provide some indigent care, but will not offer free service until it has been determined that total revenues will support such.

Strategic Planning:

Dr. Monroe and the board decided to schedule the training for the Strategic Planning Process for Wednesday, November 7, and December 5, 2007. These sessions will last two full days, and will be conducted at the Health Department. This Strategic Planning process will be coordinated by two members of the staff from North Carolina Public Health Institute. The Health Department has not participated in a strategic planning process since 1999, but this one will be required for the Accreditation process that is coming up in the fall of 2008. Dr. Monroe feels that the training should not involve or require any additional structured time than those two full days. The dates and times that were chosen seemed to be more feasible for everyone, than having to schedule this on a weekend. The Board of Health Meetings will also be held both days, after the training sessions at 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

Dr. Bruce McLain, the Chairman of the Forsyth County Healthy Community Coalition gave an update on what has been going on with the group. He stated that the coalition is made up of 250 volunteers from 80 organizations, and 31 partner organizations. The Health Department presently has 1 ½ full time positions that are devoted to the Healthy Community Coalition. The coalition seeks to improve the quality of life of people in Forsyth County. Their focus is on long-term, system-level solutions. The members support policies that will make the community a healthier place to live. Dr. McLain presented the board with handouts dealing with the many health topics that they are presently targeting. Some of this material contained charts dealing with Forsyth County and surrounding counties. Not only did the charts indicate that Forsyth County is not as healthy as some of the other counties, but also that North Carolina is not as healthy as a vast majority of other states in the nation. Dr. McLain was happy to mention the smoke free school campuses and how much progress has been made just recently in creating a smoke-free community in this area. By helping people quit smoking and by protecting children and adults from the dangers of secondhand smoke, we can all improve the quality of life in Forsyth County. Wake Forest University and Winston Salem State University still allow smoking on their campuses, but this is something that could change in the future. As most people know, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and Forsyth Medical Center have become smoke free as well. Smoking is the second major cause of deaths, and tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Dr. McLain suggested that the board go to the smoke free website and find out more information about getting the word out concerning the dangers of smoking. The website address is: www.SmokeFreeForsyth.org. He discussed the School Nutrition Policy and Childhood Obesity and the importance of practicing good nutrition and conducting exercise programs in the school system. He mentioned Teen Pregnancy and how teachers need to become more educated and comfortable in talking to the students about birth control. The next Health Summit is coming up in January 2008. Dr. McLain encouraged the board members to get involved in The Healthy Community Coalition.

Division Report:

Ms. Peggy Lemon, the Nursing Director, presented the Division Report this month. This division has a total of 93 employees, which is an increase of four employees since the last division report. This increase is attributed to the addition of three Nurses and one Certified Nursing Assistant who is working full time in the School Health Program. During the past twelve month period, the division has experienced six retirements, fourteen resignations, and twenty-one employees have been hired. This has been a difficult year for the Nursing Division because of these vacancies, but they continue to strive for excellence.

Other Business:

All of the most recent renovated space in the Health Department has now been filled. There will be an Open House/Reception for the Board of Health and the County Commissioners on Thursday, October 4, 2007. The reception and tour of the building will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Board of Health Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Monroe announced that Dr. Kevin Feig, the Medical Director will be leaving the department on August 10, 2007. He is moving back to Charlotte, due to his wife's job. Dr. Feig will be greatly missed.

The Health Summit Meeting has been changed. It will be held sometime in January 2008. The date for this will be announced at a later time.

Committee Reports: No reports at this time.

Adjourn:

Dr. Jeffers made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Sides seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Robinson at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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