

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES December 2, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Linda Petrou, Chair
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Mr. John Davenport
Ms. Carrie Fernald
Dr. Scott Schroeder
Dr. Ricky Sides

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Dr. Charles Massler
Dr. Willard McCloud
Mr. J. Phil Seats
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Glenda Dancy
Ms. Yalonda Galloway
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Marie Moukdarath
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Edwin Stott
Ms. Ethel Evans

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, December 2, 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 5:33 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 4, 2015 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Ricky Sides made a motion to approve and Dr. James Doub seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Board.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members and staff introduced themselves.

Health Director's Comments – Mr. Marlon Hunter started by saying it has been a great calendar year and he hopes 2016 will be an even greater year as we celebrate 100 years of public health. Mr. Hunter announced that Ms. Karen Cuthrell, Feeling Friends, will be facilitating a cultural sensitivity training tomorrow for staff.

New Business:

Environmental Health Update – Mr. Edwin Stott reported that they are continuing to recruit to fill vacancies and is working with Human Resources to get in some contractors. Mr. Stott added that with the contractors, it should put us at about a 600 inspection increase in 12 months.

Mr. Stott spoke about House Bill 765 (HB765) and House Bill 44 (HB44) that recently passed in the legislature and the impacts they will have on Environmental Health. Under HB765, it will allow an engineer option for getting wastewater permits - the rules have not been developed yet but the State should have them in place by June. Mr. Stott continued on to say they do have concerns about the impacts down the road. Mr. Hunter added that from a legal perspective, this might leave us with some liability – we have to speak with our Legal department. Under HB44, it will impact well drilling for private drinking water wells (private homes in the city limits could not be prevented from drilling wells). This bill also affects chain or franchised food establishments (plan review will be approved at the State level and not at the local level). He added they are working with the State on this and should be getting some position statements from the State anytime.

100-Year Anniversary Update – Ms. Lynne Mitchell announced that our 100-Year Anniversary is in less than 30 days. She made note of the following upcoming events: **January 4, 2016** - all PH employees and contract employees will receive a badge holder, lanyard, chocolate and a note of appreciation. We will have an instant recess at 10:00 a.m. on the first morning of the New Year that Mr. Hunter will lead, in the lobby. Ms. Mitchell added we will also be starting exercise classes after work for staff. **April 6, 2016** - open house (to include a proclamation/resolution) in the lobby – the Board meeting will start at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Mitchell spoke briefly about infant mortality, reporting that Forsyth County (FC) has an all time low rate of 6.4 deaths per 1,000 births. She shared some old historic documents dating back to the 1930s about infant mortality, stating some of the FC infant mortality rates then (1932 = 83.3; 1937 = 66.0; 1945 = 44.2). Ms. Mitchell expressed her appreciation of a former employee's mother who collected and agreed to loan her all of these historic documents. She concluded by saying “when you look at our history, there is so much to be proud of and it has impacted the lives of everybody”.

Cost Settlement Update – Ms. Marie Moukdarath reported we received our small 2012 10% holdback check last week for \$168,976 (broken down by Communicable Disease \$52,499.15; Family Planning \$51,344.42; Maternal Health \$37,195.76; and Dental \$27,936.67). We received the 2011 check for \$500,000 back in October. The most recent cost settlement report for 2015 was due on November 30th and we have filed for a 90-day extension. Mr. Hunter thanked Ms. Quintana Stewart and Ms. Moukdarath for their hard work.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Adjourn:

Dr. Petrou requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Sides made a motion and the rest of the members seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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