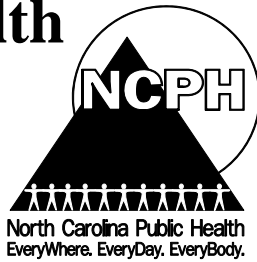


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Ms. Lorrie Christie

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Mr. Beaufort Bailey
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Tera Bovell

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, September 1, 2010, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Dr. Linda Petrou, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 31, 2010, Board of Health Meeting/Retreat were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written, seconded, and approved.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Ms. Tera Bovell was introduced to the Board. Ms. Bovell has been job shadowing Dr. Salisbury and is interested in Public Health and Dentistry.

Old Business

Enforcement of Restaurant Smoking Regulations:

Mr. Robert Whitwam gave an update on the NC Smoke Free Restaurant and Bar Law Activity. There were 64 complaints against 32 different establishments since January 2, 2010. Of those 64 complaints, only 4 were lodged against 3 different establishments in June, July and August 2010. Of those 4 complaints, two no-smoking violations were observed at two of the establishments and a first educational letter was issued to one establishment. Copies of the report were given to each Board Member and a copy has been placed on file in the Administration Division.

Mr. Whitwam asked the Board if his reports could be presented on a quarterly basis. The motion was made, seconded and agreed upon by the Board.

Syphilis Outbreak Status:

Dr. Monroe provided data in tabular and graphical form to the Board demonstrating the status of the syphilis outbreak. There has been significant reduction in the rates over the previous four months. He indicated that efforts to reduce STD Clinic turn-aways have been successful and probably had an impact.

New Business

Nurse-Family Partnership Initiative:

Dr. Monroe advised the Board that new federal money may soon be available to local health departments to support an initiative known as the Nurse-Family partnership, which is an intensive home visiting model to assist adolescent and other young primigravidas. The objective is to assure that the young women remain in the educational system, access other needed services more effectively, and prevent subsequent pregnancies.

Viewing and Discussion of “Unnatural Causes; Is Equality Making Us Sick” Episode: “When the Bough Breaks”:

The video explored African American infant mortality rates and the possible causes of low birth weight babies to African American women as compared to white women. It also looked at the changes that occur in the health of immigrants once they live in the U.S. for a while. New findings suggest that there is much more to poor health than bad habits, inadequate health care or unlucky genes. The video revealed how a lifetime of exposure to racism can affect the inside of the body and affect the health of newborns.

The United States' infant mortality rate is one of the worst in the industrialized world. Pre-term birth is the second leading cause of death for infants in the U.S. The rate of low birth weight babies born to African immigrants to the U.S. is comparable to the rate for white Americans. However, the daughters of African immigrants experience a higher rate of low birth-weight babies which is comparable to the general African American population.

Other Business:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Board Discussion:

None

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. By majority vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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