

Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Dr. Willard L. McCloud, Jr., MD
- Dr. Scott E. Schroeder, DVM
- Mr. J. Phil Seats, R.Ph., MBA
- Dr. Ricky Sides, DC
- Ms. Gloria D. Whisenhunt, County Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES May 4, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Ms. Carrie Fernald
Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Dr. Willard McCloud
Dr. Scott Schroeder
Mr. J. Phil Seats
Dr. Ricky Sides
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Yalonda Galloway
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Marie Moukdarath
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Edwin Stott
Ms. Lovette Miller
Ms. Magda Peralta

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Charles Massler

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 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. James Doub called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 2, 2016 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Doub asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Willard McCloud made a motion to approve and the rest of the Board agreed. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members and staff introduced themselves.

Health Director's Comments – Mr. Hunter shared with the Board that he had agreed to join the Komen Board and announced the Komen Race for the Cure Event will be taking place on Saturday, May 7th. He also joined the Imprints Cares Board and they will have the Night of Hope Event coming up on May 21st, to raise money for underserved children who need after school care. Lastly, Mr. Hunter reported that Ms. Margaret Elliott asked him to be on the Crisis Control Board and he has accepted.

New Business:

Community Health Assessment (CHA)/State of the County Health (SOTCH) Report - Mr. Hunter spoke to the Board about the two reports, stating the CHA was submitted on July 30th, to the State and we are required to do the CHA once every three years and one year later we are required to do a SOTCH Report (copy of handout on file in Administrative Binder).

The priorities identified in the Forsyth County community based on the CHA and the overall objectives are:

- 1) *chronic diseases* - by September 2018 develop and implement a community-based diabetes prevention program in three county locations and a chronic disease program at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center.
- 2) *infant mortality* - by November 2018, reduce infant mortality due to SIDs and unsafe sleep among Black babies by 20%.
- 3) *mental health* - by December 2018, reduce the number of mental health cases presented to the Emergency Department for mental health care by 20% and increase counseling services for Medicaid patients and the uninsured by 25%.

Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt wished the department good luck with meeting our goals.

County Health Rankings - Mr. Hunter spoke briefly about the County Health Rankings that were published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. A press release was submitted to the paper when the rankings came out. Mr. Hunter reported that Forsyth County moved from number 29 to number 43, largely due to a new measure that was put in place this year (neighborhood segregation). The North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors wrote a letter to let the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation know they were not pleased with the changes they made (the link to the letter and the press release will be sent out to Board members). Dr. Calvert Jeffers asked if rural counties are being measured and Mr. Hunter responded, yes they are. Ms. Carrie Fernald asked if there was a criteria on the data that was used and Mr. Hunter responded, so much was changed, he does not know. Mr. Hunter said he will come back at the next Board meeting to explain more about the rankings.

Fee Schedule - Ms. Quintana Stewart reminded Board members that according to North Carolina law, local health departments are allowed to charge fees for services as long as they are based on a plan recommended by the Health Director, approved by the Board of Health and the County Commissioners, the health department does not provide the service as an agent of the State and the fees are not against the law in any way. The State requires health departments to provide certain services, and not one may be denied these services. The methodology for setting the fee schedule is: determine the costs for performing the service; determine the Medicaid rates; set the fee; and apply an updated sliding fee scale. Ms. Stewart went over the department's 2016-2017 Proposed Fee Schedule, highlighting services where proposed fee changes were made. Ms. Fernald asked if there were any plans for Hepatitis C and Ms. Stewart responded, we do Hepatitis C with our Prevent Ongoing Spread of STIs Everywhere (POSSE) area. Ms. Stewart asked Board members for a vote to approve the Proposed Fee Schedule. Dr. Ricky Sides made a motion to approve and Mr. J. Phil Seats seconded. The Board members unanimously voted to approve the 2016-2017 Proposed Fee Schedule. Ms. Stewart thanked Board members and said the next step is to go before the Board of Commissioners for their approval (copy of complete presentation on file in Administrative Binder).

Old Business:

After a brief discussion, it was voted on and approved by all Board members present that there will be no July meeting.

Committee Reports:**Adjourn:**

Dr. Doub asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Sides made a motion and Ms. Whisenhunt seconded. The rest of the Board members agreed and the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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