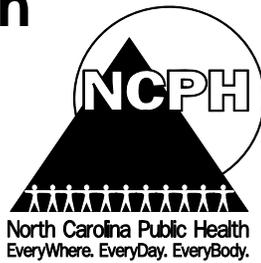


Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Beaufort O. Bailey
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- Linda Petrou, PhD
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- Randall G. Kale, PE
- Dr. P. Lee Salisbury, III., DDS
- Dr. Calvert B. Jeffers, Jr., DVM
- Jane Bradner Mosko, RN, CRNA
- Dr. Willard L. McCloud, Jr., MD

BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

August 5, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Vera Robinson, Chair
Dr. Willard McCloud
Ms. Linda Petrou
Ms. Nancy Hardie
Dr. James K. Doub
Dr. Paul (Lee) Salisbury
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko
Dr. Allen S. Hudspeth

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Mr. Bob Whitwam
Ms. Jackie Boggs
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Judy Southern

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Beaufort Bailey
Mr. Randall Kale
Dr. Calvert Jeffers

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, August 5, 2009, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Ms. Vera Robinson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 3, 2009, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Dr. Willard McCloud, and a second by Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko, the minutes were approved by the Board of Health.

Swearing in of new Board Member:

Dr. Allen S. Hudspeth, was sworn in by Board Chair, Vera Robinson. The board and staff that were present at the meeting welcomed Dr. Hudspeth and introduced themselves. Dr. Hudspeth gave a brief background about himself. He was born in Iredell County, and has been a Forsyth County Citizen for over 40 years. Dr. Hudspeth received his BS Degree and MD Degree from Wake Forest University. He served on the Wake Forest University Medical School Faculty from 1956 until his retirement in 2002.

Appointment of Nominating Committee to fill Vice-Chairperson's seat:

Ms. Vera Robinson appointed Ms. Linda Petrou to chair the Nominating Committee for purposes of filling the Vice-Chairperson's seat on the Board.

Appointment of Presiding Officer to conduct September Meeting:

Ms Robinson advised the Board that she would not be in attendance at the September meeting and that, in the absence of a Vice Chair, the Board needed to identify a Presiding Officer to conduct the September meeting. Ms. Linda Petrou made a motion to appoint Dr. Lee Salisbury as Presiding Officer, and Dr. Willard McCloud seconded the motion. The Board voted and all were in agreement for Dr. Salisbury to conduct the September Meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

No one asked to be recognized.

Old Business:

Accreditation Update:

Dr. Monroe reported that since the last Board meeting of June 3, 2009, the department had successfully passed the State Mandated Accreditation Process. The department received the final verification and award certificate from the Site Visitation Team in Raleigh on June 17, 2009. This accreditation period will expire in 2013.

Ms. Vera Robinson referenced her letter to the Forsyth County Commissioners on July 14, 2009, informing them that the health department had passed the Accreditation Process.

Report on Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Rule:

Mr. Bob Whitwam, the Environmental Health Director, presented the report on Childhood Lead Poisoning Activities for the months of May, June, and July 2009. Copies of this report were given to each Board member, and a copy is filed in the Board of Health Files in the Administration Division.

Report on Board Training on July 18, 2009:

Dr. Monroe gave a brief report concerning the Local Board of Health Orientation Training that was held on Saturday, July 18, 2009. Board and staff members from Guilford, Davidson, and Forsyth counties attended this training in Greensboro. He expressed some concerns about the quality and relevance of the training. Dr. Monroe stated that the trainer was not the one that was originally designated to do the training. He said that he thought the speaker was engaging, but not very organized. He felt that the training should have been more informative for all the attendees, and not only directed toward the new members. Dr. Monroe said that for accreditation purposes, it is required that the Board members participate in this or an equivalent form of formal training. He reported that the Health Directors used to do the training with the new Board of Health Members, and he feels that the best ones to teach the training are the Health Directors. The state contract for the training is with ECU, and they will be looking into this for next year, to see how it can be improved.

Dental Clinic Facility Update:

Ms. Cynthia Jeffries presented an update on the Dental Clinic. She reported that the lease is completed and has been approved. The Forsyth County Commissioners voted on June 22, 2009, concerning the lease but it was not approved by the commissioners until July 21, 2009. The county is looking into purchasing the building, and/or leasing it for 4 years. Baptist Hospital is giving the equipment to the county, which is estimated at \$350,000. Ms. Jeffries stated that they are presently recruiting for two Certified Dental Assistants.

Update on Syphilis Outbreak – Mobile Testing Unit:

Dr. Monroe reported that our Syphilis numbers in Forsyth County are worse than any other county in the State of North Carolina. He stated that beginning on Friday, August 7th, and every consecutive Friday for the next three weeks, the clinic hours will be expanding in order to perform more syphilis and other STD testing. We are bringing in DIS (Disease Intervention Specialist) Workers from throughout the state to assist in the effort. They will be focusing on the suspects and associates and promoting aggressive testing and treatment. The Health Department will be open on Fridays, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will also be open on Saturday, August 29, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The State has offered Forsyth County \$109,000 from Federal funding for purchase and operation of a Mobile Unit for community outreach and STD Testing. The Commissioners, after expression of some initial concerns, authorized the agreement with the State. The staff will be going into the areas of prostitution and clubs that are involved in the Sex Trade. The staff have already been testing on certain streets, outside clubs, some area churches. The mobile unit will make it possible to provide better confidentiality for clients, better security for employees, and safer handling of specimens. The Health Department will be coordinating with EMS, and possibly with other department to try and coordinate some other services and functions for the unit. Dr. Monroe stated that the County Fleet Office will actually be handling the purchase and maintenance process.

Review of Parliamentary Procedure:

Dr. Monroe did a review of the Parliamentary Procedures booklet that he had distributed to the Board at the June 3, 2009 Meeting. He suggested that the Board keep these booklets in their notebooks for reference as needed. He also mentioned that they might want to consider forming a “By Laws Committee”. The By Laws actually originated around five years ago, and were just recently revised as part of the accreditation process.

New Business:

Novel H1N1 Influenza Preparedness Plans for Fall:

Dr. Monroe reported on the preparedness plans for the Novel H1N1 Influenza, coming in the fall. We anticipate having the H1N1 Vaccine available around the 15th of October. The H1N1 vaccine will require two doses; therefore, individuals will be recommended to receive two doses of H1N1 vaccine plus one dose of seasonal flu vaccine. Pregnant Women, young children, and young adults, will take top priority of those receiving the H1N1. In the past, we usually hold our flu vaccine clinics toward the end of October, and the first party of November. This year, we will have to rethink this. We anticipate doing the seasonal flu vaccine clinic early this year, in order to reserve labor and other resources for the H1N1 vaccine which will come later. Public Health Staff will be meeting with several providers on September 18, 2009. The company that supplies the H1N1 Vaccine will distribute to the state, and then the state will allocate it and

deliver to the health department. We will be looking into issues for staffing, and if we have to, will push for other providers to assist us, as well. If we get through the early part of the season with no large amount of people getting sick, the public demand for vaccine may not be as great.. If the public demand for vaccine is great, the demands on the Department may be overwhelming. At the present time, there is no evidence that this strain is more serious than the regular flu. It might impact people that are at a high risk, and have a serious health condition. The Health Department has anti-virals in the stockpiles, in case it is needed. The department will be identifying dates for the vaccines as time goes by, probably up until January 2010. Depending on how great a need this could become, we might also be identifying other locations for the clinics, such as schools, coliseums, and etc. We will know more about this, as we receive more information from the state.

Other Business:

Dr. Monroe reported that Congressman Mel Watt had visited and toured the Dental Clinic the day before, on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Some members of the Management Team got to sit down and talk with Mr. Watt about health care reform, racial health disparities, and the Unnatural Causes broadcast.

Ms. Vera Robinson made some suggestions as to how the board might be more involved in Department activities and initiatives. They were as followed:

1. Participation in an annual Mini Health Forum
2. Monthly newsletters from the department be sent to all Board members
3. DASHBOARD information be sent to all Board members
4. Submit health department happenings, such as Public Health Month in April, to the Winston Salem Journal, & The Chronicle
5. Board members to attend the Public Relation Committee Meetings
6. Board members reconsider the past practice of visiting the different divisions in the department to see what the staff does on a daily basis

Committee Reports:

None at this time

Adjourn:

Ms. Linda Petrou made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Willard McCloud seconded the motion. By majority vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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