

MINUTES

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

January 10, 2006
12:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Ed Reedy
Dr. Peter Rogaski
Dr. Mark Davis
Mr. David Black
Mr. Brown Loflin
Ms. Peggy Shoaf

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Jackie Frank

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Long stated that the Board of Health By-Laws adopted by the Board requires a Chair and Vice Chair to be appointed every January.

Mr. Long opened the meeting and established a quorum and asked for nominations for a Chair and Vice Chair.

MOTION

Dr. Rogaski nominated Dr. Reedy as Chair to the Board of Health for year 2006. Dr. Davis made the motion to close nominations. David Black seconded and the motion was approved.

MOTION

Dr. Rogaski made the motion to approve Dr. Reedy as Chair to the Board of Health. Dr. Davis seconded and the motion was approved.

Dr. Reedy asked for nominations for a vice chair.

MOTION

Ms. Shoaf nominated Dr. Davis as Vice Chair to the Board of Health for year 2006. David Black made the motion to close nominations. Dr. Reedy seconded and the motion was approved.

MOTION

Ms. Shoaf made the motion to approve Dr. Davis as Vice Chair to the Board of Health. David Black seconded and the motion was approved.

Dr. Reedy asked if there were any corrections to the November 1, 2005 minutes or amendments to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Davis made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Reedy seconded and the motion was approved.

Mr. Long stated that the meeting dates for 2006 Board of Health 2006 meeting dates were in the consent agenda.

Dr. Reedy reported that two of the Board of Health members, Peggy Shoaf and David Black had served the maximum three consecutive year terms and were going off the Board. Dr. Reedy thanked them for their

years of service and asked for their help in finding someone to take their seat on the Board. Both members were presented with certificates of appreciation and an engraved clock.

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT

- The Strategic National Stockpile plan that the health department was required to complete and submit to the CDC was completed by the deadline. Steve Scarce our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator has also worked diligently to ensure staff is obtaining required training.
- On going staff training for Incident Command System is requiring large amounts of staff time. This mandatory training has required closing of clinics in order to get staff in classes.
- Will be hiring a full time interpreter for the health department soon.
- Currently posting BOH agenda and plan to post minutes and BOH meeting dates on the health department's web site. This will help ensure we are in compliance with public meeting laws. Consensus from the BOH was to also post the BOH member's names.
- Ginger Booker from the Piedmont Council of Governments will come February 1st to do a strategic planning session with management team. Session is to develop and identify needs and direction for the health department for the next two to five years.
- Health department and Wellness committee sponsored a health fair Monday, January 9th for the county that went very well; 120 screenings of blood pressure, cholesterol and sugar. Goal is to encourage staff to think of preventative services and insurance cost.
- Met with representative Holliman who introduced a legislative bill on prohibiting smoking in restaurants. Discussed the bill and the recent data on health effects of second hand smoke and strategy for dealing with the public health issue.
- Accreditation - All health departments in the state must be accredited by 2014; we hope to be accredited in 2007. Barbara Jones, our QA and QI coordinator is steering us in that direction by consolidating all health department policies and making sure everything gets done for the accreditation. Accreditation is to insure that some basic level of services is being provided across the state in all health departments.
- Shared a news letter from the State Health Director's conference in Raleigh this month and asked if Board of Health Chair or member would like to attend the luncheon for the Association of Local Boards of Health held January 27th in Raleigh
- Mr. Long informed the Board that a smoking policy committee of smokers headed by John Hendren from Environmental Health is developing recommendations on a draft smoking policy for the health department. The recommendations will be brought to the Board at the March meeting.
- Over 5,000 influenza vaccines given this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Health Foundation Proposal

Dr. Reedy stated that he and Dr. Rogaski had met with Mr. Long regarding the home health sale proceeds proposal that will be presented to the commissioners. Dr. Reedy stated that the draft proposal request that interest money from the proceeds be used for special projects that we would not normally be able to do.

Recommendations on Home Health Sale Proceeds

Dr. Reedy asked the BOH for suggestions and ideas for potential projects to present to the Commissioners if the proposal was accepted. Mr. Long stated during the last 10 years of the 26 years the agency was in business, that the home health agency not only operated at no cost to the county, but actually contributed about 2.5 million dollars after expenses into the county's general fund.

Dr. Rogaski stated this could be a "Win" "Win" situation if the proposal is accepted by the commissioners.

MOTION

Dr. Davis made the motion to accept the draft proposal for use of home health proceeds. Dr. Rogaski seconded and the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Standing Committees

The committee appointments were tabled until the March meeting due to pending new BOH appointments.

Community Health Survey Presentation

Mr. Long stated the health department is completing its Community Health Assessment which is due to Raleigh by January 20. The assessment is a compilation of health data, community surveys, and stakeholder interviews. The community surveys were completed at random using handheld computers and GIS. The community stakeholders were brought together again in early January to assist with prioritizing health issues and unhealthy behaviors. This is a process each health department must carry out every 4 years. This information will help guide public health efforts.

Board member or Public Comment

Dr. Reedy stated that Dr. George Chambliss recommended Dr. Mark Hamrick, large animal veterinarian to take the veterinarian seat on the Board. Mr. Black stated Dr. Hamrick would be a good choice.

Mr. Long asked if the Board knew of a good candidate to replace Peggy Shoaf's seat as a public citizen member.

Influenza Vaccine Supply Resolution

Mr. Long stated that each year we go through the uncertainty of not knowing when will receive flu vaccine or how much we will get. The Health Director's Association has asked Boards of Health and Commissioners to adopt an Influenza Vaccine Supply Resolution asking the federal government to address this problem. The Health Director's Association wants the resolution sent to congressmen, representatives and the CDC.

MOTION

David Black made the motion to pass the Influenza Vaccine Supply Resolution. Peggy Shoaf seconded and the motion was approved.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Next Board of Health will meet Tuesday, March 7, 2006

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

L. Layton Long, R.S., M.S.A.
Secretary to the Board

This is a true and accurate copy of the January 10th 2006, Board of Health Minutes.

Dr. Ed Reedy, Chair