

MINUTES

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 07, 2006
12:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Ed Reedy
Dr. Peter Rogaski
Dr. Mark Davis
Commissioner Don Truell
Dr. Mark Hamrick
Rev. Lamar Moore
Ms. Tammy Hedrick
Mr. Keith Raulston

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Jackie Frank
Ms. Janie Ange

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Brian Shipwash

Brian Shipwash, Clerk of Court administered the Oath of Office to new Board members Rev. Lamar Moore, Keith Raulston and Dr. Mark Hamrick.

Dr. Reedy opened the meeting, established a quorum and asked everyone to introduce themselves to new Board members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Reedy asked if there were any corrections to the January 10, 2006 minutes or amendments to the consent agenda.

Mr. Long suggested that a motion be made to table the smoking policy due to the length of the agenda.

MOTION

Mr. Truell made the motion to table the smoking policy. Dr. Davis seconded and the motion was approved.

MOTION

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

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT

- Immunization rates for children in the County are above average for the state. There is a 94% immunization rate for children that come through health department; the state average is 76%. The rate for children coming through physician's offices is 71%; the state average is 50%.
- Completed wellness screening for county employees. The screening identified numerous employees with potential health problems.
- The department received \$27,000.00 from the Komen Grant. This will be used for breast cancer services such as mammograms. This is less than we have received in the past, but we are working on collaborations to hopefully fill the gap in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

- Environmental Health Study- Mr. Long stated that he had chaired a committee of stakeholders looking at the issue of environmental health specialist training and retention, and possible solutions to dealing with septic permit backlogs. The report from the project has just been finished and will be going out statewide.
- Received additional bio-terrorism funding (BT) of \$29,000.00. Steve Scarce our preparedness coordinator submitted the grant request. These funds will be used to enhance our capability for BT. The preparedness grant that funds Steve's position has been cut by 15%. Steve is in the process of applying for Pandemic Flu grant funds.
- Eight ball exercise- Scenario was the pandemic flu with all the regional hospitals, health departments and other agencies participating in the exercise.
- Steve Scarce has put together Strategic National Stockpile training session for community partners.
- Environmental Health is sending a letter out to school principals asking for their assistance in identifying all the fund raising events that serve food. The effort is to prevent unnecessary problems and gain better compliance.
- School nurses are training in the vision care program. Still many issues associated with this legislation.
 - **Dr. Rogaski asked to comment on this issue for the record. Dr. Rogaski stated the vision care program passed by the legislature has taken a lot of vision care doctors by surprise. He hoped that in the next 60/90 days they would get some direction from Raleigh but does not feel like he can support the program in its current form.**
 - **Dr. Reedy also stated the funding was not set up for vision care and Medicaid rates were not established and he also cannot support this program under the current form.**
- The health department has formed a marketing committee to look at ways to market the health department's services.
- County performance based budget - Environmental health is in this project. Details of the budget system were explained.
- Child Fatality Protection Team – Yearly report provided to BOH. This team reviews child deaths in County to determine if there were gaps in services that may have prevented some of these deaths and make recommendations.
- State Wide Well Rules- Received a call from Terry Pierce, Division Director of Environmental Health in Raleigh stating that their office is working on a statewide well program initiative. Mr. Pierce believes this initiative could be successful in the next legislative session. Such a program should have limited impact on our health department as nearly all residents are served by public water. However, Mr. Pierce's office is offering a one time incentive of \$60,000.00 to Davidson County if the Board will adopt local well rules in the next fiscal year. Mr. Long stated that if the Board adopts local rules the department would receive the \$60,000.00. If the Board does not adopt a local program and state well rules are passed we will not receive the \$60,000.00 but will still have a well program. Mr. Long stated that there is not a 100% guarantee state well rules will be passed. Dr. Reedy suggested this would be something the Environmental Health sub-committee should take up and make a recommendation to bring back to the Board.
- Mr. Long serves on a Methamphetamine Task Force that Commissioner Chairman Fred McClure put together. The committee has expressed concern over the state rules on clean up of these "meth" labs and may pursue avenues to gain better enforcement.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment of Standing Committees

Dr. Reedy asked for standing committee volunteers for Environmental Health, Health Director’s Evaluation, Budget, and General Health Services. The following Board members volunteered to serve on these committees:

<u>Environmental Health</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>General Health Services</u>	<u>Health Director Evaluation</u>
Mr. Keith Raulston	Dr. Ed Reedy	Ms. Tammy Hedrick	Dr. Ed Reedy
Dr. Mark Hamrick	Mr. Don Truell	Rev. Lamar Moore	Dr. Mark Davis
Dr. Mark Davis	Mr. Cory Buggs	Dr. Peter Rogaski	Dr. Peter Rogaski

MOTION

Dr. Mark Davis made the motion to approve the standing committees’ appointments. Mr. Truell seconded and the motion was approved.

Home Health Proceeds

Dr. Ed Reedy stated that he and Mr. Long had presented the home health proceeds proposal, approved by the Board, at the last commissioners meeting. The Commissioners approved the proposal and now the Board needs to consider projects to be funded. Dr. Reedy stated that he believed one possible project was collaboration with Medical Ministries. Mr. Long suggested the general health services committee meet with Sandi Motley to discuss a potential project.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Review and Adoption

Mr. Long reviewed and responded to Board member questions and discussion on the proposed FY06-07 departmental budget. Major issues associated with the budget were proposed salary adjustments for staff impacted by a reclassification issued by the Office of State Personnel and increases in environmental health fees. Mr. Long stated he had frozen a WIC nutritionist position due to lack of federal funds to cover the position for FY07. Federal funding has not kept pace with salary increases necessary to cover all WIC positions and operating expenses.

MOTION

Dr. Rogaski made motion to adopt the budget. Dr. Mark Davis seconded and the motion was approved.

The Health Check Coordinator Position

Mr. Long submitted to the Board a request to accept a Health Check coordinator position. The health department will provide office space and supervision and the Division of Medicaid Assistance will provide funding for the salary. The coordinator’s responsibility will be follow up on Medicaid eligible children to ensure they are receiving appropriate medical services.

MOTION

Dr. Davis made the motion to approve the health check coordinator position. Commissioner Truell seconded and the motion was approved.

Minority Outreach Grant

Jen Hames our Health Educator Specialist has submitted a three year grant for a minority outreach coordinator.

Mr. Long stated that the grant had to be submitted by the deadline but the Board could vote on the coordinator position now or wait to see if the health department is awarded funding and then decide to accept or decline.

Mr. Long stated the Board members, meetings and minutes are on the health department web site.

Dr. Reedy suggested Jackie send the Board of Health meeting dates and Board of Health members lists out again to the BOH.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Next Board of Health will meet Tuesday, May 2, 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 March 7th 2006, Board of Health Minutes.

Dr. Ed Reedy, Chair