

MINUTES

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**March 02, 2010
12:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Keith Raulston
Ms. Kim Smith
Ms. Alice Gray
Dr. Peter Rogaski
Dr. Mark Hamrick
Dr. Mark Davis
Dr. Cathy Riggan
Commissioner Don Truell
Rev. Lamar Moore

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. John Hendren
Ms. Jackie Frank
Ms. Janie Ange
Ms. Joseline Hernandez
Ms. Kim Frank
Ms. Jen Hames

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Newby

WELCOME

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order, established a quorum and welcomed everyone.

Mr. Long welcomed Mike Newby, Assistant County Attorney, and stated that Mr. Newby was here to answer any legal questions with the Asthma Pilot Project Proposal

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Davis asked if there were any corrections to the January 5, 2010 meeting minutes or additions/changes to today's agenda.

MOTION

Dr. Riggan made the motion to approve the meeting agenda and minutes. Dr. Rogaski seconded and the motion was approved.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Long reported that Dr. Davis had brought to his attention additional appointments that needed be made to the By-Laws Committee. There should be three members on each committee in order to meet Board By-Law requirements. Dr. Davis suggested the appointment of two members in addition to the existing appointments of Dr. Rogaski and Dr. Riggan for a total of four in case there was an absent party. Dr. Mark Hamrick volunteered to be on the By-Laws Committee and Reverend Moore volunteered to be the back up for the Committee.

MOTION

Commissioner Truell made the motion to accept the additional By-Laws committee volunteers; Dr. Mark Hamrick and Rev. Moore. Dr. Riggan seconded and the motion was approved.

By Laws Sub-Committee-Barbara Jones, Dr. Riggan, Dr. Rogaski and I met February 3rd in Thomasville to discuss proposed revisions to the By Laws needed to meet accreditation requirements for local public health agencies. The revised documents were presented to the Board from the Committee.

MOTION

Commissioner Truell made the motion to accept the revisions made to the By-Laws. Dr. Riggan seconded and the motion was approved.

H1N1-Vaccine has been given out into the community successfully. In addition to the clinics we had at the health department staff also worked with South Davidson High and Midway Elementary staff to hold clinics at these locations where 600 vaccines were given. An additional 300 doses were given at the walk in clinic at DCCC. We will continue to give shots to anyone wanting them but the demand has dropped significantly. Also, staff has gone to the two major Catholic churches in Lexington and Thomasville and gave about 70 at each location. Staff is also going to local businesses that have inquired about the vaccines. We are still working through the Davidson Health Alliance for temporary staffing in order to give these vaccinations using H1N1 funding.

HIS-Big news for the health department; HIS roll out is scheduled for May 17th. We are working to get staff up to speed for the transition with internal HIS training. We plan to ramp down clinics significantly; around 50% that week and probably will not have clinics on the Monday the week it begins. State staff will come to the health department the weekend before to do the data conversions. Five health departments have been piloting this system for a year now and it has been a challenge for them. There are still issues within the pilots but HIS is moving forward with the first wave of rollouts scheduled to begin April 12th.

Community Health Assessment- There have been a couple articles in the Dispatch of late on our community health assessment. It is posted on the health department webpage if you would like to view it.

MATCH-(Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health) The University of Wisconsin, through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, ranked each state's counties on health factors and health outcomes. There were no surprises in how North Carolina counties fared in the rankings; Wake and Orange counties rank at the top and poorer counties with higher minority populations ranked lower in health. Davidson County ranked 41 in health outcomes and 50 in health factors leaving us somewhere near the middle. It is unclear what was achieved by this effort as little is likely to change as a result.

State Rules- Lots of discussion now about allowing animals in outside dining area of restaurants. Not very much opposition so it will probably pass. Right now only service animals are allowed in those areas.

Smoking in Restaurants-5 complaints since the law was enacted; so far only one warning letter has been sent.

WIC- Scheduled to move downstairs in May. I am coordinating with maintenance/Rick Prevette and Rex Buck to make this happen.

Animal Shelter- As the Board is aware there have been discussions about the health department taking the shelter. Running the shelter is a hard job but the Sheriff has implied in the local media that the animal shelter should be under the health department since it is connected to health. From my standpoint running the animal shelter is not a human health issue and does not belong under the health department. The health department does not have the personnel resources to run the shelter and it would be a drain on our focus toward public health programs. The health department's only role related to animals is the enforcement of rabies law.

H1N1 Funds- Large changeable LED display sign for advertising clinics was approved at the Commissioners meeting and will be paid for with H1N1 funds. It will be located at the entrance to the Governmental Campus.

Dental-Dr. Davis, Robert Hyatt, Dr. Mary Rittling, Sandy Motley and I met with ECU dental school representatives who are searching locations to establish ECU dental school learning centers. These centers will be a new model for training dentists in the state and Davidson County is being given serious consideration as a

site location. Three sites have already been selected and there will be a total of 10. This would be a great asset for the County due to the shortage of dentists we have here, jobs, and other benefits that would come with it. *Dr. Davis stated that everyone would have something to gain if Davidson County is chosen for a site. The ECU dental school people will meet April 1st with the Dental Society to discuss the centers. Commissioner Truell wanted to know why they were interested in coming here. Dr. Davis said they were looking here basically because the number of people that are on Medicaid and dentist ratio. By locating here their intent would be to reach out regionally not just Davidson County residents.*

BOH –Brody School of Medicine will now do the Board of Health training for new members.

Milk Program-State agencies are meeting to discuss “shrinking” government and reducing duplication of services. As a result the Department of Agriculture and the Division of Public Health in Raleigh are looking at how the milk program is conducted across the state. The program now is split between the two agencies.

Sewer Grant- Environmental Health staff is meeting at the Handi sewage district Thursday night about a grant the District had received to extend sewer out to an area that has a high percentage of sewage failures.

Public Health Month-April will be Public Health. We are planning on getting some things done through a big media campaign.

FQHC- The Management Academy team is getting close to finishing the business plan for expanding care to the uninsured. The team will go back to Chapel Hill toward the end of April to present the plan.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD

Alice Gray asked what we were going to do with the WIC space when WIC moved downstairs. Mr. Long replied that the nurses (9) had been cramped up in one little section of office space and they would use some of the WIC space as well as looking at expanding clinic area.

Dr Riggan wanted to know what the time line was for Medical Ministries. Mr. Long replied they have to submit their federal application when the “PIN” drops (basically an announcement of a new wave of federal funding is becoming available). They are getting a feel that the PIN will be fairly soon and then there will be about a six month application process. It will probably be January 2011 between submitting the application and the transition. Dr. Rogaski wanted to know if they would be renaming Davidson Medical Ministries. Mr. Long replied that was one question that the Ministries Board had asked and they were told they could keep it the same name.

Dr. Mark Hamrick wanted to know about the Sheriff’s proposal on the animal shelter. Mr. Long said the County manager and the Commissioners are considering different options and are reviewing all alternatives carefully.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Asthma Pilot Project Proposal-Jen Hames, John Hendren, and Mike Newby

Ms. Hames reported on a proposed 3 year asthma project with Lexington Memorial Hospital that would begin this spring. Ms. Hames stated asthma information will be provided by the hospital to the families of asthmatic children. Parents that are interested may invite environmental health to their homes to provide education, check for mold, and other air quality issues that can impact asthmatic children. Ms. Hames said hopefully this project

will expand to Thomasville later as well. *Mr. Long said that he was involved in a similar project several years ago. Mr. Long said this would be a new program for the health department and that he supported it. Mr. Long said County Attorney Mike Newby was invited to the meeting to answer any questions the Board might have.*

Mr. Newby advised the Board that if environmental health came into a home (renter) at the family's request to check for asthma causes it could result in environmental health personnel being subpoenaed for renter's allegations toward the landlord not maintaining the property. *John Hendren stated that Environmental Health could give the tenant information telling them what to do which is part of the hospital packet offered to them; this will solely be an educational program we will offer.*

MOTION

Commissioner Truell made the motion to accept the proposal of the Asthma Pilot Project. Kim Smith seconded and the motion was approved.

Private Purchase Vaccines-Kim Frank

The State Immunization Branch made revisions to the state supplied vaccine where we could no longer give TDAP to all clients. She stated concerns about this since there has been an upturn in the number of cases of Pertussis. Ms. Frank stated we would like to vaccinate parents, grandparents and child care workers; those that will be around small children. Ms. Frank stated that when the Board met in January she didn't know if we would be able to offer DTAP to college students but it has now been clarified that state supplied vaccine can be used for college students. Ms. Frank asked for Board approval to offer privately purchased TDAP vaccine to clients who are no longer eligible for the state supplied vaccine and that the price be set in accordance with Board established vaccine pricing to begin on July 1, 2010.

MOTION

Dr. Rogaski made the motion to approve the request for the health department to give privately purchased vaccine at the recommended fee. Alice Gray seconded and the motion was approved.

End of Fiscal Year 2009 budget Report-Janie Ange and Joseline Hernandez

Janie Ange presented an end of year FY 2009 budget report to the Board. The report showed budgeted amounts for expenditures and revenues, how much was spent and how much was received.

Presentation of the 2011 Proposed Budget

Janie Ange presented to the Board the highlights of the proposed budget for FY 2011. (The Budget Committee of the Board had reviewed in detail the proposed budget.) Ms. Ange reported that total expenditures for 2011 were projected at \$7,512,013 with total non County revenues at \$3,560,768 (48% of the budget) and total County funds at \$3,942,245 (52% of the budget). Budget highlights FY 2011 are: 3 new positions requested in WIC (no additional county dollars), a reduction of \$7000 in HIV/STD state funds (we were a pilot county for Chlamydia testing in males) and loss of the health check coordinator position due to state cuts. Additionally, Ms. Ange stated that the budget includes a request for county funding to cover expenses not covered by the state grant for the school nurses. Ms. Ange said that this is the first year she has had to include additional County dollars to carry the state grant funded school nurses through the whole 10 month school year. She also stated, as a result of the Davidson County Schools not funding one of the nurses they had funded in the past that the state said we were supplanting in this fiscal year. Mrs. Ange stated that unless Davidson County Schools fully fund 2 school nurses for FY 2011 we will need County dollars to fund at least one of these positions. *Mr. Long stated that in the years since receiving the grant for the nurses we have been able to stay under the \$50,000 appropriation. However, this year, due to projected increases in benefits etc., these positions are projected to exceed the grant amount. Mr. Long said we get a cost settlement each year from our Medicaid programs. The settlement is a process whereby Medicaid reimburses the health department for the difference between what it cost us to provide a service and what Medicaid actually pays based on a formula. Mr. Long said that Dr. Davis brought the idea during the Budget Committee of using these settlement funds to cover the shortage in school*

nurse funds in order to prevent a direct request for County appropriations. Mr. Long stated that he had contacted the State about this possibility and did receive approval. Mr. Long stated that the only problem would be that if we do this once then we will be back in the same position next year if the school system does not fund the position again. Unless we identify continued funding for the school nurse positions, that were locally funded prior to receiving the state grant funds, for each fiscal year we will be in violation with our contract with the state. Mr. Long said the State cut the school systems last year and they had to make choices about what staff they kept and what positions were cut. As a result of these decisions the two school nurses, which had been funded by the school system for many years, were cut for this fiscal year. However, Dr. Fred Mock contacted me at a later date and said they could continue to fund one position. Mrs. Frank said the stimulus money we received for the flu campaign allowed us to keep the nurse in place this year. Commissioner Truell stated he thought the schools should pay for the nurse position and to use our funds (the cost settlement funds) as a last resort if funding is not found elsewhere.

MOTION

Commissioner Truell made the motion to approve the budget as presented but using, only as a last resort, cost settlement money for the County school nurse positions if not funded elsewhere. Dr. Peter Rogaski seconded and the motion was approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Next Board of Health will meet Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 12:30

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

L. Layton Long, REHS, MSA
Secretary to the Board

This is a true and accurate copy of the March 2nd Board of Health Minutes.

Dr. Mark Davis, Chair