

MINUTES

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 7, 2017
12:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Jana Andrews
Dr. Rick Gilliam
Dr. Michael Lanning
Mr. Tobin Shepherd, Vice Chair
Ms. Becky Simmons
Mr. Dale Swicegood
Ms. Tammy Troublefield
Commissioner Don Truell

STAFF PRESENT

Janie Ange
Darren Cecil
Mary Lou Collett
Jen Hames
Lillian Koontz
Nancy Rosier
Nancy Stout
Janna Walker

VISITORS PRESENT

Eunice Calderon-UNC-G Intern
Susan Bryant MSN/RN – Nursing Faculty DCCC

WELCOME

Mr. Tobin Shepherd called the meeting to order, established a quorum and welcomed everyone to the March 7, 2017 meeting.

MEETING AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Tobin Shepherd requested a motion for approval of the agenda, consent agenda, the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes, January 10, 2017 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the February 24, 2017 Budget Subcommittee meeting minutes, and the financial reports as presented.

MOTION

Commissioner Don Truell made a motion to approve the agenda, consent agenda, the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes, January 10, 2017 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the February 24, 2017 Budget Subcommittee meeting minutes, and the financial reports as presented. Dr. Michael Lanning seconded and the motion was approved without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Including Program Reports)

Ms. Koontz mentioned the Health Directors report was included in the Board's packets to give the Board the opportunity to look over the highlights since the last Board of Health meeting and she would be happy to answer any questions.

Ms. Koontz reminded the Board about the discussion at the last meeting concerning the assurance plan for prenatal care and child health and she wanted to update the Board about the meetings with all of the practices that will be working with the health department. Thomasville OBGYN has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Wake Forest Baptist Women's Health Services-Lexington has said they will sign as soon as it works through their legal department.

Ms. Mary Lou Collett and Cindy Harris answered all the questions and made sure everything is working well with these providers. The relationships they have built over the years really make this process much smoother so we are very lucky to have them and the consistency with them in our department.

Ms. Koontz commented on the incredible work and spirit Ms. Janie Ange has done with the budget and is phenomenal in finding ways to make things possible. The entire team has worked collaboratively but Ms. Ange has pulled it all together, huge Kudos to Ms. Ange.

Discussion

Dr. Michael Lanning mentioned for years we struggled with problem of dental health and working with Medical Ministries. Since the new college has opened do you feel like the County is being taken better care of now?

Ms. Koontz felt we are moving in the right direction what she could share is she was invited to be on the Dental Board. The meeting was fantastic, everyone got to know each other but then their doctor left it stalled and we are still in this stalling moment. It is her understanding Dr. Tom Smith is still filling in 2 ½ days and they are still trying to figure out the lead dentist so hopefully the Board will get back up and running but they are still looking for some consistency to build that practice.

Ms. Jen Hames made the Board aware that Medical Ministries has a children's dental clinic. Dr. Lanning replied he was under the assumption everything had gone to the college.

Ms. Hames mentioned Medical Ministries operates a children's dental clinic Monday thru Thursday serving those without insurance and those on Medicaid.

Dr. Lanning explained East Carolina had a staff person there but then he got the opportunity to go someplace else. Dr. Smith is retired from private practice and took a part time position as associate clinical director.

Ms. Koontz replied they are swamped with request but they have to have a provider there to serve as preceptor for the students. Also it was shared with Ms. Koontz when she met with them some disappointment from Davidson County's end where the students do not want to relocate here. The idea of these satellites is to get the dentist introduced to the community and hopefully stay but this is not happening.

Ms. Becky Simmons asked is the Chamber not engaged and is there a way for Ms. Koontz to connect with Chamber and bring it all together because she knows the Senior population was not being well serviced here.

Ms. Koontz replied these a both avenues we can look into but again we have only had the one meeting and they told me when I met with them I had been in my role for 4 weeks so I was still very wide-eyed and taking in a lot of information but students are not staying in Davidson County they are staying in Winston so it's more difficult to get them move here.

Mr. Tobin Shepherd thought from the original outset that is where ECU found the communal living for the students in Winston because they couldn't find in Thomasville, High Point or Lexington the type of living arrangement so it's an ECU directive to house the students in Winston.

Ms. Koontz replied that is correct they are directing the students to Winston but when they graduate they are not returning to Davidson County to practice. The students are looking in the Winston area because that is what they have been exposed to.

Ms. Koontz is hopeful there will be another board meeting because she knows so much more and is more connected in the community so she can asked questions and talk with ECU about these things. Dr. Lanning stated his main concern was the children and he was happy to hear are being taken care of.

Health Department Staff Recognition

Mr. Shepherd informed the Board this is off the agenda but wanted to make them aware Lillian has celebrated her first anniversary as health director. The Board is happy for the first year and look forward and are excited about the new upcoming adventures, ideas and good things happening at the health department.

The Board showed their appreciation by applauding.

Mr. Shepherd stated Janna Walker became the new WIC Director in January 2017 Ms. Walker began working at the health department in 2010 as a nutritionist in WIC, a graduate from Appalachian State so she is a mountaineer with a degree in nutrition and dietetics, resident of Lexington, graduate of East Davidson High School and has proved her aptitude for thinking outside the box particularly in programming and in WIC budgeting.

Mr. Shepherd gave recognition to Eunice Calderon-UNC-G Intern a senior working on under graduate in public health education, her and her husband live in Lexington, Ms. Jen Hames her supervisor reports that Ms. Calderon is excelling in all her projects. Ms. Calderon felt grateful for the opportunity to intern with Ms. Hames, it has been an amazing experience and values Ms. Hames' experience and connections with the community.

The Board applauded Ms. Walker and Ms. Calderon for their contributions to the health department and hard work.

Performance Based Budget Report 2016-2017

Ms. Mary Lou Collett explained the Personal Health Performance Based Budget was included in the Board packets and she would be happy to answer any questions. Ms. Collett clarified the home visit Performance Measure may not be reached because this was the primary staff and their expertise was use to go out in the community to provide an astronomical amount of flu vaccinations that took a whole month to two months of their time. The Flu vaccinations were very well received and already we have been asked to do this for the following year.

Mr. Darren Cecil mentioned the Board had a copy of the Environmental Health Performance Measures in their Board packets and that he would be happy to answer any of the Board's questions. Mr. Cecil felt the numbers were very good with going through the rebuilding process with staff and an increase On-site workload.

2017-2018 Budget

Mr. Tobin Shepherd explained the 2017-2018 Budget was reviewed by the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee and after in depth analyst as a motion to the Board to accept the 2017-2018 Budget as presented.

Ms. Koontz presented the PowerPoint that was shown to the Budget Subcommittee and provided an overview of the 2017-2018 Budget to the Board.

- Total Operation \$7,285,024 – 54% County funding request
 - Increases out of Health Department's control
 - Increase State retirement contribution 12% per employee
 - Increase Insurance premium just under 10%
 - County has proposed staff salary increase of \$500 + 1.5% per employee
 - Significant increases with 100 Health Department employees
 - Decreases funding from the State – changes from previous year
 - WIC budget federal funding \$34,884 – due to retirement a position will not be refilled
 - Family Planning \$35,283
 - BCCP \$33,405
 - Actually a plus decrease cost for internal connection (phone and internet)
 - Increased funding from the State – Maternal Health +\$4,799
 - 2018 Community Health Assessment Year \$20,000 – Historically assisted by local hospitals
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- Clinical Services:
 - Venipuncture increase the charge by \$2,
 - Hemoglobin increase by \$6.
 - Environmental Health:

Increases in Environmental Health are based on the cost of providing the service and the materials used. The projected increase in revenue for the FY 2017-18 with the suggested fee modification would be 8% from Last year. Also this year a new fee has been created for "Engineered option permit" is a new State law

that means a home owner can pay an engineer to design an on-site wastewater systems. Environmental Health can recoup some of the cost because they still have to go out to the site and inspect the system.

Mr. Darren Cecil answered the Board's questions about the new "Engineered option permit" law. A discussion followed.

Ms. Koontz mentioned this is a broad overview but she wanted the Board of Health to understand what the health department is asking from the County, why the changes and what the health department is looking at for the big picture.

MOTION

The Board of Health Budget Subcommittee made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 Budget as presented. Ms. Becky Simmons seconded and the motion was approved without dissent.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting in a Box, Opioid Epidemic

Ms. Koontz felt that everyone knew about the Opioid epidemic across the United States and she pointed out North Carolina and Davidson County are no different. The new Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy Cohen, has prepared a letter that she wants shared with providers describing their prescribing habits. The Opioid epidemic people are coming from all different directions; law enforcement, provider practices, public health and here in Davidson County Clerk of Court Brian Shipwash is also working on it but the meeting in the box was created by our very own Commissioner Fred McClure as his direction as president of the North Carolina Association County Commissioners. Meeting in a box is a generic term for a box that contains how to get together a group of stakeholders and community partners to attack the opioid epidemic locally that will be delivered to every North Carolina county managers. Since Commissioner McClure is leading this initiative Davidson County is a pilot and Ms. Koontz is serving as the local health director liaison. A tentative meeting date of March 31st but was pushed back to April so in the meantime Ms. Koontz, County Manger Zeb Hanner will work together to get the DSS director, Cardinal group, physicians and city superintendents to the table to discuss on how we can in Davidson County can impact this Opioid epidemic. Ms. Koontz encouraged the Board to share any of their thoughts or strategies that could improve this effort she would love to hear about it.

Mr. Tobin Shepherd mentioned the opioid epidemic strikes all families of all demographics and felt medicine sharing was a contributor. Mr. Shepherd thanked Ms. Koontz for her leadership and to please extend a thank you to Commissioner McClure for his leadership.

Policy Review & Approval: 100.1 Policy/Procedure Development and 100.64 Patient Identity-Medical Records

Ms. Nancy Stout advised the Board 100.1 Policy/Procedure Development is a policy on how to write and maintain our policies and after reviewing, the executive team recommended no changes. Significant changes were made to the 100.64 Patient Identity-Medical Records. We began 1/30/17 using a webcam to take patient photographs that are automatically uploaded into their electronic medical record. This will save both time and money by eliminating copying of IDs at every visit. Mr. Tobin Shepherd questioned how patients had responded to use of the webcam. Ms. Stout indicated that it had been received very well, and to her knowledge only two had declined having their photograph taken.

MOTION

Mr. Commissioner Truell made a motion to approve the 100.1 Policy/ Procedure Development and 100.64 Patient Identity Medical Records Policies. Ms. Jana Andrews seconded and the motion was approved without dissent.

Legislative Update

Ms. Lillian Koontz mentioned this the legislative season in Raleigh and she wanted to inform the Board about the public health items on the board.

- State Law to adopt the rabies compendium.
- Outdoor Grills at permitted facilities.
- Allow certain exemptions to the helmet law on motorcycles.
- Amend local laws to prohibit application of pesticides during dining hours. 24 hour facilities would have to post prior to applying.
- Raw Milk – Mr. Darren Cecil explained this allows a person to buy an animal or part of this animal and have a farmer raise it so then the milk could be dispensed as raw milk. He noted this is the same language as 2 years ago and this same battle has been fought for the last 20 years.

Ms. Koontz stated this is what's happening legislatively to date and if anything major comes out she would let the Board know via email. She also noted this is up in the air no one knows what will happen but with the repeal replacement of the Affordable Care Act there stands to be huge loss of State funding for preventive care. This funding was lumped in with Affordable Care and came as a package so if goes away so does the funding.

Mr. Tobin Shepherd commented fortunately it's all purposed bills and hopefully after they are considered amongst the legislators there will be some discernment there and some good common sense will rule out.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Shepherd requested a motion to move into Closed Session to further discuss client/ service issues in accordance with General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1).

MOTION

Ms. Jana Andrews made a motion to move into Closed Session. Dr. Michael Lanning seconded and the motion was approved without dissent.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

Becky Simmons made a motion to return to Open Session. Dale Swicegood seconded and the motion was approved without dissent

BOARD MEETING DATES

The Board of Health will meet next on May 2, 2017

MEETING ADJOURNED

Becky Simmons made the motion to adjourn. Tammy Troublefield seconded the motion and the motion was approved without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Koontz, MPA, REHS
Secretary to the Board

This is a true and accurate copy of the March 7, 2017 Board of Health Minutes.

Tobin Shepherd, Vice Chair