

MINUTES

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 3, 2005

Yarborough's Restaurant - 6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Ed Reedy
Mr. Don Truell, Commissioner
Dr. Mark Davis
Dr. David Kowal
Ms. Amy Greeson
Ms. Tammy Hedrick
Ms. Peggy Shoaf
Mr. Corey Buggs

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Jackie Frank

VISITORS PRESENT

Dr. Peter Rogaski
Mr. Brian Shipwash, Clerk of Court
Teme Levbarg

Mr. Brian Shipwash, Clerk of Court administered the Oath of Office to new Board members Amy Greeson, pharmacist and Corey Buggs, public citizen.

Mr. Long recognized Dr. David Kowal for his time served on the Board and introduced Dr. Peter Rogaski whom Dr. Kowal had recommended to take his vacant seat. Dr. Reedy presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Kowall.

Mr. Long introduced Teme Levbarg, from the School of Public Health, University of Chapel Hill who would be presenting the Board of Health training later in the program.

Dr. Reedy, Co-chairman, established the presence of a quorum and called the Tuesday, May 3, 2005 Board of Health meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections to the March 1, 2005 minutes.

Dr. Reedy, Co-chairman welcomed everyone and asked if there were any amendments to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION

Mr. Truell made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Davis seconded and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Home Health Agency

Mr. Long stated the commissioners voted to sell the home health agency on April 26th and a public hearing on the intent to sell was also held at that time. A second public hearing will be held May 24th. Mr. Long stated that he had entered discussions with a consultant experienced in the selling of home health agencies. This consultant had assisted Scotland County with their sale and their agency sold for \$900,000.00. Mr. Long stated that a JTEC person had been helping in home health since clerical staff had taken other jobs. Additionally, patient referrals were continuing to drop. Mr. Long said the CON (Certificate of Need) allows you to operate an office in a 50 mile radius and for this reason; our agency would be of value to other home health providers.

Mr. Truell wanted to know if the home health agency was sold, who would get the money and could anyone bid on the home health agency. Mr. Long responded by saying, it was up to the commissioners and county manager to appropriate the money that was received from the sale of the agency, but that the health department may request the money to be used for health department projects and he hoped that consideration

would be given that home health had probably contributed millions of dollars over the years to the County general fund. Mr. Long also stated anyone could bid on the agency, but if the bid was not in the best interest of the County, the County didn't have to accept the bid.

NEW BUSINESS

Medicaid Dental and Personal Health Fees

Mr. Long submitted the high lighted changes in Medicaid dental fees and personal health fees to the Board.

MOTION

Dr. Davis made the motion to accept the fees as submitted. Dr. Kowal seconded and the motion was approved.

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Long stated that he invited a leadership specialist to come and talk to the 2nd and 3rd tier supervision staff for input as to whether they were interested in attending a six week one half day training course on different topics of leadership training. Mr. Long stated the course would be approximately (\$500 per person) and taught off site. Mr. Long expressed concern that several staff had been put in supervisor's positions with little or no training. Mr. Long also stated that funding necessary for the training; approximately \$9000.00 would come mostly from state and federal program money with about \$1,400 from county general funds. The course would teach staff the skills to deal with many different aspects of leadership. Mr. Long stated he wanted to let the Board know before making the decision to have the leadership specialist come as this is a large commitment in terms of time and funding and wanted the Board to have the opportunity to express any concerns.

Mr. Truell stated that the leadership training had been needed for a long time.

No concerns were expressed by the other Board

Region 3 Incubator grant-

- Project to help fund the Community Health Assessment due every four years. This is Davidson's year.
- Will help fund Obesity Summit Campaign addressing the national obesity issue and inviting school superintendents and other community leaders in the region to attend.

Steve Scarce – Is the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

House Bill 239-

- Mr. Long stated House Bill 239 was ratified allowing the BOH to prohibit smoking in a health department building or within 50 ft., if the BOH chooses to take this stand.

Stop Smoking in Restaurants' Bill-

- Mr. Long stated that Representative Holliman asked the BOH to support his bill to "stop smoking in restaurants". Mr. Long stated the N.C. Alliance for Health took a neutral position on the no smoking in restaurants bill because they didn't want to distract attention from the proposed tax increase on cigarettes initiative. The Health Director's Association hasn't taken a position on Representative Holliman's Bill, but will likely support it to promote the health of restaurant staff and patrons.

After general discussion about Representative Holliman's bill, the Board took no action.

N.C. Alliance for Health-

- Mr. Long stated the N.C. Alliance for Health was seeking support for the cigarette tax initiative. Mr. Long read the **Resolution in Support of an Increase in NC's Cigarette Tax of at Least 75 Cents** as drafted by the NC Alliance for Health.

MOTION

Dr. Davis made the motion to discuss the **Resolution in Support of an Increase in NC's Cigarette Tax of at Least 75 Cents**. Ms. Hedrick seconded and the motion was approved.

Dr. Reedy said by supporting the 75 cents in cigarette tax would decrease smoking in youth.

Mr. Truell stated that he did not like cigarette smoke but this is a tobacco state and the commissioners wouldn't vote for it.

Mr. Buggs stated that he did not think you could support the tax issue without also supporting the restaurant bill and that it would send an inconsistent message if both were not supported.

MOTION

Mr. Buggs made the motion to support both the cigarette tax bill and the no smoking in restaurants' bill. Dr. Davis seconded and the motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Teme Levbarg presented the Board with an informative packet of literature, a video and proceeded with an orientation program for local Boards of Health.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Next Board of Health will meet Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 12:30 at the Davidson County Health Department.

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 May 3, 2005, Board of Health Minutes.

Dr. ED Reedy
Co-Chair