

MINUTES

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 04, 2010
12:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Keith Raulston
Rev. Lamar Moore
Commissioner Don Truell
Ms. Alice Gray
Dr. Peter Rogaski
Dr. Mark Hamrick
Dr. Mark Davis
Dr. Cathy Riggan
Mr. Corey Buggs
Mr. Rod Kcuik

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Kim Frank
Ms. Jackie Frank

VISITORS PRESENT

Sandi Motley
Dr. Ed. Reedy
Dale Moorefield
Robert Hyatt
Cyrus Bush

WELCOME

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

Dr. Davis introduced the Management Academy Team Dale Moorefield Assistant Social Service Director, Sandi Motley Director of Davidson Medical Ministries, Cyrus Bush Chaplain at Thomasville Medical Center, Robert Hyatt County Manager. He also introduced Dr. Ed Reedy who was visiting to comment on the legislative issues impacting the Universal Childhood Vaccine Program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Davis stated there is an addition to the consent agenda; Retention and Purging of HD Records Policy which had been included in the Board of Health packet but omitted from the agenda. Dr. Davis asked if there were any other changes to the March 02, 2010 meeting minutes.

MOTION

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

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Governor's Budget**- Shared with the Board an excerpt from the Governor's budget that eliminates funding for our two maternal outreach workers. Three additional positions will open up in WIC as soon as the County budget is approved and these employees will be able to apply for these new positions.
- **School Nurses** – This fiscal year we fully anticipated the \$50,000 we receive for state funded nurses to cover all salary and benefits for the year. However, after recalculating expenses there will be a budget shortfall in funding these positions to finish out the school year. The period not covered by the State funding is from the end of May to June 11th. The County school system (Dr. Mock) has committed \$7,500 to cover these expenses for the nurses assigned to the County Schools. In the Lexington system

the shortfall is \$10,638.00. Superintendent Rick Christly has stated that he can cover ½ of that amount to make up part of the shortfall. The Thomasville City School system is around \$7,000 short for the nurses assigned to that system and Superintendent Keith Tobin said their school system does not have the funds available. However, I did receive a verbal commitment from Mr. Tobin to cover shortfalls in State funding for the nurses next year. Mr. Kriesky also stated that they plan to cover these expenses as well. The \$50,000 we receive for the school nurses hasn't changed in the last 4 or 5 years and it gets continually harder to cover the approved positions. Dr. Mock doesn't want to commit to covering expenses for next year until he knows how the school system will be impacted by the State budget.

- **Renovation**- The engineer we are working with is to send revised plans. DavidsonWorks is to move out Monday and then we will start renovating.
- **HIS**- The department goes live with the new system on May the 17th. We have had multiple trainings for staff preparing for the transition. We will be ramping down clinics 50% for first week at least. Still there are many issues including billing with the system, but hopefully the state will get them resolved before the flu season.
- **Medicaid Desk Audit** - Health Director's Association has engaged a law firm to appeal decision of DMA on behalf of 10 health departments. These audit findings would have major financial impacts on health departments. The health directors and staff at the Division of Public Health believe Medicaid is definitely in the wrong
- **Lab Position** -Upgraded lab position from Phlebotomist to Medical Technician
- **Staff Appreciation Picnic** -On Friday, April 30th staff enjoyed a cookout at Lake Thom A Lex. Certificates were handed to deserving staff taken from customer service comments that were placed in survey boxes around the health department
- **ECU Dental School** -Looks like we are going to be recommended to be one of the ECU dental learning sites around the state but the final decision will be up to the school's chancellor. I have invited the ECU dental people to attend a Kiwanis meeting as my guest to speak on the dental school.
- **Community Resources** - Shared a draft pamphlet list of community resources that is being developed by a community team. Jen Hames and I have been part of the team chaired by Max Walser. This pamphlet will be going out to government agencies, schools, and hospitals. There will be an initial printing of 24,000 copies for distribution
- **AIDS Drug Assistant Program** - North Carolina was named as having the worst waiting list for HIV drug assistance. The Governor is putting money in her budget to get us in better condition for HIV medication help
- **EH Bill** - The requirement for VOC testing that passed in last legislative session was like putting the "cart before the horse". It is anticipated that the legislature will delay implementation until 2010 because the state lab wasn't ready for all these samples
- **Smoking Ban**- Have not yet had to fine anyone for being non-compliant.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD

Commissioner Truell asked about the sign we were supposed to purchase with the H1N1 money and used for advertising our clinics and also be used by the Governmental Center if needed. *Mr. Long replied we are suppose to meet tomorrow with a DOT representative on the road right of way, then plans should be finalized this week.*

Alice Gray asked if we had applied for the Komen Grant and stated she is on the grant review committee. *Kim Frank replied that we had applied for the grant. Ms. Frank said Guilford ran out of BCCCP money and we took some of their patients and used Komen money to finish out some of their clients medical charges.*

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Long reported that our Management Academy team went to Chapel Hill and presented their project plan and won the blue ribbon for the best project. All the team members were present except for Christ White with Lexington Memorial who could not make the meeting today. A meeting is set up for May 21st for our community partners to hear project results and business plan.

Management Academy Business Plan

- Sandi Motley reported the Davidson Medical Ministries' business plan started over a year ago and they (Medical Ministries) have reached an agreement to partner under Gaston Health Services F501C3 in Gastonia. This will lead to Medical Ministries becoming a Federal Qualified Health Center. She stated that by partnering with Gaston, it will put us in a better ranking by partnering with someone else that has a great track record. The clinic will still be known as DMMC and we will be able to keep our own identity under Gaston while meeting the County's needs. We will be facing major changes but we will keep existing positions and our same patients. Volunteers will still be used, but our goal is to get a full time dentist and physician. The Thomasville DMMC will continue to function as is for the uninsured until such time as we can begin expanding services there. *Doctor Reedy asked about billing for Medicaid, etc.* Ms. Motley stated that Gaston Health Services would be doing the billing.

Health Director Succession Plan –

- Mr. Long explained that there is currently no succession plan in place where an unexpected event prevents him from being able or available to perform his duties as health director. He stated that a succession plan is needed for continuity of leadership until the Board appoints an interim director. In such an event the Board would have to have a special or emergency meeting to make an official appointment since the Board is the only authority that can appoint a local health director. During the interim period before the Board makes the official appointment there needs to be a designee to liaison to the Board and operations of the health department. Mr. Long stated that due to her tenure, knowledge of the community and leadership abilities that he was recommending Kim Frank to the Board for this role.

MOTION

Reverend Moore made the motion to accept the endorsement of Kim Frank to make health department decisions in Mr. Long's absence until the Board of Health meets to make an interim health director appointment. Dr. Riggan seconded and the motion was approved.

Proposed Immunization Legislation

- Mr. Long stated out of the Governor’s proposed draft bill 2009-186* [v.8] (03/23) there would be a cut in immunization funding and the burden would be shifted to medical providers or health departments. This bill would create problems for children getting vaccines that parents have to pay out of their pockets due to high insurance deductibles and co-pays. Such a change could lead to children not getting vaccines in a timely manner. The immunization funding is the last thing the state should have cut. should have cut.

MOTION

Commissioner Truell made the motion to oppose the proposed funding cuts for the state childhood immunization program. Dr. Riggan seconded and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Reedy stated this is a problem (cutting immunization funds) for medical providers with having to store that much vaccine, collecting from insurance companies and parents and therefore, children would be referred to the health department for immunizations and they (the health department) would lose money. The proposed immunization legislation would affect everyone.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Next Board of Health will meet Tuesday, July 13, 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 May 4th Board of Health Minutes.

Dr. Mark Davis, Chair