

MINUTES

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

November 1, 2005
12:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Ed Reedy
Mr. Don Truell, Commissioner
Dr. Mark Davis
Dr. Peter Rogaski
Mr. Brown Loflin
Ms. Peggy Shoaf
Mr. David Black
Ms. Tammy Hedrick

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Jackie Frank

VISITORS PRESENT

Dr. Reedy, Co-Chair welcomed everyone and established the presence of a quorum and called the Tuesday, November 1, 2005 Board of Health meeting to order.

Dr. Reedy asked if there were any corrections to the September 6, 2005 minutes or amendments to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Truell made the motion to pass the consent agenda.

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT

- Mr. Truell signed documents on Home Health transaction for 2.2 million dollars
- Transferred last employee from Home Health to Senior Services
- Amedysis the buyer of Home Health plans to open an office soon
- Lisa Clark from Environmental Health went to Florida after hurricane to help with rapid needs assessment
- Would like to have a reception for the people that were involved with the home health agency in January
- Have tried to promote work the United Way Campaign in the department, we have had a 50/50 raffle and other fund raising projects
- Nurse on DCCC campus is in place
- Region 3 incubator-seeking more funding for 7 projects we are working on

OLD BUSINESS

Foundation Proposal

Mr. Long informed the Board that it could be a non profit agency foundation but as the Board was appointed by the county commissioners it, even as a foundation would be an extension of county government. Mr. Long also stated that such a foundation would be subject to open meeting laws and public disclosure just like any other part of government.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations on home health sale proceeds as previously indicated as a desire of the Board

Mr. Long stated he would request to the commissioners that the money be set aside from the sale of the home health proceeds until a proposal can be developed. Mr. Long suggested that the Board appoint a sub committee to work with him on the proposal. A presentation to take to a commissioner's informational meeting will need to be developed.

Dr. Rogaski and Dr. Reedy agreed to be on the sub committee with Mr. Long.

Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Rates for 2005

Board members reviewed an information sheet of flu and pneumonia costs and the fees of surrounding counties for the flu and pneumonia vaccines. Mr. Long recommended \$20.00 for the influenza vaccine and \$33.00 for pneumonia which included the administration fee of \$8.00 for 2005.

Mr. Long informed the Board that we had not received any flu vaccine and that he was in the process of drafting a letter to the congressman and senators of how poorly flu vaccine distribution is handled in the country each year.

Dr. Reedy said that we might want to look at the Medicare and Medicaid vaccine administration rates down the road because they pay \$13.59 for a typical administration charge. Mr. Long stated he would bring it up at next budget.

MOTION

Dr. Rogaski made the motion to charge \$20.00 for the influenza vaccine and \$33.00 for pneumonia vaccine for 2005. Mr. Loflin seconded and the motion was approved.

Closed Session

MOTION

Dr. Rogaski made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Dr. Davis seconded and the motion was approved.

MOTION

Dr. Davis made a motion to come out of closed session. Mr. Black seconded and the motion was approved. Dr. Reedy, Co-Chair reported that no actions were taken during closed session.

MOTION

Dr. Rogaski made the motion to evaluate the health director annually and with the same company in order to compare evaluations. Mr. Truell seconded and the motion was approved.

BOARD MEMBER OR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Long commented that this had been a good year for him and that he had enjoyed every single day working for the Board and health department.

Mr. Long said that a copy of his evaluation would be sent to county administration to keep on file for his personnel record.

Dr. Reedy inquired about department efforts on emergencies such as avian flu etc.? Mr. Long replied that our Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Steve Scarce is developing response plans. Mr. Long said that an exercise will likely be planned for next fall. Mr. Long said Steve, Kim Frank and Karen Copley went to Hendersonville to observe their mass vaccination operation and had brought back ideas as well.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Next Board of Health will meet Tuesday, January 10, 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 November 1st 2005, Board of Health Minutes.

Dr. Ed Reedy
Co-Chair