

MINUTES

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

September 01, 2009
12:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Jackie Frank
Ms. Kim Frank
Ms. Barbara Jones
Ms. Jen Hames
Ms. Karen Copley

VISITORS PRESENT

None

Dr. Mark Davis opened the meeting, established a quorum and welcomed everyone.

Dr. Mark Davis asked if anything needed to be added to the agenda other than Jen Hame's Program Plan Outline as item "e" under new business to the agenda.

MOTION

Dr. Rev. Lamar Moore made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Rod Kcuik seconded and the motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Mark Davis asked if there were any corrections to the July 2009 minutes or discussion on any of the consent agenda items.

Mr. Long stated as a quick note a budget expenditures/revenue sheet would be handed out for the month of July that was omitted from the Board's mailed packet.

MOTION

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

HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT

- **Budget and how it impacted the Health Department**-Incubator projects which were originally funded at \$2,000,000 by the legislature were cut to \$1,000,000 this fiscal year. The state budget this year has reduced it to \$100,000. A lot of health projects were implemented by the partnership of local health departments and these cuts have impacted all of them. Health departments are now trying to find innovative ways to continue projects. The medical coder hired by the Partnership was expected to be self

sustaining by working with staff to identify services that we hadn't been billing for but could. The other issue the Partnership had to address was the coordinator who oversees our projects. An arrangement between the eight member counties has been negotiated that calls for each health department to contribute toward her salary in order to keep her in place this year. Our Partnership did receive \$30,000 from CCNC to help offset these salary costs. With the CCNC funds, Partner contributions, and lapsed funds from the previous year we will be able to keep both positions in place for this fiscal year.

- **Management Academy for Public Health**-In August Robert Hyatt, County Manager, Dale Moorefield, Assistant DSS Director, Sandy Motley, Davidson Medical Ministry's Director, Chris White, Director of Reimbursement and Finance at Lexington Memorial, Cyrus Bush, Thomasville Medical Center and I participated in the Management Academy project. This team is meeting regularly to search for options in dealing with the access to care issue in the county. Sandy Motley and the Medical Ministries Board have made it clear there is nothing off the table for us to look at. Hopefully at the end of this process we will have a business plan to present to community partners.
- **H1N1**-PowerPoint presentation shown at a previous community partner's meeting at health department and will be shown Thursday to school personnel. The health department will be getting \$60,000 for H1N1 planning from the Federal government. We have been meeting routinely with school system personnel, school superintendents, hospital staff, and local providers to discuss H1N1. Environmental Health is going out to schools to train custodial staff proper cleaning and sanitation methods.
- **Thomasville Health Department**-Still searching for building in Thomasville to house health department-Looking at potential sites with Dwayne Childress checking out options
- **Community Health Assessment**-Is due this year. Jen has been working with our Incubator coordinator and looking at distributing the survey component out at various events, libraries, on the web, etc.
- **Restaurant Fee**-Permit fees that the State charges for restaurants went up to \$75.00. Also impacts temporary food establishments. Fees for temporary food establishments are charged locally but we don't have any say over the fee established by the state. The health department does get to keep the food stand fees unlike the restaurant fees that go to the state and then get dispersed based on a ratio percentage.
- **School Nurses**- The health department was notified by Dr. Mock that funding would be cut for two school nurses because of budget cutbacks in the school systems. After talking to Dr. Mock this week he said funding could be found for one of the positions. This is a very complex issue because the county schools funds nurses, the county funds nurses and we receive state grant nurses. The health department will be receiving \$66,000.00 in stimulus money for flu vaccination campaign in the schools. We will use these funds sustain the school nurse position that lost school funding. No guarantee that the position will go past the one year stimulus funding.
- **Maintenance of Effort**-For the Board's information in regards to the school nurses there is what you call maintenance of effort in our contract addenda with the State. The school system has funded these two school nurse positions for years but as a result of the current budget crisis, they are now cutting teachers, principals, school resource officers and these two school nurse positions. This is a very unusual situation that we are dealing with but the state is indicating that because of the nurse positions being cut that we have not complied with "maintenance of effort" and are supplanting state grant nurses for the lost school funded positions. The contract says you will maintain the same level of nursing services that you had prior to receiving state nurse funds. The school nurse consultant upon learning about the school system cuts indicated to staff that maintenance of effort was not being met and therefore our other nurses are in

jeopardy of being taken. I disagreed with this assessment and have had numerous conversations with state staff in Raleigh and at least two conversations with Dr. Jeff Engel, the State Health Director. Dr Engel advised that he agreed with me but legal council was telling him that by the contract language it would be considered supplanting. He asked that we not do anything until hearing back from him. I am going on the premise that we are going to do business as usual and not worry about it until I hear something differently. I am presenting this issue to the Board and requesting a position be taken by resolution opposing any action on the part of the state to remove state grant funded nurses for our health department. Dr. Fred Mock, School Superintendent and I are ready to go to the legislature with a resolution if needed.

MOTION

Dr. Rogaski made the motion for a resolution that given the consideration of the economic situation in Davidson County, the Board does not consider the loss of the two school funded nurses as supplanting. Kim Smith seconded and the motion was approved

- **Budget Issues**-Legislature to cut case management Medicaid reimbursement by \$85,000,000 over the biennium (impacts health department MCC (maternal care coordination) and CSC (child service coordination) services. DMA want to structure the system to have only one case manager per family which changes how we do business. The Health Director's Association drafted a proposal and sent to DMA on we see restructuring working.
- **Environmental Health**-Changes in permits related to building and some septic systems permits will be extended beyond the expiration date. Will be meeting with other department heads to talk about centralized permitting to make the permitting process more customer friendly.
- **WIC**-Educating clients around new food package change October 1st
- **Sick clients**-Discussion and input from the Board of what to do with sick people entering the health department was as follows: Mr. Long stated that masks are readily available at registration and if possible we could reschedule appointments or put sick patient in room away from other clients and call nurse to evaluate patient. *Dr. Riggan stated a lot of doctor's offices are putting masks out in the waiting rooms for people bringing sick children into their offices but said Thomasville Pediatrics wasn't doing that yet. Dr. Rogaski said the patients coming to his office were asked to let the receptionist know if they are sick and ask for a mask upon entering their office*

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

H1N1 Presentation-Layton Long/Karen Copley

Mr. Long stated the H1N1 PowerPoint had been presented August 14th to the Community Partners, health department staff, City of Lexington, Senior Services and one nursing home. Ms. Copley reported H1N1 is world wide now which makes it pandemic. She reported the symptoms include fever, cough, headache, muscle/joint pain, sore throat, and a runny nose with vomiting and diarrhea. Ms. Copley said to prevent spreading the virus, the number one rule is to wash your hands frequently to keep droplets from spreading from hands to surfaces, cover your mouth when you cough and stay in. The target population for vaccine is 5-24 years. In the older population born before 1957, we are seeing they have immunity to H1N1.

Mr. Long said the state requested health departments order H1N1 vaccine for the County to include all local providers that wanted the vaccine. The state then decided to allow the major medical centers to order for their “systems” which created problems with the estimates we sent in. We ordered 10,000 for the health department but at the time did not know that the hospitals were ordering for themselves and are not sure how much Baptist and Novant ordered for our local hospitals and providers. Mr. Long stated that he did call the state and register a complaint about the way it was handled. Mr. Long stated we have a H1N1 planning group at the health department and are discussing the best ways to get the vaccine to school children and planning for a mass clinic. Mr. Long stated he fully expects that we will have to utilize staffing sources that we have not traditionally used before.

Ms. Copley reported that we have our seasonal private purchase flu vaccine and clinic dates have already been set for the first weeks of October. Ms. Copley said hopefully these clinics will be behind us before the H1N1 vaccine arrives. The priority groups for H1N1 vaccine are pregnant women, household and care givers that are contacts to children less than six months old, health care workers, medical personnel, ages six months to eighteen and 19-64 group that are high risk medical conditions. *Commissioner Truell wanted to know if the cost would be figured in the vaccine for those working overtime, etc.* Mr. Long answered by saying that a fee structure had not been set yet but the vaccine is free. He stated that our existing administration fee is \$8.00 but it might be better not to charge anything and incur the cost rather than slow the flu lines down. Mr. Long said we will have to wait to decide on the charge if any. *Rev. Moore wanted to know if it would be an option to give school children the vaccine on school time.* Mr. Long answered by saying they had been discussing it with the school systems on a continuous basis and the schools are willing to do anything we need them to.

Health Department Staff-Vaccination Protocols

Mr. Long asked for input from the Board regarding staff vaccination policies. Kim Smith stated that the Novant policy strongly recommended vaccines but does not mandate them; if the staff member chooses not to take the H1N1 vaccination, they will be required to wear a mask. Kim Frank said we had about 70% compliance with staff taking the flu vaccine last year.

Strategic Plan Report-Barbara Jones

Barbara Jones discussed the 7/1/08-6/30/09 Strategic Plan Progress Report which was mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Ms. Jones said that some of the most noteworthy objectives were highlighted that were met during the year. Ms. Jones also noted that some objectives were not met due to problematic goals or changes in resources and priorities during the past year. She also noted the larger numbers of goals and objectives in the plan. There were not any questions from Board members regarding the report. Ms. Jones relayed that the Strategic Plan Policy directs that the updated plan for 7/09-6/10 be presented to the Board at the current meeting. The management team worked on updating the plan at its 8/11/09 retreat. The facilitator for the retreat recommended reducing the number of goals and objectives in order to better focus efforts and resources on priority issues/concerns. Ms. Jones said we are now waiting on feedback from the facilitator before completing the update to the plan and will present the updated plan at the next Board of Health meeting.

Health Directors Evaluation

Dr. Davis asked if Dr. Rogaski would handle the health director’s evaluation again this year. Dr. Peter Rogaski, Dr. Mark Davis and Corey Buggs are the evaluation sub-committee.

Program Plan Outline-Jen Hames

Jen reported on the programs and services provided at the health department and changes in the 2009-2010 Program Plan Outline. Ms. Hames is waiting to hear from the state of programs the state was going to cut before printing the outline.

OTHER

Mr. Long stated he had forgot to mention in the health director's report that he and Dr. Davis went to the commissioners meeting last Tuesday to report, as required, on the end of fiscal year three for the home health proceeds. This report was on the consent agenda along with the request to continue using the interest on the funds. Mr. Long said the report was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Next Board of Health will meet Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009 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 September 1st 2009, Board of Health Minutes.

Dr. Mark Davis, Chair