

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES
April 5, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Vera Robinson
Dr. Keith Cash
Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Mr. Beaufort Bailey
Ms. Nancy Hardie
Mr. Randall Kale
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko
Dr. Willard McCloud
Dr. Lee Salisbury
Ms. Judi Chandler

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Mr. Matt Dyson
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Dr. Lynn Hale
Mr. Abdul Natour
Ms. Peggy Lemon
Mr. David Foster
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Quintana Clinard

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Ricky Sides

On Wednesday, April 5, 2006, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Vera Robinson, Chair, presided. She called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March Board of Health Meeting held on March 1, 2006 were reviewed by the Board. Upon appropriate motion by Beaufort Bailey and a second by Dr. Jeffers, the minutes were approved as presented by the Board of Health.

Old Business:

Michael Clements presented a report on the Downtown Health Plaza. He went over the DHP Payer Demographics which showed that 35% of the patients are personal pay (uninsured), and some are undocumented aliens. Although these patients are not covered by Medicaid at the present time, if they were forced to go to the Emergency Department with an emergency, their bill would be covered 50% by Medicaid. This of course, would create a much greater expense for the county. Mr. Clements's report pointed out how vital it is that the Downtown Health Plaza continues to provide prenatal care services. If a mother does not receive adequate care, then it will increase the risk of a premature birth. He reported that the Downtown Health Plaza has requested \$1.5 million in their budget for 2006-2007. If the Downtown Health Plaza were to become unable to provide prenatal care, then the county health department would be required by state law to provide it.

Dr. Monroe discussed the issues relating to the possibility of the health department providing prenatal care services. He presented a study that was done by Matt Dyson and Cathy Scheviak that gave a detailed projected cost of what would be needed if the health department would have to start providing prenatal care, a copy of which will be attached to these minutes. First of all, the department would have to have new space to accommodate this program and new staff would also have to be hired. The estimated total cost (not

counting sonogram and related staff), would be \$1,495, 200. The Board discussed the possibility of sending a letter of support for the Downtown Health Plaza and sending it to the Board of Commissioners. It was suggested that a copy of the statute be enclosed with the letter of support. Upon appropriate motion and second, the Board directed Dr. Monroe to draft letter of support for Ms. Robinson to review and send to the Commissioners.

Dr. Monroe discussed the appointment for the Legacy Oversight Committee. He shared information with the Board from the Planning Board web site related to the purpose and mission of the Oversight Committee. He advised the Board that they should respond to the Legacy Committee with the name of someone who can represent Public Health. This person would report back to the Board on common interests and other issues. Judi Chandler expressed an interest in possibly representing the Board. She stated that she would like to research it first and possibly make a phone call to Paul Norby to find out more information. Ms. Chandler said that she would let the Board know by the next meeting in May.

Dr. Monroe discussed as to how to proceed with the Orientation of Boards of Health Training Module. Each member had been previously given a CD and related documentation for the training module. He asked the Board if they would like having the module at the Board meetings or if they would prefer to take the course individually on their PC's. He stated that there were six or seven different modules and each one last approximately twenty to twenty-five minutes. Dr. Jeffers made a suggestion that the training modules be placed on the meeting agenda over a period of several meetings. Dr. Monroe advised the Board that members who miss meetings will be asked to view the missed modules on their own, and that new members could also catch up on their own. The Board agreed by consensus to proceed as described above.

New Business:

Dr. Monroe gave a report on the Avian Flu. He noted that much of the information from the media is often sensationalized. Although a flu pandemic is "overdue" statistically, a pandemic of similar scenario to the 1918 pandemic is not as inevitable as the media portrays. He said that the Plan for an influenza pandemic response for the department will be written this year.

Division Reports:

Quintana Clinard gave her division report on Emergency Response and Communication. She explained in detail the Comprehensive All Hazards Response Plan, the Operational Readiness Exercises, the National Incident Management Systems Training, and the Local Health Information Team. Ms. Clinard presented a display of photographs that were taken at a recent Full Scale Exercise and explained each scenario and how each person followed through on specific jobs that they had been assigned to do. Some upcoming events that she mentioned were the Local Health Information Team organizational meeting to be held on April 17, 2006. There will be a SNS Plan Orientation on May 8, 9, and 12, 2006. A Tabletop Exercise will be held on June 6, 2006. She also mentioned that there would be a NIMS Training Session on June 9, 2006.

Other Business:

The Upcoming Evaluation of the Health Director was discussed. Dr. Monroe will be presenting his Annual Work Plan and Annual Report at the May Board of Health Meeting. The deadline for the evaluation is June 1, 2006, since this is the hire date. The three members that will be on the committee in charge of completing the evaluation are: Dr. Salisbury, Dr. Sides and Dr. McCloud.

Vera Robinson mentioned that she thought Public Health Week/Month went real well this year, and that she thought everyone did a wonderful job in the preparation of it. She announced that \$445.00 was presented to students for their Essay Awards. She also announced that the Chronicle Newspaper printed a tribute to Dr. Monroe concerning a Special Recognition Award that he received. These awards are presented annually.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that Dr. Sides, Dr. McCloud, Vera Robinson and he attended a workshop on Dismantling Racism. He stated that it was very enjoyable and that he really learned a lot from attending this training. He urged everyone that had not taken the chance to attend as of yet, to do so. He feels that this training is very important and much needed for everyone.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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