

The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at the Cleveland County Health Department.

Board members present: Michael Alexander, Charles Hayek, Johnny Hutchins, Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, Robert Miller, Stan Pitts, Steve Rackley, Tom Spurling, Theresa Taylor and Randy Sweeting.

Health Department staff present: Dorothea Wyant, Rodella Gold, Sam Lockridge, Debbie Clapper, Nathan McNeilly, DeShay Oliver, Alisa Leonard, Brittney Smith and Debbie Dyer.

Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney, and Katie Herndon, County Attorney Associate was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**

Chair Hayek called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Robert Miller gave the invocation.

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION:**

No citizens requested to appear before the Board.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 13, 2015 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:**

Chair Hayek presented the proposed agenda for the October 13, 2015 Board of Health meeting for consideration of adoption.

**Motion: A motion was made by Randy Sweeting, with a second by Robert Miller to adopt the agenda for the October 13, 2015 Board of Health meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:**

Chair Hayek presented the September 8, 2015 Board of Health meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

**Motion: A motion was made by Johnny Hutchins with a second by Michael Alexander that the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Board of Health meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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**2016 BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Dorothea Wyant stated that the Board of Health membership terms of Charles Hayek, Physician Member, Stan Pitts, Pharmacist Member and Theresa Taylor, Veterinarian Member will expire on December 31, 2015. Dr. Hayek, Mr. Pitts and Dr. Taylor are eligible to serve additional terms and have agreed to do so if re-appointed. Ms. Wyant thanked them for their past service and willingness to continue serving the citizens of Cleveland County for an additional term. In addition, the membership terms of Steve Rackley, Professional Engineer Member and Robert Miller, Public Citizen Member will expire on December 31, 2015. Mr. Miller and Mr. Rackley have each served the Board of Health for three consecutive three year terms and are not eligible for re-appointment at this time. Ms. Wyant thanked Mr. Miller and Mr. Rackley for their committed service to the citizens of Cleveland County. Ms. Wyant reviewed the application to serve as the Professional Engineer Member to the Cleveland County Board of Health for Mr. Kale Meade. Mr. Meade is a registered professional engineer for the State of North Carolina and the State of South Carolina with more than twenty three years of experience in this field. Mr. Meade is presently employed by Duke Energy and desires to serve the citizens of Cleveland County as the Professional Engineer Member to the Board of Health. Ms. Wyant reviewed the application to serve as a Public Citizen Member to the Cleveland County Board of Health for Ms. Sherry Rippy Padgett. Ms. Padgett is a graduate of Gardner Webb University with a degree in Business and is the owner of two local businesses, WorkForce Temporary Staffing Company and DrugForce Drug Testing Company. Ms. Padgett desires to serve the citizens of Cleveland County as a Public Citizen Member to the Board of Health.

**Action: The Board of Health, by consensus, will send a recommendation to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners to consider the reappointments of Charles Hayek as Physician Member representative, Stan Pitts as Pharmacy Member representative and Theresa Taylor as Veterinarian Member representative to the Board of Health for an additional term beginning January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.**

**The Board of Health, by consensus, will send a recommendation to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners to consider the appointments of Kale Mead as Professional Engineer Member representative and Sherry Rippy Padgett as a Public Citizen Member representative, effective January 1, 2016.**

**2016 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Debbie Dyer presented the proposed Cleveland County Board of Health meeting schedule for 2016 for consideration of adoption. A copy of the proposed schedule was provided in the information packet provided to board members. Ms. Dyer noted that the proposed meeting date for the month of January is the first Tuesday of the month rather than the second Tuesday of the month due to a scheduling conflict with the Health Director. Ms. Dyer also noted that the

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proposed schedule indicates that board of health meetings will be held at the new Cleveland County Public Health Center effective February 9, 2016, pending unforeseen construction delays.

**Motion: Tom Spurling moved, with a second by Stan Pitts, that the Board of Health adopt the 2016 Board of Health meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CLEVELAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:**

Board of Health members received a copy of the Cleveland County Health Department Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives for 2012-2015, including updates in the Board packet for review.

DeShay Oliver shared information regarding the proposed Strategic Plan effective 2012-2015, and the Progress Update prepared in June, 2015. The report is very comprehensive and covers points of concern the Management Team felt needed to be addressed most. Progress was reviewed and discussed. Ms. Oliver noted that many of the desired goals have been accomplished, while some goals are on-going. The Community Health Assessment will be completed in 2016 along with an updated Strategic Plan.

**HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM SUMMARY:**

DeShay Oliver provided an overview of services provided by the Cleveland County Health Department's Health Education/Health Promotion/CODAP Services unit, noting that the primary goal of this unit is to provide education, prevention and early intervention materials and programs to residents of Cleveland County using age appropriate, evidence based programs for delivery in Cleveland County. Programs and materials on the following health and safety topics are provided on a regular basis: Diseases and Chronic Health Conditions; Emergency Preparedness and Response; Environmental Health, Life States and Populations; Healthy Living; Injury, Violence and Safety; Travelers' Health and Workplace Safety and Health. A copy of this information was provided in the information packet received by board members. Highlighted during the overview as new initiatives this school year was the Smart Girls Life Skills Training Program, funded by the North Carolina Teen pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI), to be implemented as curriculum for eight grade girls recruited on a voluntary basis and with parental consent in Cleveland County Schools. The mission of the program is to educate and empower young women by providing information and skills necessary to develop healthy relationships and make smart decisions throughout life using four training components: enhancing self-esteem, sharpening decision making skills, setting goals for the future and strengthening family connections. The Wise Guys Male Responsibility Curriculum is for ninth and tenth grade male students recruited on a voluntary basis and with parental consent in Cleveland County Schools. This curriculum is designed to prevent adolescent pregnancy by teaching young males responsibility in several areas, primarily in the areas of sexual

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development, decision making and relationships. All Stars Program is a school-based program for middle school students and is taught in the seventh grade classrooms of Cleveland County Schools. This curriculum is funded by the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success grant awarded by the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Services in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. All Stars is designed to prevent and delay the onset of high risk behaviors, focusing on developing positive ideals that do not fit with high risk behavior; creating a belief in conventional norms; building strong personal commitments to avoid high risk behaviors; bonding with school, positive institutions and family; and increasing positive parental attentiveness such as positive communication and parental monitoring. These programs are all evidence based to assure positive outcomes. Education efforts provided by this unit was reviewed and discussed.

**ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH CONTRIBUTION FOR TEACHING KITCHEN:**

In the design of the new Cleveland County Public Health Center, a functional teaching kitchen was included in the plans with the intent that this room be available to educate participants in the WIC Program, share nutrition information with patients in the diabetes clinic and work with families and children in the Child Health Clinic to support better food choices and offer opportunities for classes for shoppers at the on-site Farmers Market during the summer months. Funding for appliances to equip this teaching kitchen was not included in the construction budget. In an effort to affirm their interest in making a positive impact on the lives of County residents and extend the capacity of the Cleveland County Health Department to further one of the identified health priorities for the County of improving physical activity and nutrition, the Alliance for Health Board of Directors voted to purchase appliances to furnish this kitchen. Health Department staff identified the appliances required to furnish the teaching kitchen and Lowe's Home Improvement Store of Shelby has graciously agreed to sell the Health Department wall ovens, a cook top range, refrigerator, dishwasher and an ice maker at the store's price of \$7,250.00. Funding provided by the Alliance will also allow for the purchase of a countertop microwave oven as well as other kitchen tools required. In acknowledgement of the generous contribution from the Alliance for Health, the Health Department would like to name this teaching kitchen "The Alliance for Health Teaching Kitchen".

**Motion: A motion was made by Robert Miller with a second by Michael Alexander to name the teaching kitchen in the Cleveland County Public Health Center "The Alliance for Health Teaching Kitchen". The motion carried unanimously.**

**HUMAN SERVICES CAMPUS NON-SMOKING RESOLUTION:**

In 2005, the Cleveland County Health Department put into place a policy stating that the Health Department campus, as well as the campuses of the Animal Shelter and Solid Waste Facilities would become tobacco free. Dorothea Wyant stated that in collaboration with the Cleveland

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County governments' initiatives to improve the health of their employees and be "Cleveland Strong" by sponsoring a 5k run, providing diabetes control and prevention classes, low cost memberships to the YMCA, smoking cessation classes and smoking cessation products free of charge, she proposes that the new Health and Human Services campus become tobacco free. This campus will include the Health Department, Behavioral Health and the Department of Social Services. Ms. Wyant also noted that she was approached by the County Human Resource Director who stated she would support all County campuses becoming tobacco free. Ms. Wyant noted the director of Behavioral Health, along with other partners located in the facility fully support this concept and believe having a tobacco free campus encourages their efforts to control addiction. Ms. Wyant provided a power-point presentation, sharing information related to chronic disease and the projected costs to Cleveland County (provided by Mark III) caused by the percentage of County employees who use tobacco. Tobacco free entities within Cleveland County include all Cleveland County School properties, Cleveland Community College properties, Gardner Webb University properties and Carolinas Health Care System properties. Ms. Wyant shared information regarding tobacco free entities in surrounding Counties, noting this is an excellent time to present this concept while establishing the new Health and Human Services campus. Discussion followed the presentation. Andrea Leslie-Fite stated that County Attorney Tim Moore suggested that a committee be formed to investigate this situation.

**Motion: A motion was made by Kendalyn Lutz-Craver with a second by Johnny Hutchins that as requested by County Attorney Tim Moore, County Commissioners appoint a study commission to review the possibility of all County building and grounds becoming tobacco free. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CLEVELAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2015 CONSUMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS:**

As a requirement of the accreditation process, the health department is required to conduct a general community satisfaction survey annually. Copies of the results of the 2015 Consumer Satisfaction Survey were included in the information packet received by board members, and were reviewed and discussed by the board. Surveys were distributed to patients in clinical areas on September 15, September 22, and September 29, 2015. The data was compiled and analyzed by health education staff. Overall ratings of the Consumer Satisfaction Survey were very positive, and these results will be reviewed with the Health Department Management Team and used as a tool to improve customer service and satisfaction.

**STD STATISTIC FOLLOW-UP:**

Alisa Leonard reviewed STD statistics for the African American population in Cleveland County. A copy of this report was provided to board members in their information packet and

the information was reviewed and discussed by the board. Ms. Leonard and Kim Crane met with the Minority Health Council to discuss these statistics, noting that three year trends reveal a decline of overall cases within this population, however; there remain more reported cases of STD's within the African American population than other ethnic populations. Members of the Minority Health Council agreed to consider ways to partner with Health Department staff to improve these statistics. Robert Miller stated the African American population is the weakest link within the community in this area, and in order to improve the overall rate of STD's within the County, this population must improve. Mr. Miller noted that the Health Department has the capability to treat these diseases but is not able to change the behavior of individuals. DeShay Oliver stated that health education is provided, but there is limited time spent with students due to lack of funding. Mr. Miller stated that we must have funding provided by grants to continue to work on these issues.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

Rodella Gold presented the following budget amendments included in the Board of Health packet for consideration of adoption by the Board of Health:

**Item Number One:** The Cleveland County Health Department has received \$5,162.84 as reimbursement for providing Summer Food Service Program Site Inspections. A request was made to budget this amount in the Environmental Health Department (541) to offset expenses incurred performing these inspections.

**Item Number Two:** The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Communicable Disease Branch has allocated \$2,000.00 to be used for STD Prevention. A request was made to budget this amount in the TB/STD/CD Department (532) to be used to purchase educational materials and medical supplies as designated in the agreement addendum.

**Motion: Robert Miller moved, with a second by Tom Spurling, that the Board of Health approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**County Grant Writer:** Johnny Hutchins stated the Health Department should be utilizing the services of the County Grant writer, noting the County is paying her salary and she needs to be kept busy. Discussion followed.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Hayek called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion: Johnny Hutchins moved, with a second by Kendalyn Lutz-Craver that the Cleveland County Board of Health meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Dorothea Wyant, Secretary  
Cleveland County Board of Health