

The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at the Cleveland County Health Department.

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

Health Department staff present: Dorothea Wyant, Rodella Gold, Anne Short, Alisa Leonard, Sam Lockridge, Nathan McNeilly, Linda Kiser, Brittney Smith and Debbie Dyer.

Bob Yelton, representing the County Attorney, was 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 FEBRUARY 10, 2015 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:**

Chair Hayek presented the proposed agenda for the February 10, 2015 Board of Health meeting for consideration of adoption with one recommended revision, the deletion of the presentation of the State of the County Health Report.

**Motion: A motion was made by Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, with a second by Michael Alexander to adopt the agenda presented with the deletion of the presentation of the State of the County Health Report, for the February 10, 2015 Board of Health meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2015 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Hayek presented the January 13, 2015 Board of Health meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

**Motion: Robert Miller moved that the minutes of the January 13, 2015 Board of Health meeting be approved as presented. Kendalyn Lutz-Craver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**APPROVAL OF UNITED WAY FUNDING FOR CODAP**

Anne Short presented a request to apply for up to \$40,000 in funding from United Way of Cleveland County to support one full time position in CODAP Services in the Health Education Unit of the Health Department.

This position provides intervention and education through the Student Options Begin with Intervention and Recovery (SOBIR) program as well as classroom instruction for all eight grade students in Cleveland County Schools.

SOBIR offers early intervention for students and parents where treatment is not yet warranted for alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues. SOBIR was developed to reduce suspensions for students who violated the Substance Abuse Policies of the Cleveland County Schools. Currently, clients are drawn from students recommended by principals in the Cleveland County Schools as well as referrals from other community agencies and family members. To successfully complete the program the student and his/her parents/guardians must complete four consultative sessions. These sessions are conducted primarily at the Cleveland County Health Department and occasionally in a school setting when warranted. The total cost of the program is \$250.00, and there is a sliding fee scale available that is comparable to the fee scale used in the Health Department Family Planning Clinic. This United Way funding allows the Health Department to offer services of the SOBIR program to families regardless of their ability to pay.

In FY 2011-2012, the SOBIR Program served 44 students and their family members. In FY 2012-2013, the program served 30 students and their family members. In FY 2013-14, 23 youth and their family members were served. As of January 31, 2015, 28 youth and their family members with referrals from the school system and the courts have been served. Problems presented by students included marijuana, alcohol, synthetic marijuana and prescription medication abuse.

**Motion: Tom Spurling made a motion for the Cleveland County Board of Health to approve the application to be presented to the Cleveland County United Way. Robert Miller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Hayek noted that recent campaign advertisements for under-age drinking are very impressive, and designed to catch immediate attention. Discussion followed.

**UPDATE FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AND CURB SIDE PILOT RECYCLING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CLEVELAND COUNTY:**

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Sam Lockridge stated that on February 3, 2015, the County Commissioners voted to adopt the recommendations to implement a pilot curb-side recycling program for unincorporated areas of the County, and to amend the Cleveland County Animal Control Ordinance to establish standards of care for large commercial dog and cat breeding facilities as recommended to them by the Board of Health for their consideration. Mr. Lockridge stated plans are underway to implement the curb-side recycling program in March, 2015. The Animal Control Ordinance must be codified before implementation/enforcement is legal. Mr. Lockridge also noted that during the next year, education would be provided to those who fall into this category.

### **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 North Carolina Office of Rural Health has allocated \$97,935.00 to the Carolina Community Health Partnership, effective 12/1/14 through 11/30/15. These funds are designated to assist clients with primary care, prescription drugs, health screening, wellness education and other medical services. A portion of these funds will be used to pay 25% of expenses related to an existing full time PHN II and 5% of expenses related to an existing full time Administrative Secretary. A request was made to budget this amount into the Carolina Access Department (546) for this purpose.

**Item Number Two:** A request was made to establish two 50% Pharmacist positions effective April 1, 2015 for the Carolina Community Health Partnership Program. These two positions are currently contracted and have proven to be valuable to us by providing medication reviews to high risk patients; consultation and guidance to providers, nurse care managers and patients regarding drug regiment/medication concerns; and good working relationships with physicians and their staff, local hospitals and community pharmacies. Medicaid funding is available in the current budget to establish these positions on a permanent basis.

**Motion: Robert Miller moved, with a second by Theresa Taylor that the Budget Amendments be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

#### **School Health Nurse Administrator:**

Linda Kiser, Cleveland County Health Department School Health Nursing Supervisor was named 2014 North Carolina School Health Administrator of the Year by the North Carolina School Nurse Association. Some comments noted by her colleagues were, "Linda Kiser exemplifies the profession of School Nursing." "Linda's diligent and professional leadership provides a wonderful role model for the eighteen school nurses that she supervises, and her work

ethic and desire to make certain that students receive the best care and education, as well as her ability to partner with the school system is an inspiration”. Board of Health members viewed the awards plaque received by Ms. Kiser. Chair Hayek offered congratulations to Ms. Kiser on behalf of the Board, stating the working relationship between his office and the School Health program is excellent and appreciated by him and his colleagues.

Measles:

Chair Hayek encouraged everyone to receive measles vaccinations, and thanked the health department for their assistance in arranging testing for possible cases seen at Shelby Children’s Clinic. Chair Hayek noted there have been no positive cases in the County to date.

Dr. Hayek recommended an interesting book about the anti-vaccine movement titled “Deadly Choices”, authored by Dr. Paul Offitt, a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia for those who are interested, stating the book is well written and contains excellent information.

February Heart Health Month:

The Cleveland County Health Department is recognizing February as “Healthy Heart Month”. As a part of the monthly recognition, a “Heart Healthy Door Decoration Contest” was held. The contest was open to all employees, and criteria for judging were: Originality, Creativity, Use of a Heart Healthy Theme, and Overall Appearance. A group of judges independent of the health department selected the three doors they felt best exemplified the criteria, and “heart healthy” Subway gift cards were given to the winners. A slide show of the decorated doors was presented to Board members.

Other activities and events scheduled during February to emphasize Healthy Heart Month were reviewed and discussed.

Community Health Assessment:

The Community Health Assessment is underway. The customer satisfaction survey is an important part of the assessment. A paper copy of the survey was provided to the Board, as well as the link to access survey monkey to complete the assessment on-line.

Community Information:

Results from the Farm Bureau Healthy Living For a Lifetime, held on October 16, 2014 were reviewed and discussed. A copy of the information was provided to the Board.

A handout providing information regarding meeting times and dates for the “Broad River Grandparents Raising Grandchildren & Kinship Care Support Group” was provided to Board members. In addition, a flyer providing information regarding a future presentation related to Sexting & Cyberbullying to be held at the Cleveland County Health Department on February 17,

2015 at 6:30 p.m. was given to Board members. Captain Joel Shore with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office will be presenting.

Public Animal Shelter Report:

Sam Lockridge presented the Public Animal Shelter Report, indicating data for calendar year 2014 of the species and numbers of animals presenting at the Cleveland County Animal Shelter during 2014. This is an annual mandatory report provided each year to the State. The information was reviewed and discussed. A copy of the report was provided in the information packet received by the Board.

Commissioners Update

Commissioner Hutchins reported that he has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Board of County Commissioners Association. He reported the Association has gone on record to oppose the consolidation of Health Departments and Departments of Social Services. He also reported that the City of Kings Mountain operates a 911 emergency frequency independent from the County, which has resulted in delayed responses of emergency services.

Commissioner Hutchins noted that Cleveland County observed employee recognition recently, focusing on improved health for County employees, using the motto, "Cleveland County Strong". Biometric screenings will be held in April, 2015 for County employees, and it was announced that an additional \$250.00 in Health Savings Account (HSA) funds would be available to employees who meet each criteria. Also, there has been an increase in the maximum amount allowed for Dental benefits.

Chair Hayek noted the next Board of Health meeting will be held at the Cleveland County Health Department on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 will be presented.

**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. The motion passed unanimously.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Dorothea Wyant, Secretary  
Cleveland County Board of Health

