
The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at the Cleveland County Public Health Center.

Board members present: Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, Michael Alexander, Jay Patel, Johnny Hutchins, Theresa Taylor, Sherry Padgett, Stan Pitts, Kale Meade, Dianne Sanders and Randy Sweeting.

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

Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney, was present.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair Lutz-Craver called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Johnny Hutchins gave the invocation.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION:

No citizens requested to appear before the Board.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 10, 2016 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

Chair Lutz-Craver noted an addition of two budget amendments to the agenda, and asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda for the May 10, 2016 Board of Health meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Randy Sweeting, with a second by Johnny Hutchins to adopt the amended agenda for the May 10, 2016 Board of Health meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 2016 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:

Chair Lutz-Craver presented the April 12, 2016 Board of Health meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

Motion: There being no corrections, additions, nor deletions to the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Board of Health meeting minutes, motion was made by Randy Sweeting, with a

second by Michael Alexander, that they be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS:

As a requirement of the accreditation/re-accreditation process, the Cleveland County Public Health Center conducts a general community survey annually. Anne Short presented results of the Community Satisfaction Survey conducted beginning April 18, 2016 and ending May 6, 2016. A copy of the 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey results is included in the information packet received by Board members. The eight question survey was posted on the Cleveland County Public Health Center website using a Survey Monkey format, and copies were sent to selected email distribution lists in order to obtain a variety of answers. Copies of the survey were placed at the reception desks of the Public Health Center to enhance consumer access. Notices about the availability of the survey were posted on the Cleveland Health Communicator electronic sign, the Cleveland County Public Health Center web page and the Cleveland County Public Health Center Face Book page. There were one hundred and sixteen participants, with ninety-six percent of those participating stating they would refer their family and friends to the Public Health Center for services. Overall ratings were very positive. Further information received from the survey was identified and discussed. Ms. Short stated the results of this survey will be reviewed with the Management Team and used as a tool to improve overall customer satisfaction. The Customer Satisfaction Survey will be conducted during the month of September and findings will be presented to the Board of Health in October.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

DeShay Oliver presented an overview of work being done in the community in conjunction with the Drug Free Community Grant (DFC), federally funded up to one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars annually for a period of five years, with a possible continuation of five additional years for a total of ten years. Presently, the agency is working within year two of the grant which requires two primary focuses, which are underage drinking and prescription drug use prevention. Another grant, the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success Grant (SPF-PFS) is funded by the State for one hundred thousand dollars annually for a period of four years. This grant focuses on prescription drug abuse and the agency is working within year two for this grant as well. The scope of the prescription drug abuse issue in Cleveland County and the work being done to address this problem was identified and discussed. North Carolina ranks *as one of the top highest States in the country for prescription drug abuse and according to reports from the DEA, Cleveland County ranks in the top six Counties within the State for prescription drug abuse.* A power point presentation was shared and copies of the slides were given to Board members for review. The number of deaths, hospitalizations and emergency

department visits causes by unintentional medication & drug overdoses for North Carolina and Cleveland County were reviewed and compared from 1999 to 2014. Data obtained from the 2015 Pride Survey, compiled from students in grades six, nine and twelve within the Cleveland County Schools was identified and the following categories was discussed: Past 30 Day Misuse of Prescription Drugs; Perception of Risk in Using Prescription Medications Prescribed to Others; Availability of Prescription Medications Without a Prescription; Access to Prescription Medications not Prescribed to You; and Why You Have Used Prescription Medications Not Prescribed to You. Information was shared on proper disposal methods of medications, including efforts of the Sheriff's Department and the Cleveland County Public Health Center to sponsor Operation Medicine Drop events. A lengthy discussion followed regarding over-prescribing narcotics and the possibility of providing education to physicians and the community.

COAL ASH MANAGEMENT ACT UPDATE

Nathan McNeilly provided a power point presentation on the background of the Coal Ash Management Act (CAMA). Several coal ash ponds located near Cleveland County resulted in the testing of all wells located within 1500 feet of those coal ash ponds. Legislation required Duke Power to sample the wells using independent firms and samples were analyzed by private labs, with results sent to the State. Parameters and comparison of Federal Standards and the North Carolina Standards for drinking water was identified and discussed. To date, the Occupational Environmental Epidemiology Branch (OEEB) has issued drinking water recommendations for these wells. Initially, eighteen wells near the Cliffside, NC area received "Do Not Drink" recommendations based on the North Carolina new wells standards. On March 11, 2016, the "Do No Drink" recommendation was retracted due to further evaluations based on the Federal Drinking Water Standards and determined to be within normal limits. Cleveland County is responsible for providing guidance to affected well owners concerning any treatment options and/or maintenance of their wells, and to collect samples from wells at a distance greater than 1500 feet from coal ash ponds. To date, the Cleveland County Environmental Health staff has sampled six wells, and issued one "Do Not Drink" recommendation due to elevated levels of Hexavalent Chromium and Vanadium based North Carolina Standards and guidance from the OEEB. Five wells tested within federal drinking water standards. Currently, Duke Power is in the process of closing coal ash ponds across the State, and groundwater assessment in the Cliffside area indicates that coal ash ponds have not influenced wells and chemical constituents are naturally occurring. Mr. McNeilly noted there has been confusion among the population with the initial "Do No Drink" recommendation and the subsequent recommendation.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Item Number One

The Cleveland County Finance Director has requested that \$235,762 of the Medicaid Cost Settlement funds received for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 be budgeted to decrease County subsidy for Public Health Services and increase the budget by \$9,482 to purchase exterior signage for the new Cleveland County Public Health Center building.

Item Number Two

The Cleveland County Public Health Center has received \$450.00 from the Charlotte AHEC as payment for providing preceptor services to graduate students. A request was made to budget this amount into the Maternal Health Department (538) to be added to the fund to purchase wheel chair scales.

MISCELLENOUS BUSINESS

Health Director Annual Job Performance Evaluation/Job Description Review:

Chair Lutz-Craver stated that she conducted the Health Directors' annual job performance evaluation and reviewed the job description with Dorothea Wyant on May 10, 2016. A copy of the Health Director's job description was provided to Board of Health members for review. Chair Lutz-Craver stated that Ms. Wyant received an excellent performance evaluation, and thanked Ms. Wyant for her positive leadership skills. Chair Lutz-Craver thanked the Board of Health for the input they provided for Ms. Wyant's evaluation. Board of Health members reviewed and discussed the job description of the Health Director.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Lutz-Craver called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Stan Pitts moved, with a second by Kale Meade, that the Cleveland County Board of Health meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Dorothea Wyant, Secretary
Cleveland County Board of Health