
The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., at the Deer Brook Golf Club.

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

Health Department staff present: Dorothea Wyant, Rodella Gold, Anne Short, Sam Lockridge, Alisa Leonard, DeShay Oliver, Nathan McNeilly, Sharon Chapman and Debbie Dyer.

Bob Yelton, County Attorney was present.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Charles Hayek called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Robert Miller gave the invocation. Mr. Miller expressed his thanks to all for kindness shown to him during his recent illness and hospitalization.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION:

No citizens requested to appear before the Board.

OATH OF OFFICE: KENDALYN LUTZ-CRAVER – RE- APPOINTMENT; MICHAEL ALEXANDER – RE-APPOINTMENT

Debbie Dyer administered the Oath of Office to reappoint Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, Dentist Member and Michael Alexander, Optometrist Member to each serve one three year term. The term period is January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Dr. Hayek extended thanks to Dr. Lutz-Craver and Dr. Alexander for their willingness to continue serving as members of the Cleveland County Board of Health.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF HEALTH CHAIR – 2014

Dorothea Wyant opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Cleveland County Board of Health for the 2014 year.

Motion: Theresa Taylor made the motion to nominate Dr. Charles Hayek to serve as Chair of the Cleveland County Board of Health for the 2014 year. Motion was made by Robert Miller to close the floor for nominations. Motions were seconded by Michael Alexander. Motions carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF HEALTH VICE-CHAIR – 2014

Chair Hayek opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Cleveland County Board of Health for the 2014 year.

Motion: Robert Miller moved to nominate Dr. Michael Alexander to serve as Vice-Chair of the Cleveland County Board of Health for the 2014 year. Motion was made by Tom Spurling to close the floor for nominations. Motions were seconded by Randy Sweeting. Motions carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 14, 2014 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

Chair Hayek presented the proposed agenda for the January 14, 2014 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 January 14, 2014 Board of Health meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2013 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:

Chair Hayek presented the Board of Health meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

Motion: Robert Miller moved that the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Board of Health meeting be approved as presented. Michael Alexander seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2014 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE:

Dorothea Wyant stated that the Board of Health meeting schedule for 2014 approved by the Board of Health during the November 12, 2013 meeting would require revisions due to conflicts with the present venue. A revised proposed meeting schedule is included in the Board packet. Deer Brook Golf Club will no longer be able to accommodate meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Other public venues have been explored without success. Ms. Wyant made the recommendation that future Board of Health meetings be held at the Cleveland County Health Department.

Also, the second Tuesday in November, 2014 is the Veterans Day holiday and County offices will be closed in observance. Ms. Wyant recommended the Board of Health reschedule the November 11, 2014 meeting to November 18, 2014.

Motion: Tome Spurling moved, with a second by Randy Sweeting, that the Board of Health adopt the revised 2014 Board of Health meeting schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

STATE OF THE COUNTY HEALTH REPORT 2013

Anne Short presented the Cleveland County State of the County Health Report (SOTCH) for 2013. This report is compiled annually in the years a full community assessment is not conducted. The report has met all of the standards required by the NC Division of Public Health. A copy of the report was included in the packet of information received by Board of Health members.

The 2013 SOTCH reviewed the highlights of the 2013 calendar year. Among the issues discussed in the report are current demographic information about the County (including population statistics, unemployment data, and current poverty levels), and morbidity/mortality data for County residents during 2008 - 2012. Additional information is provided on environmental health activities, the resolution of the E. Coli outbreak associated with the 2012 Cleveland County Fair and information pertaining to the Salmonella outbreak associated with the 2013 Sandy Plains Baptist Church Annual Barbeque. Detailed information is included in the report and was reviewed with the board regarding the progress toward meeting goals established in the Community Health Action Plans for substance abuse, unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, and physical activity and nutrition as the three priority health issues affecting the County. Ms. Short identified and reviewed challenges faced during 2013 such as the sale of health care facilities to Carolinas HealthCare, beginning plans for a new health department facility, planning for economic development and health literacy.

Ms. Short requested consideration of approval for this report from the Board of Health. Upon approval, the report will be sent to Joy Reed at the NC Department of Health and Human Services and copies of the report will be distributed to the following entities: Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, Alliance for Health Board of Directors, Department of Social Services Board, Cleveland County Board of Education, Cleveland County Memorial Library, Spangler Library in Lawndale, Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain, Rose Library at Cleveland Community College and the Dover Library at Gardner-Webb University. Additional copies will be provided for members of the legislative delegation serving Cleveland County in the NC General Assembly. Copies will be provided to mayors of the County's largest municipalities: Shelby, Kings Mountain and Boiling Springs. A full copy of the report will be posted on the Cleveland County Health Department web site. Additional copies will be provided on request to residents and agencies in the County and may be accessed by contacting Ms. Short. Members commented on the progress made in addressing objectives in the Community Health Action Plans.

Robert Miller noted that the Health Department is called first in the event of emergencies, and commended the Health Director and Health Department staff for the excellent work done. Ms. Short stated that resources and technical assistance provided through the Region 4 Community Transformation Grant would support objectives in the areas of health literacy.

Chair Hayek thanked Ms. Short for producing a comprehensive report.

Motion: Robert Miller moved, with a second by Michael Alexander, that the Cleveland County Board of Health approve the State of County Health Report 2013 as presented and copies be sent to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, Cleveland County Legislative Delegation, Cleveland County Alliance for Health Board of Directors, Department of Social Services Board, Cleveland County Board of Education, Cleveland County Memorial Library, Spangler Library, Mauney Memorial Library, Rose Library, Dover Library, and the Cities of Boiling Springs, Shelby and Kings Mountain. Motion passed unanimously.

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. Problems presented by students included marijuana, alcohol, synthetic marijuana and prescription medication abuse. Ms. Short noted that referrals for the current year are at 15. Ms. Short also noted that the majority of referrals for the current year are marijuana, synthetic marijuana and prescription

medications.

Motion: Robert Miller made a motion for the Cleveland County Board of Health to approve the application to be presented to the Cleveland County United Way. Kendalyn Lutz-Craver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CLEVELAND COUNTY TEEN PREGNANCY RATES

Anne Short presented and reviewed information regarding Cleveland County Teen Pregnancy Rates with the Board of Health. A copy of this report was provided in the board packet. There has been a 25 point drop in the number of teen pregnancies in ages 15-19 since 2007, and a significant drop in the number of pregnancies in African American teens during last year. Ms. Short stated it is important to review trend data rather than one year data. Repeat pregnancies also show a significant decrease in numbers and the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program deserves credit for this as they work very closely with high risk, first time teen mothers. Concerted efforts are being made to decrease these numbers even more. Ms. Short stated that Cleveland County rates are still higher than North Carolina state levels, but the goal is to be at the State level or lower by 2015. Ms. Short noted there is still work to be done in Cleveland County to reduce the rates of teen pregnancy. The Board of Health discussed different factors regarding teen pregnancy rates.

BOARD OF HEALTH/HEALTH DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER N.C. GENERAL STATUTES

Dorothea Wyant stated the Board packet includes a copy of the N.C. General Statutes and a summarized list of “Six Expectations for Effective Board of Health/Health Director Relations” published by the UNC School of Government, addressing the responsibilities of local Boards of Health and local Health Directors. Re-accreditation standards require an annual review of this information. A sheet listing the “10 Essential Services of Public Health” is also included for your information.

Chair Hayek commented that Cleveland County is fortunate to have such a wonderful health department staff and supportive board of health.

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 a \$71.00 donation for medication assistance to be used for indigent clients. A request was made to budget this amount in the General Department (530).

Item Number Two: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has allocated an additional \$6,789 in Healthy Communities funding. These funds are designated to develop and implement community based initiatives to create policies and environments that support increased physical activity, promote healthy eating, reduce obesity, prevent tobacco use, support diabetes self management and prevent violence and injury. A request was made to budget these funds in the Health Promotion Department (535) to be used for educational materials, advertising/promotions and awards/incentives.

Item Number Three: The North Carolina Office of Rural Health has allocated \$4,000 to be used for software license fee (Medication Access and Review Program Licensing Fee – MARP). A request was made to budget this amount in the Grants Department (543) to be used for this purpose.

Motion: Michael Alexander moved, with a second by Robert Miller, that the Board of Health approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD UPDATE

Rodella Gold presented the Board of Health with updated information pertaining to Electronic Medical Record software to be purchased for the Health Department. Negotiations continue with the Patagonia Company. The County attorney as well as the County Information Technology (IT) staff have reviewed the proposals presented by Patagonia and are in the process of responding to them as negotiations continue. Further information will be shared as progress is made with negotiations.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Staff Introduction:

Dorothea Wyant introduced Nathan McNeilly as interim Environmental Health Director upon the retirement of Stacie Rhea.

Board of Health Meeting Venue Change Reminder:

Chair Hayek reminded attendees that Board of Health meetings will be held in the second floor conference room at the Cleveland County Health Department for the remainder of the year beginning next month on February 11, 2014.

ADJOURN

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

Motion: Kendalyn Lutz-Craver moved, with a second by Tom Spurling that the Cleveland County Board of Health meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Dorothea Wyant, Secretary
Cleveland County Board of Health