

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

February 2, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Bruce McLain
Dr. Louis Serrano
Ms. Vera Robinson
Dr. Keith Cash
Ms. Nancy Hardie
Ms. Judi Chandler
Dr. Ricky Sides
Mr. Randall Kale
Ms. Sandra Wilder
Mr. Beaufort Bailey

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Susan Ziglar

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Mr. Matt Dyson
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Dr. Lynn Hale
Mr. Abdul Natour
Mr. Bob Whitwam
Ms. Peggy Lemon
Mr. Eric Williamson
Mr. David Foster
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Sheryl Emory

On Wednesday February 2, 2005, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Dr. McLain, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 5, 2005 Board of Health meeting were approved.

Introduction:

Mr. Beaufort Bailey, the new BOH Member was introduced to the Board. He was welcomed by everyone attending the meeting.

Old Business:

The Annual Retreat was discussed. Members were asked to be looking at their calendars and thinking about a date and a location for the retreat. A date will be scheduled at the March 2, 2005 meeting. Possible topics for the Retreat might include: Core Functions and Services of Public Health, Review of the Mission Statement (last revised 1997), Accreditation for the Board, and Didactic Sessions on Public Policy Issues. Such issues might include Pouring Rights in Schools, School Tobacco Policy, School Nutritional Practices, and the Built Environment. As a related issue, Dr. McLain stated that he would like to develop notebooks for each member of the Board. Possible content of the notebooks would include: relevant statutes and administrative code; bylaws; current member information; current and prior year budget information; current and prior year Annual Work Plans, Annual Reports, and Division Reports; Board of Health Rules; and other items. Dr. Monroe indicated that the staff would put together a prototype for the Board to view at the March meeting.

In relation to the discussion of the Retreat, the Board and staff discussed the value of a Tour of the Department for Board members. The relative benefits of having such a tour on a Saturday versus a weekday were discussed. The management team will continue to discuss it and address the issue again with the final retreat planning at the next meeting.

The Association of the North Carolina Boards of Health Week will be held sometime in the late spring. It will be in Chapel-Hill this year.

Dr. Monroe gave an update on the Forsyth County Healthy Community Coalition. He discussed the Health Summit that was held one year ago. Anita Pulley of AHEC has agreed to convene and organize the Executive Committee. The Committee will be eventually develop bylaws, objectives, and elect officers. There will be a Mini Summit scheduled for a half day session on November 1, 2005. For this event, the working groups (Racial Disparities, Behaviors and Lifestyles, Reproductive Health, and Domestic Violence) will develop and present public policy position papers to the community.

Dr. Serrano mentioned the issue of businesses prohibiting their employees from smoking even away from work. He questioned the Board as to whether they would want to seek legislation to treat smoking the same way as alcohol or illegal drug use. It is estimated that the average smoker takes excess sixteen days off a year when you consider how many breaks the smoker takes to go smoke. It was noted that this was actual time away from their workstation. Nancy Hardie mentioned the fact that at BB & T, the employees are offered incentives for not smoking. Dr. McLean concluded that the Board's primary concern and emphasis should be: children smoking in school, obesity in school and the overall health of children in the school system.

Dr. Monroe announced that the deadline for re-appointment of Board Seats was February 8th or 9th of 2005 and that an application could be obtained by contacting Jane Cole in the County Manager's Office.

New Business:

Lynne Mitchell briefly discussed the fact that she attended a School Health Advisory Council Meeting. Dr. Don Martin was at the meeting. Dr. Monroe is recommending that Dr. McLean and Lynne Mitchell be members of the Advisory Council. Dr. Monroe will also ask the the Advisory Council to support and recommend the Governor's 100% Tobacco Free Schools Policy to the board of Education.

Dr. Monroe discussed the handout on Influenza Surveillance in North Carolina for the 2004-2005 Flu Season. He noted that as of this time, nothing much is happening. So far, the flu has been much milder this year. The Department doesn't have an explanation for this. He mentioned that we are out of the flu vaccine but we do have approximately 100 doses of the flu mist.

Division Report:

David Foster, the Forsyth County Department of Public Health Pharmacy Director gave his Division Report. He discussed the many challenges of only having three staff members and himself. The Pharmacy serves: Hope Ridge Centers for Behavioral Health, Public Health Department Clinics which include STD, TB, Family Planning, WIC, CSHS, and Travel; and lastly the EMS Department. He discussed in detail the medication sources, how the patients pay, revenue, and summarized the different categories of funding and prescriptions. Mr. Foster emphasized that if he had one more staff person the division could bring in more revenue for Forsyth County and would be able to serve the patients more effectively.

Committee Reports:

Dr. Monroe announced that the Forsyth County Infant Mortality Reduction Coalition had received an award last week at the North Carolina Association of Boards of Health Annual Meeting. It is called "The Robert Ed Strother Partnership

Award". An award was also presented to Northampton and Union County called "The Carl Durham Award". Dr. Monroe stated that J. Nelson-Weaver and he would be meeting with the County Commissioners on Thursday, February 10, 2005 to discuss future funding of the Coalition.

Other Business:

Dr. Monroe informed the Board that some of the Health Department Staff will be attending training sessions in April provided by the Winston-Salem Institute for Dismantling Racism. He encouraged the members to think about the possibility of attending these same workshops but he stated that they would be at a later date. Seven BOH Members stated that they would be interested in attending. Matt Dyson was asked to keep this in consideration and include enough money in next year's budget to allow for these members to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made, duly seconded, and passed by members of the Board at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Timothy Monroe, MD, MPH
Secretary to the Board

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