



Macon County
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
10/23/2018**

Members Present: Nathan Brenner, Dentist and Chair; Teresa Murray, General Public; Jeff Todd, Veterinarian; James Tate, County Commissioner; Gena Futral, General Public

Members Absent: Dr. Julie Farrow, Mitchell Bishop, Melissa Bell

Staff Present: Carmine Rocco, Tammy Keezer, Kathy McGaha, Diane Keener, Jaclyn Mathis, Carrie Pazcoguin, Kelly Pla

Guests: N/A

Media: Mr. Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press; Ms. Kristen Karcher, WNCC Radio

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by Dr. Brenner.

Public Comment: N/A

Approve Agenda: Dr. Todd made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Teresa Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition: Dr. Brenner swore in Mr. Rocco as Interim Health Director.

Presentations: Diane Keener did a presentation on Board of Health Roles and Responsibilities, an accreditation activity. She stated the mission of Public Health, making health care accessible to the entire state and reviewed the statute, NCGS 130A-1.1 with the board members. She also reviewed statute NCGS 130A-35, which covers the appointment of the Board of Health members, NCGS 130A-39, which covers the powers and duties of local board of health members, NCGS 130A-40, covering appointing a local health director, and NCGS 130A-41, the powers and duties of the local health director. Discussed the delegation of authority the board can give the health director to speak for them, otherwise only the chair can speak for the board. The NCGS related to the presentation were distributed to the board members.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Dr. Todd made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Budget Update – Tammy Keezer introduced Carrie Pazcoguin, the new finance section administrator, to the board, before explaining the quarterly budget to the board. Anything in red is where there are any potential issues. The 1422 Grant ended September 30th and all that money had to be spent by then, which is why it's in the red this quarter. The flu vaccine is also in red because it is flu season and we purchase the vaccine when we need it, will balance out toward the end of the year. Nutrition Education is the Diabetes Prevention Program where we had to buy incentives for people participating in the program and they get those incentives as people take the classes. The cost will balance out as the year goes on. On the right hand side of the budget document, anything in red is where we haven't met our revenue benchmarks. Some will be because of the cycle we are in right now, billing, Medicare, Medicaid, and some of our billing staff have been involved in off-site clinics. SmartStart program is a grant through region A, and that grant has been ended because of the difficulty with keeping a person in that position. We have been paid for July and August and that money will show up in the October report. Child Dental program, we've had a person out on medical leave and the summer is when staff takes vacation time, so the revenues should increase now that school has started. Adult Dental, we've had staffing issues there, the dentist position is vacant, however we are using a Locum Tenens dentist to fill in when available. Other revenue is dependent upon the money coming in from billing, and in environmental health there is a lack of applications due to the time of year.

New Business: Kathy McGaha gave a review of the medication assistant event, informing the board of the success of the program. Our total attendance was 1067 participants, each getting about \$100-150 worth of free medication. Macon County was a recipient of a sponsorship through the agency that runs the program.

Ms. McGaha then gave a presentation on the board of health policies, and handed out the lists and policies to the board members for review. She then explained the policy on delegation of authority to health director, told the members that there were some changes that they might want to be made to the policy. The true delegation of authority is when the chair directs the health director to speak for the board, a change Ms. McGaha and Mr. Rocco are suggesting be made to the current policy. BOH members were also provided copies of each of the BOH policies, including the BOH Operating Procedure for their review. Ms. McGaha explained that any member not present at tonight's meeting would receive a packet of the policies. Ms. McGaha explained that she would be at the November BOH meeting to incorporate any changes or suggestions they had to the policies.

Mr. Rocco discussed two new grants, RFA 361, and NC-PACT. Discussed the effort the department is putting forth to combine primary care and behavioral health. NC-PACT works with NC STEP and is funded by the Fullerton Foundation and the Duke Endowment. ECU was just awarded the Fullerton Grant and notified us on the 15th of October that they will receive funding for the next two years. Goals of program are to reduce length of stay for client, increase capacity in a community-based setting, and build capacity in a local public health department. Macon County is 1 of 5 sites receiving the grant, which is for \$60,000 over two years. The proposed plan for the first year is to provide psychiatrists' time at 4 hours per week, costing \$33,000 per year. This is for consultation only with the existing mental health providers working in the integrated care program. The remainder will be used by MCPH for site support for example purchasing tele equipment, marketing, temporary salary support or education materials. MCPHJ will bill NC Step approximately \$2,250 per month in the first year to get the program started. ECU Psych will do the billing for services.

The second year of the proposal is to double the psychiatrist time and eliminate site support fund since we should have purchased what we needed in the first year.

The RFA 361 grant is part of the WNC Harm Reduction Alliance and focuses on emergency overdose. The grant is for \$100,000 covering 2 fiscal years. MCPH is partnering with WNCAP that will facilitate the alliance. We are going to be working with them to provide assistance to 7 counties in this region to fund a full time prevention specialist, an employee of WNCAP, who will serve the 7 counties, including Macon. Starts November 1, 2018 and runs through May 31, 2019, then the second phase is June 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019. Some of the activities MCPH will be responsible for include providing no cost Hepatitis A vaccines to inmates and coordinate NARCAN/Naloxone distribution program for inmates being released from Macon County Jail. WNCAP will provide the coordinator to provide and expand the syringe exchange program as well as provide an education video to Macon County Jail inmates on HIV, Hep C, and overdose prevention.

MCPH has provided 1222 flu vaccines so far this year. Same time frame last year there were 1063 vaccinated. Still have some available, but we are doing it through appointment now, no more flu clinics.

Closed Session: Dr. Brenner made a motion to go into closed session citing a Personnel Matter in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11a(7) and for Mr. Rocco, Macon County Interim Health Director, and Diane Keener, Administrative Services Section Administrator, to stay in the room. Mr. Tate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Brenner called the meeting back into session at 7:39 p.m.

No further business was conducted.

Board Training and Information: N/A

Announcements: N/A

Next Meeting Date: 11/27/2018

Adjourn: Dr. Todd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Dr. Nathan Brenner, Chair

Carmine Rocco, Interim Health Director