



Macon County  
**Public Health**

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
January 24, 2012**

**Mr. Bruckner** opened the meeting at 6:16 and after brief introductions reported that nominations had been made at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The nominations were for Russell Stevenson as the new Chair and Dr. Frank Killian as the new Vice Chair. Mr. Bruckner asked if there were any further nominations. There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Dr. Silverstein to accept the nominations as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stevenson thanked Ms. Swank for her leadership and service on the committee as well as to the community.

**Members Present:** Russell Stevenson – Chair, Frank Killian MD – Vice Chair, Roberta Swank, David Silverstein, DDS, Angie Stahl RPh, Roy Lenzo DVM, S. Douglas Egge MD, Paul Higdon, Commissioner Bobby Koppers, and Ron Winecoff

**Staff Present:** Jim Bruckner, Jimmy Villiard, Becky Barr, Barry Patterson, Tammy Keezer, Tonya Hodgins, Kathy McGaha, Jennifer Trippe & Charlene Bellavance

**Media:** None

**Guests:** None

**Public Comment Session:** There were no members of the public present.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:19

**Approve Agenda:** Jim Bruckner asked to have Adult Dental Clinic Update added under Old Business and Health Promotion Funding, New CPT code to approve for the fee plan and Changes in State Leadership added to New Business. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mr. Higdon and seconded by Commissioner Koppers.

**Presentations**

Mr. Bruckner recognized Ms. McGaha for her recent graduation from Western Carolina with her Masters in Health Sciences. Ms. Swank presented Ms. McGaha with a certificate of appreciation and congratulated her on her accomplishment.

Mr. Bruckner recognized Ms. Trippe for receiving her license as a Dietitian/Nutritionist – LDN. Ms. Trippe will be moving to the Health Education Section and focusing on worksite wellness and diabetes education. Ms. Swank presented Ms. Trippe with a certificate of appreciation and congratulated her on her achievement.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of December 4, 2011 were approved with a motion from Ms. Swank and a seconded by Dr. Egge. All present were in agreement.

### **Old Business**

**Community Transformation Grants** - Ms. Barr updated the Board about the federal Community Transformation Grants. North Carolina was awarded 7.4 million in Community Transformation funding, which the state will distribute regionally. Ms. Barr handed out a list of strategies that the Community Transformation Grant has made available for funding. The eight western region health directors met to decide which strategies they wanted to focus the use of the grant money toward. The strategies that were selected were items 1 & 9, which had to be included in the grant, and items 2, 6, 7, & 11.

**Adult Dental Clinic Update** - Mr. Villiard reported that they interviewed a Dr. Bruno Kaldre from Charlotte on Monday. Dr. Kaldre was offered and accepted the position as a full time dentist for Macon County Public Health. He is planning to be here in Franklin in mid-February. Mr. Villiard reported that revenues for the clinic are down \$54,000 but our expenses are also down \$60,000. This means that we will at least be able to break even and won't need the money (\$53,000) the commissioner's told us they would give to that department if it was needed to keep the clinic open.

### **New Business**

**Health Promotion Funding** - Mr. Bruckner reported that what was known in the past as state Health Promotion Fund is now being renamed Healthy Communities Fund. The new Healthy Community funding will be a competitive based grant and that we should probably not consider it to be a dependable or a permanent source of funding in the future; therefore, any positions hired using this funding would most likely not be permanent.

**Mid-Year Budget Review** - Ms. Hodgins reported that the monthly revenues are projected to be 94% for the year based on current earnings targets. We are also on target as well with expenses projected at 94% by the end of the year.

The County Manager met with the County Commissioners January 14th to set up the budget calendar for the county budget. Everyone here at the health department has been asked to turn their section budgets in to Ms. Keezer by February 16<sup>th</sup>. The final budget is due back to the county in MUNIS by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bruckner stated that until they meet with the County Manager they will not know what the requirements are for changes, reductions, etc. He mentioned that we will have to replace at least two vehicles in this year's budget as well as some of the carpet in the building. The Section Supervisors have been instructed to stick with the figures they used last year; but, to keep in mind what possible cuts in funding are looming at the stat level.

**Board Membership** - Mr. Bruckner reported that there are two positions that will expire in June. Mr. Higdon has served two terms and can serve one more if he so chooses. Ms. Stahl will have served three full terms and will have to transition off at the end of June. Ms. Stahl said she will put out some feelers to other pharmacists that she knows to see if she can find a pharmacist that would be willing to serve on the Board. Mr. Bruckner asked the Board members to let him know if they were aware of anyone that would possibly be willing to serve.

**Changes in State Leadership** - Mr. Bruckner reported that beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a new State Health Director, Dr. Laura Gerald. Dr. Gerald will become the leader of the newly combined Division of Prevention, Access and Public Health services. The process is underway for the merger of the Division of Public Health and the Office of Rural Health and Community Care.

**Addition of New CPT Code to Fee Plan** - Mr. Bruckner stated that a new procedure has been performed that previously had not been on our list of services. A new CPT billing code 86215 for DNase (Deoxyribonuclease)

Antibody needs to be added to our fee plan so we will be able to bill for this procedure. A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Dr. Egge to add the new CPT code and billing fee of \$135.00. All present were in agreement. Mr. Bruckner will ask the Commissioners to approve the added fee at their next meeting.

### **Board Training and Information**

Mr. Bruckner advised the board that there was an attachment in their packet from the NALBOH addressing Tobacco Use Prevention and Control.

Also included in their packet was a copy of the announcement by Governor Purdue explaining the plans for merger mentioned above.

### **Announcements**

Members of the TRU Club will be coming to the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting to ask the board to support the petition for non-smoking in parks and recreation areas.

There will be a Chamber Breakfast sponsored by this Department for Public Health Month on February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Boiler Room at 7:30. Invitations will be mailed in the near future.

**Next Meeting Date:** February 28, 2012

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 with a motion from Mr. Higdon and seconded by Mr. Winecoff. All members were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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Minutes were approved February 28, 2012 with a motion from Ms. Swank and a seconded by Dr. Killian. All present were in agreement.