



Macon County
Public Health

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
9/26/2017

Members Dr. Nathan Brenner, Dentist and Chair, Teresa Murray, General Public and Vice-Chair; Emily Porter-Bowers, Nurse; Melissa Bell, Pharmacist; Dr. Jeff Todd, Veterinarian; James Tate County Commissioner; Mitchell Bishop Engineer; Dr. Julie Farrow, Physician; Gena Futral and Molly Phillips, General Public.

Members Absent Molly Phillips, Melissa, Bell, James Tate

Staff Present Jim Bruckner, Tammy Keezer, Jimmy Villiard, Kyle Jennings, Jennifer Garrett, Kathy McGaha, Lynn Baker, Lisa Browning, Jane Morgan

Guests None

Media Mr. Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press

Public Comment Lenny Jordan, Lazy Hiker, 188 W. Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734. We have a good rating and we want to keep that rating. We were advised recently that we cannot allow animals inside our business. This will have an economic impact on our business. I am afraid that dogs will be left unintended so that the owner can go inside to get a drink. The only thing that makes us a food establishment is that we serve our drinks in glassware that has to be sanitized in a sink. The law is clear. We have to be inspected once per year. How are we to respond when people want to bring their dogs inside the building? We do not want to throw someone out. What about emotional supports dogs? The risk to the public is slim. Kids are far more dangerous to spread illness. I urge you to be reasonable with enforcement.

Trish Mashburn, Pharmacist and Brewery Patron, 289 Hawksview Drive, Canton, NC 28716 - Ms. Mashburn handed out an information sheet she had developed. I am a visitor of Franklin and I would like to bring my dog into the brewery facility. We have been able to do this for a while. She does not want to leave her dog in her vehicle. Ms. Mashburn continued to site studies that were noted on the information sheet she handed out. She asked if there was an alternative to an open sink to wash glassware. She also wanted to know since dogs have been inside Currahee and Lazy Hiker Breweries, has there been a sanitation issue? She stated that she understood that there may be a concern regarding patrons with dog allergies. She also stated that she knew brewery owners could ask patrons to leave. She suggested that if dogs were allowed in the brewery facility, that owners could establish and display rules they must follow. She stated that there is a concern that people will start to lie about their need for a service dog. Ms. Mashburn stated that dogs help with mental health. They are a de-stressor. She urged the Board of Health to make an exception to this rule.

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Dr. Brenner

Approve Agenda Mr. Bruckner requested one change to the agenda. He asked if Item A. under New Businesses Preparedness be postponed to next month. Ms. Bowers made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Ms. Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome/Intro./Departures/Recognition Dr. Julie Farrow and Mitchell Bishop introduced themselves

Closed Session None

Presentations

A. Food Establishment Inspections – Lisa Browning, EH Staff, breweries are considered food service establishments because of their use of multi-use utensils. Referred to general statutes breweries 130A248A A3 3 a business that uses multi use utensils must be regulated. They fall under REHS jurisdiction. Inspected once per year. Complaints must be followed up on.

Animals are not allowed in food service establishments. Dogs are only allowed in outdoor areas. They cannot pass through indoor area.

Ms. Bowers made a motion to add Animals in Brewery's to the agenda as Item D. under New Business. Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Old Business

A. Accreditation Update – Kathy McGaha gave an update for the Accreditation Site Visit Schedule. Due to Irma, the Accreditation Site Visit Team Members chose to postpone MCPH's site visit. The new dates are Nov 2nd and 3rd. Ms. McGaha stated that an email will go out to BOH members that will be interviewed with the new schedule included.

B. Animal Control Ordinance Review - Jim Bruckner summarized the proposed changes to the Animal Control Ordinance for the BOH members. Jimmy Villiard and Mr. Bruckner met with Chester Jones, Macon County Attorney, and discussed the issues that have occurred since MCPH took over managing Animal Services. Mr. Bruckner reviewed the changes in definitions and other components of the ordinance. See drafted ordinance handout with changes noted in red text. Mr. Bruckner asked that the BOH support the proposed changes.

Mr. Bishop asked about the new requirements for secure enclosures. Mr. Bruckner explained the secure enclosure is only for animals that have been deemed dangerous or vicious. He also explained the dangerous dog process. Dr. Todd made a motion to support the proposed changes to the Animal Control Ordinance that will go to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration. Ms. Futral seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

A. Preparedness - removed from agenda and postponed until October.

B. Rabies Clinic - Kyle Jennings reported that the Fall Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th and October 14th. He reported that advertisements were in the local paper. Facebook post has been shared.

C. Lock Your Meds Campaign - Lynn Baker notified the BOH that MCPH has received a NC DHHS grant that includes materials for the Lock Your Meds Campaign. This grant is in response to the opioid epidemic. The Substance Abuse Task Force of Mountainwise of Macon County will help distribute the marketing materials. Radio ads and social media ads will be provided.

D. Animals in Breweries - The Board conducted a brief question and answer session regarding animals in breweries. Ms. Mashburn and Mr. Jordan were given the opportunity to ask additional questions which were answered by environmental health staff and Board members. Addressed during the discussion, and question and answer session were: Expected penalty if dog is found in establishment; Use of disposal cups; food code; handling of complaints both identified or anonymous; peoples motivation to file a complaint; what constitutes a service animal; and, what constitutes an inside area. Dr. Todd explained he had been in contact with Senator Davis and that conversation confirmed what Ms. Browning was stating. He acknowledged that EH staff were enforcing the rules as promulgated by the state. Dr. Todd will continue to work with legislators on this issue. Mr. Bruckner recommended the Board entertain sending a letter to legislators on behalf of the local breweries and for the brewery owners to contact the NC Restaurant and Lodging Association.

Board Training and Information

A. Monthly Budget Update - The monthly budget update was included in the Board of Health handouts.

B. Adult Dental Tour – Any Board members that wanted to participate were invited to attend.

Announcements: None

Next Meeting Date: 10/24/2017

Adjourn Ms. Bowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Farrow seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.