



Macon County
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
8/20/2019**

Members Present: Melissa Bell, Pharmacist and Chair; Nathan Brenner, Dentist and Vice-Chair; Teresa Murray, General Public; Jeff Todd, Veterinarian; Mitchell Bishop, Engineer; Ross Dodge, General Public; Ellen Shope, Nurse

Members Absent: Jim Tate

Staff Present: Carmine Rocco, Kelly Pla, Jennifer Garrett, Carrie Pazcoguin, Kathy McGaha, Lisa Browning, Kyle Jennings, Ashley Garrison, Dani Hanson, Diane Keener,

Guests: Dr. Chip Watkins, Shaina Clark,

Media: Ms. Kristen Karcher, WNCC Radio; Luke Barber, Franklin Press

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:19 P.M. by Dr. Brenner.

Public Comment: None

Approve Agenda: Mr. Rocco said that there was no need for a closed session due to Chester Jones not being present, so it was removed from the agenda. Dr. Farrow made a motion to approve the agenda, Theresa Murray seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition: Kyle Jennings introduced Lisa Browning as the new Food and Lodging Program Specialist, and Dani Hanson as the new Environmental Health Specialist. Jennifer introduced Ashley Garrison as the new WIC processing assistant.

Presentations: Dr. Brenner announced the reappointment of Dr. Todd, Dr. Bell, and Theresa Murray to the board and called for an election of the chair. Mr. Dodge nominated Dr. Bell, Dr. Farrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Garrett made a presentation on the flu season plan. Jennifer reviewed the types of flu that were most common in the state in 2018 and the 2018 flu season. 208 flu deaths in 2018. We are carrying quadravalent this year. Reviewed the delay of H3N2. H3N2 viruses have been difficult to select due to changes in the virus. Ordered 320 of high dose, and 610 of pres free, 610 doses of regular. Reviewed the use of antivirals for people who chose not to get their flu vaccine – tamiflu, relenza, and rapivab. Went over the tentative draft of flu shot dates.

Tammy Keezer gave a presentation on opioid related deaths. Directed the board members to the handout in their book to review the data on opioid related deaths in Macon County and what does or doesn't label Macon county as a high risk county. We've been distributing Naloxone kits in the county. Number of reversals in 2019 by community members 1, 7 in 2018. When you get a Naloxone kit, you are trained and instructed that you must report back when it is used and they will give you a new kit for free. Data goes into several databases and tracked. Number of administrations by EMS in 2018 was 17, last week we were told by EMS that we have given 3 in the last 30 days and all 3 agreed to follow up with our post-overdose response team. OD related deaths in 2018 was 2. Macon county has a medication assisted treatment facility opening in the fall of this year. There are some practitioners who will write prescriptions for opioid replacement therapy in Macon County and there were a total of 2434 prescriptions dispensed in 2018. We have one syringe exchange program and Macon County is the highest number in the 7 counties for returned syringes, 4944 total in 2018. In 2018, there were 303 people receiving treatment. Macon county is currently listed as high risk, partly because of our population. 4 deaths in a year put us over the threshold, and we would also need 3-4 Medication Assisted Treatment programs to keep us in low risk. Tammy reviewed the grants that have helped with this program and said that there were some that we would look into as the time came.

Shaina Clark gave a presentation on the Mountainwise Public Health Partnership with MCPH. Gave a quick overview of what Mountainwise is, a regionally implemented collaborative working to combat chronic diseases in the western counties. MCPH is the fiduciary lead agency for the regional partnership. Shaina reviewed funding for the organization starting back in 2011 when it started. We are primarily grant funded. Shaina discussed the grants that Mountainwise currently uses to fund their programs. Tobacco prevention is a primary focus of Mountainwise currently and they started the Catch My Breath program in the middle and high schools to help educate students on tobacco use, including the use of vaping.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Dr. Brenner made a motion to approve the June minutes, Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Brenner made a motion to approve the July minutes, Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Mr. Rocco introduced Dr. Chip Watkins to present on the Community Care Physicians Network. Mr. Rocco explained what CCPN is and how it could help MCPH, especially with the coming changes in Medicaid. CCPN is a network of independent practices that provides programs and tools to enhance the quality and efficiency of health care services and to help control costs while improving patient outcome. CCPN has over 900 practitioners across NC. An organization like CCPN gives providers more of a voice. The cost is \$75, one time per provider. Mr. Rocco passed out a list of the health departments that are already a part of CCPN and explained how Medicaid billing, etc. is going to change. Mr. Rocco asked for permission to move forward with joining MCPH to CCPN. Mr. Dodge made a motion to approve, Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Rocco asked the Board to let MCPH use Board money to finance staff picnic and ice cream social. Mr. Dodge made a motion to approve, Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Training and Information: Carrie Pazcoguin gate the budget update going through the end of July. Revenue is currently in the red because we haven't had time to collect many payments this fiscal year. Health administration is in the red because of one time annual payments that we pay at the beginning of the fiscal year as well as having encumbrances set aside.

Let the Board know that there were some things coming up that we would be paying for, like Dentrax that will help with billing and patient data and that we've received Medicaid Cost Settlement that had been held back. MCPH is going to put forth \$12,000 to help MPP get Smart Start going again. MPP will run the program, they just needed matching funds to get it going. Carrie then reviewed changes that need to be made to the billing guide and collection policy. Mr. Dodge made a motion to approve the changes, Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. She then reviewed some fee changes that also needed to be made. Mrs. Shope made a motion to approve the changes, Dr. Brenner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion items: Mr. Rocco suggested adding Chester and closed session to the next meeting.

Closed Session: None

Next Meeting Date: ~~9/24/2018~~ 2019 ^{Tu}

Adjourn: Dr. Brenner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.



Melissa Bell, Chair



Date



Carmine Rocco, Interim Health Director



Date