



Macon County
Public Health

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
2/26/2019

Members Present: Melissa Bell, Pharmacist and Chair; Nathan Brenner, Dentist and Vice-Chair; Teresa Murray, General Public; Jeff Todd, Veterinarian; James Tate, County Commissioner; Gena Futral, General Public; Mitchell Bishop, Engineer; Dr. Julie Farrow, Physician; Ross Dodge, General Public; Ellen Shope, Nurse

Members Absent: Gena Futral, Teresa Murray

Staff Present: Carmine Rocco, Kathy McGaha, Diane Keener, Jaclyn Mathis, Carrie Pazcoguin, Kelly Pla, Melissa Leatherman; Jennifer Garrett; Kyle Jennings; Kenzie Ortega; Dr. Dewhurst; Jimmy Villiard; Mariah Fran; Lyndsey Henderson

Guests:

Media: Mr. Lee Buchanan, The Franklin Press; Ms. Kristen Karcher, WNCC Radio

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Mrs. Bell.

Public Comment: None

Approve Agenda: James Tate made a motion to approve the minutes, Melissa Bell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition: Jennifer Garrett introduced Mariah, the new pregnancy care manager for OBCM. Lee Buchanan, editor of the Franklin Press, introduced himself.

Presentations: Lyndsey Henderson gave a presentation on the priorities chosen at the Community Health Assessment (CHA). The role of CHA is to identify factors that need help in the county. Phase 1 is collecting and analyzing data, Phase 2 is community health strategic planning, and Phase 3 is taking action and evaluating health improvement. Phase 1 for Macon County is January 2018-March 2019. Phase 2 is April 2019-September 2019, and Phase 3 is October 2019-December 2020. The CHA data collection is funded by the local health department and local hospitals. Using surveys taken in 16 counties throughout western North Carolina, the process was to reflect on morbidity and mortality data within the community and socioeconomic factors that effect health. Anything that affected 1% of the population is considered serious. Lyndsey went over the short list with the Board, Ellen Shope asked why

mental health and suicide weren't on the list. Lyndsey explained that the CHA group decided that mental health was too large an issue. Ross Dodge made a motion to add mental health to the short list, the motion was seconded by Dr. Todd, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Dodge had a question about the use of the term "substance abuse", stating that there are a lot of folks who smoke recreationally that never have an addiction problem, are we talking about substance abuse or substance use? Lyndsey stated that we are defining substance abuse as opioid use, but that we do look at alcohol, tobacco and other drug use as well. For rating and ranking, participants were asked to rank health issues according to priority level, 1 being low and 4 being very high. The three areas they ranked the highest were substance abuse, overweight/obesity and domestic violence/sexual assault. A vote was taken to approve the priorities chosen by the CHA process. Mrs. Shope made a motion to approve, Mr. Dodge seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Lyndsey told the Board that the next steps are to develop an action plan with the community, hospitals, and community groups. Dr. Todd asked when the plan would be available for the Board to look at, Lyndsey said within the next few months and that the plan will be published. Lyndsey will send out meeting invites and there will likely be a meeting for each priority area to talk about the action plan. The people that will be invited will be the Board, people on the previous task forces, community members, and community stakeholders and leaders. Contact Kristina Loughborough for more information if you are interested in getting involved.

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

Old Business:

New Business: Diane Keener presented new lab services fees for a vote. It seems that as we progress in the community and offer more services, we have realized that we need to add these lab services to our fee schedule. Two other codes go with our integrated care as we refer to physicians and consult on treatment plans. The last fee is for a test that Dr. Farrow orders, the glucose tolerance test. Dr. Brenner made a motion approve, Dr. Todd seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Tammy Keezer presented on the draft FY20 Budget:

- Asking for about \$30K more in county funding.
- Dr. Farrow asked what is MountainWise? Tammy explained that it started out as the 1422 grant, then became regional chronic disease program, is now MountainWise. They are considering becoming a 501 3C. MCPH is the fiduciary agent for the program. One of their new funding sources is the ARC grant.
- WIC went down due to a drop in caseload.

Carmine presented on the budget opportunities for FY20

- Looking at medical specialist pay
- Molar roller's life expectancy is 15 years, it's 20 years old now. Included cost of a new one in the capital improvement plan in the county, but it is not included in the MCPH budget.
- Medicare Transformation will not impact case management, dental and some behavioral health services.
- Add ECU grant and Diabetes grant, and undetermined impact of capital improvement plan and space needs assessment

Looked over monthly budget update in the book. There was also a map of confirmed rabies cases in the state, the variety of animals and locations for the last year. And lastly, a list of current job openings in the department. Since it was put together, the medical office assistant has been offered to someone who will start on March 11th. Dr. Todd asked where do we stand with out dentist? We're still using a contract dentist, we lost a hygenist in that program as well. Carmine would like to bring forward information about the sliding fee scale and sliding to zero as relates to NHSC site certification and a pay plan for specialized medical/dental positions which would include the hygentist and physician extenders.

Board Training and Information:

Discussion items:

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(6) and 143-318.11a(3) and for Mr. Rocco, Macon County Interim Health Director, and Diane Keener, Administrative Services Section Administrator, to stay in the room. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Brenner made a motion to recess this regular meeting of the Macon County Board of Health to March 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Macon County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room located on the 3rd Floor of the Macon County Courthouse which is located at 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

No further business was conducted.

Next Meeting Date: 2/26/2018

Adjourn: Dr. Todd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dodge seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Melissa Bell, Chair

Date

Carmine Rocco, Interim Health Director

Date