

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES

February 12, 2008

Members Present: Dr. Ron Campbell, Dr. Jim Davis, Paul Higdon,
Dr. Roy Lenzo, Angie Stahl, Roberta Swank,
Dr. David Silverstein, Russell Stevenson
and Ron Winecoff.

Staff Present: Jim Bruckner, Anne Hyder, Barry Patterson and
Charles Womack.

Media: The Franklin Press

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. The agenda was approved by consensus. Russell Stevenson was welcomed as a new member of the Board, having been appointed by the Board of Commissioners to replace David Hourdequin. David held the position designated for an engineer on the Board and he has recently moved out of the county.

On a motion by Roberta Swank and second by Ron Winecoff, Dr. Ron Campbell was nominated to continue to serve as chairperson of the board and Angie Stahl to continue to serve as Vice Chair for the coming year. That motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the last regular meeting of December 11, 2007 were approved on a motion by Paul Higdon and second by Ron Winecoff.

Old Business

* Performance Review Data - The most recent report of performance data was summarized by Jim Bruckner. He reminded members that this data will be available on a monthly basis.

* Environmental Health Final Draft Business Plan - Having received the business plan via email for review prior to the meeting, members discussed the document. Jim Bruckner reported that one objective was to modify the priority system for the permit application process in order to make it reasonable for everyone. Criteria would be changed so the priority would be first, failing systems and repairs; second, people who are pending a contract on a home or piece of property and need to close the deal; third, realtors and contractors; and fourth, developers. Mr. Bruckner also reported that the objective is to eventually level off the permitting fees and have a design where fast track and regular permit fees cost the same. A motion was made by Ron Winecoff with a second by Roberta Swank to pursue a hierarchical system for issuing septic permits and to modify the fees as proposed in the business plan. After discussion that motion was modified by Angie Stahl to first approve the hierarchy permitting system but to wait on the fee

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change. Roberta Swank seconded the amended motion and it passed unanimously.

* Private Drinking Well Water Program - In response to the new state mandated Private Drinking Water Well rules which will become effective July 1, Jim

Bruckner reported that the agency is now working on recruiting two well specialists. After discussion, a motion was made by Jim Davis, to request Jim Bruckner to develop a resolution to be sent to the Board of Commissioners to appeal to the state that the county be able to seek privatization of well inspections. If approved, the board would then plan to forward the resolution on to state legislators and send a copy on to other counties. That motion passed unanimously after a second by Paul Higdon.

* Update Environmental Health Clerical Staff - Mr. Bruckner reported that conversations are still ongoing regarding the need for additional support staffing.

New Business

* Introduction to Public Health Course - Information was provided to Board members regarding the free course available to members.

* NC Association of Board of Health Survey - A survey tool was provided to each member. Mr. Bruckner asked that these be completed and returned to him tonight and he would forward the data to the NC Association of Boards of Health.

* Child Fatality Prevention Team Update - Anne Hyder, who serves as the chairperson of the County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT), handed out copies of the annual report of the team's past years activities. She emphasized that a primary focus for the team over the past year has been educating the public on House Bill 275, known as Safe Surrender of Newborns. She emphasized the recent implementation of a local phone number that the public can call to seek information on the topic - 349-2279.

* Board of Health Retreat - General discussion on possible topics and dates for the event took place. No final decision was made.

* Evaluation of New Health Director - Chairman Campbell reported that he will be asking members of the personnel committee of the Board to join him in doing Mr. Bruckner's evaluation which is due February 27.

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Announcements

* Mr. Bruckner reported that the Adult Dental Clinic fee changes were approved by the Board of Commissioners at the January 14th meeting.

* Anne Hyder and Mr. Bruckner reported that the most recent opening for a school nurse had been filed and that our county is now closer to the state goal of ratio of 1:750 (one nurse to 750 students).

* A meeting with Septic Installers was held in January per Mr. Bruckner.

* Jim reported that a credit card machine is now in place at the agency and more are on order.

Next Regular Meeting - April 8, 2008 at 6:15 pm (dinner to be served at 6pm). A March meeting may be called to review the agency budget.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ron Winecoff

and seconded by Roberta Swank. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hyder RN, Assistant Health Director for Jim Bruckner, MS, Health Director
Macon County Public Health Center