

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES**

February 9, 2010

Members Present: Roberta Swank, Paul Higdon, Russell Stevenson, Dr. Jim Davis, Dr. Roy Lenzo, Ron Winecoff and Tammy Dills

Staff Present: Jim Bruckner, Anne Hyder, Tammy Keezer, Becky Barr, Jennifer Hollifield, Kathy McGaha, Dr. Jimmy Villiard, Pat Muse, Harold Faircloth, and Tiffany Plemens

Media: None

Guests: None

Nomination and Election of Chair and Co-Chair - Health Director Jim Bruckner summarized he had been in touch with all Board members by email regarding elections and that both Roberta Swank and Russell Stevenson were willing to serve again as chair and vice chair, respectfully. Mr. Bruckner asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he entertained a motion from Ron Winecoff to ask that the chair and vice chair continue in their positions for another year. That motion passed unanimously after a second by Tammy Dills.

Public Comment Session - None

Call to Order – Ms. Swank called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm.

Approval of Agenda – On a motion by Ron Winecoff and second by Tammy Dills, the agenda was approved as received.

Welcome/ Intro/ Departures/ Recognition – Mr. Bruckner recognized those staff present.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting of September 8, 2009 and November 10, 2009 - Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Russell Stevenson and second by Tammy Dills.

Old Business

- **Flu Update** – Dr. Jimmy Villiard reported on the status of H1N1 vaccine. To date, he reported that MCPHC has given approximately 3,500 H1N1 vaccinations and through cooperation with Angel Medical Center and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, a total of approx 4000 doses of H1N1 have been given county wide.

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- **Well Drillers Meeting Update** – Board member Russell Stevenson gave an update on the recent well drillers meeting. He noted the development of this group has been good for improving communication for all concerned.
- **Heart Health Month / Proclamations** – Referring to the **two handouts** describing Heart Healthy Month activities, Jennifer Hollifield reviewed upcoming activities to be held in February.
- **Smoking Rules** – Pat Muse reviewed the **packet** of materials summarizing data regarding the new law that took effect on January 2, 2010. He noted that more information about the law can be accessed via the state website at www.smokefree.nc.gov .
- **Free Clinic Update**– Kathy McGaha updated the Board on the plans for a new free clinic to start in the Franklin area on February 24. This clinic will be an extension of the Community Care Clinic in Highlands. She explained that the funding for this project is a three year grant from the NC Office of Research, Demonstrations and Rural Health Development. Kathy noted that volunteers are needed for the clinic – referring to a **handout** listing those specific opportunities.

New Business

- **KBR Diabetes Grant** – A program for adults diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes is being offered now by the agency. Becky Barr gave an update (**2 handouts**) noting how referrals can be made by physicians for the program. The response to the program has been very positive.
- **SOTCH – State of the County Health Report** – Board members received **copies** of the PowerPoint presentation that was reviewed this evening by Kathy McGaha and Becky Barr. They noted that the report – 2009 - is an update of Macon County’s health statistics and reflects the progress made in the last year. Community input is included in this report regarding the selected health priorities from the 2007 Community Health Assessment.
- **Set Board Meeting Dates** – Board members were made aware of the **meeting schedule for 2010**.
- **Release of County Health Rankings** – Mr. Bruckner referred to a brief summary of the County Health Rankings that will be released nationwide on February 17, 2010. He noted that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is collaborating with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute to develop these rankings for each state’s counties. Counties will be ranked on both health outcomes

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and health factors. More information from this report will be shared with both the Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners when the report is released.

Board Training and Information

- **Training Materials / NALBOH Newsbrief – 4th Quarter '09** – Board members were encouraged to review their **copies** as provided in their packets.

Announcements – Mr. Bruckner referred the Board to the **Monthly Performance Review** data in the packets.

Next event – Next Regular Meeting – The next regular meeting will be March 9, 2010 at 6:15 pm (dinner to be served at 6 pm). It was reported that the meeting room used at the Macon County Public Health Center is in use on this evening so there may be another location selected for the meeting and members would be notified of that change.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Higdon and seconded by Tammy Dills. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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