

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES**

November 10, 2009

Members Present: Roberta Swank, Paul Higdon, Russell Stevenson, Dr. Jim Davis, Dr. Roy Lenzo, and Angie Stahl (arrived 6:30 pm)

Staff Present: Jim Bruckner, Anne Hyder, Virginia Anderson, Becky Barr, Jennifer Hollifield, Kathy McGaha, Dr. Jimmy Villiard, Barry Patterson, and Harold Faircloth

Media: The Franklin Press, WFSC-WNCC Radio

Guests: None

Public Comment Session - Chairman Swank asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No requests were made.

Call to Order – Ms. Swank called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

Approval of Agenda – No action was taken to approve the agenda as Chairperson Swank noted there was not a quorum present.

Welcome/ Intro/ Departures/ Recognition – Mr. Bruckner introduced the staff present.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting of June 9, 2009 - No action was taken on approval of minutes due to not having a quorum present.

Old Business

- **Flu Update** – Dr. Jimmy Villiard reported on the status of H1N1 vaccine in the county. He noted that due to small amounts of vaccine arriving in the county, it has been difficult to have large scale clinics. He added that priority groups as defined by the CDC are being served first and that the agency is also partnering with Angel Medical Center and Highlands Cashiers Hospital on H1N1 needs. At this time, over 500 individuals have been vaccinated against H1N1, he noted.
- **Well Drillers Meeting Update** – Harold Faircloth, Environmental Health Specialist, reported on the recent meeting he attended of the Well Driller's group. Harold reviewed the 02C (well construction) rules with the group. He noted that six Environmental Health Specialists were now cross trained to work in the well program.

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- **Ladies Night Out Update** – Reporting on the initial *Ladies Night Out* Program that was held on October 27, Jennifer Hollifield and Virginia Anderson announced that between 50-60 women participated. They noted these programs will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center.
- **Smoking Rules** – Board members were educated by Becky Barr and Barry Patterson on the smoking rules (House Bill 2) that will go into effect on January 2, 2010. Enforcement of the law will begin with the owner of the business, Barry explained. He continued to inform the Board on the enforcement aspect of the law. Becky noted that there is a new website that explains the law – www.smokefree.nc.gov and a CARE LINE has also been set up so the public can file a complaint or get the same information on the law as is on the website (1-800-662-7030). Members were referred to the **handouts** in their packets for additional information.
- **Organizational Chart Positions** – Mr. Bruckner reported on the current Organization Chart with changes in positions. He explained that Dr. Jimmy Villiard is now in the position as the Personal Health Section Administrator. He also noted there were three EH positions vacant.

New Business

- **Free Clinic Grant** – Kathy McGaha, Healthy Carolinians, Program Director, announced that a grant has been written and submitted and if approved would make the Community Care Clinic that offers health care to low-income families, available in the Franklin area. She added that the Community Care Clinic in Highlands applied for the grant of up to \$175,000 and will partner with Angel Medical Center and the Highlands – Cashiers Hospital for supplemental services. The grant could last for up to three years, according to McGaha and includes plans for a coordinator to be hired to manage the program in Franklin.
- **Period of Purple Crying Program** – Explaining that **PURPLE** stands for **P**eak of crying, **U**nexpected, **R**esists soothing, **P**ain-like face, **L**ong lasting and **E**vening, Anne Hyder educated the Board on this project that offered across the state. It is a campaign to save infants' lives by understanding prolonged, but normal – and often inconsolable – bouts of early infant crying. The goal of this campaign is to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome and save infants lives. She added that Shaken Baby Syndrome is currently among the leading causes of child abuse deaths in the US and is 100% preventable.

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Announcements – Mr. Bruckner referred the Board to the **Monthly Performance Review** data in the packets. Anne Hyder referred the Board to the **invitation** in their packets regarding a staff Thanksgiving Lunch to be held on November 25 at noon.

Next event – Next Regular Meeting – December 8, 2009 (to be a Christmas gathering with no business discussion). The next regular meeting will be February 9, 2010 at 6:15 pm (dinner to be served at 6 pm).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Higdon and seconded by Angie Stahl. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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