



Macon County
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
October 23, 2012**

Members Present: Russell Stevenson – Chair, Frank Killian, MD, Molly Phillips, Ron Winecoff, Stacy Shannon, Tammy Dills, Fred Berger, MD, Bobby Koppers, & Roberta Swank.

Staff Present: Jim Bruckner, Jimmy Villiard, Becky Barr, Barry Patterson, Tonya Hodgins, Tammy Keezer, Jennifer Garrett, and Kathy McGaha.

Media: There was no one from the media present.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Call to Order: Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Mr. Winecoff motioned to approve the agenda as submitted seconded by Ms. Swank. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition:

Jimmy Villiard read a letter submitted from the Interim Superintendent Dr. Jim Duncan showing recognition and appreciation of the School Nurses for their response in a recent high school tragedy.

Mr. Bruckner welcomed and recognized Dr. Fred Berger as a new/returning member to the board.

Presentation:

There were no presentations.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Dr. Killian to approve the minutes from September 25, 2012 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

FY12 Monthly Budget Update:

Ms. Hodgins referred to her handout for monthly expenditures and revenue. She explained some changes in the report that she is and will be presenting. She will provide actual expenditure and revenue figures for the prior month as well as projections for the current month. She stated she hopes this will assist with understanding of the current status of budget.

Mr. Bruckner reported he received notification from the State today that we will be receiving an additional \$48,000 of Aid to County money. These funds were initially withheld from Health Department budgets pending review of efforts to reduce Medicaid Costs statewide which now have been achieved. Each Health Department is supposed to receive the same allocation amount and the funds should be received in the next couple of months.

Holiday Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Bruckner stated that two years ago the Board decided to have a holiday event instead of a regular meeting and planned for the same last year but weather prohibited that happening. Mr. Stevenson suggested having a family social event in order to get to know family members and relax and enjoy each other's company. Dr. Killian agreed. Mr. Bruckner stated we have also historically invited the Departments Leadership Team, County Commissioners, the County Manager and the Hospital CEO's and inquired as to whether the Board wanted to do that again.

Discussion resulted in a motion by Dr. Killian to have a social event earlier in the month of December and include the Department Leadership Team, County Manager, Commissioners, Hospital CEO's and their guest. The motion was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bruckner agreed to coordinate a date and time which would not conflict with the County Commissioner meetings if at all possible in order for Mr. Koppers and others to attend.

New Business

National Meningitis Investigation:

Ms. Barr provided a handout regarding a national investigation of fungal meningitis due to contaminated medications from a compounding pharmaceutical facility. She reported that 308 cases of infection and 23 deaths have been reported nationally and in North Carolina two cases of infection and one death have occurred.

Ms. Barr reported a press release was recently sent to local media which included a statement from Health Director Jim Bruckner regarding Macon County's status as well as a list of facilities in the State that had received the contaminated medications. Since that press release, she report there has been a recall of additional medications from the compounding facility and healthcare providers are now being asked to notify patients who received injectable medications manufactured in the compounding facility since May 21, 2012 of the contamination and possible risks.

The original list of facilities that had received medications appears to have contained errors and is being corrected by the FDA. The updated version should be available on the FDA website tomorrow.

NC Restaurant & Lodging Association:

Ms. Barr reported on a letter recently sent from NC Restaurant & Lodging Association to the State Legislature regarding implementation of state wide smoking ban in restaurants and bars. Ms. Barr read excerpts from the letter which supported the implementation of the Smoking Ban.

Mr. Koppers asked if any feedback had been received following the tobacco ordinance implementation in the Macon County Parks and Recreation areas. Ms. Barr reported there have been no issues or concerns raised to date.

Mr. Stevenson also asked about the implementation of the new food code. Mr. Patterson reported there have been positive results. He stated the implementation has slowed down the inspection process however; additional staff have been realigned from other environmental health programs to assist with inspections to assure timeliness of the permitting process.

Board Training and Information

Each Board Member was given a copy of the letter from NC Restaurant & Lodging Association to the State Legislature regarding implementation of state wide smoking ban in restaurants and bars.

Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session to discuss a Legal Matter and for Mr. Bruckner and Mr. Patterson to stay in the room was made by Mr. Kuppens and 2nd by Ms. Swank. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements: All Board of Health members are invited to attend the training on October 31st at Macon Bank, beginning at 9:00 called "Effective & Professional Communication".

Next Meeting Date: November 27, 2012

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn general meeting at 7:18 p.m. was made by Mr. Kuppens and 2nd by Dr. Killian. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Keezer
Operations Section Supervisor

These minutes were approved on November 27 with a motion by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Ms. Swank. The motion passed unanimously.