



Macon County  
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 28, 2012**

**Members Present:** Russell Stevenson - Chair, Frank Killian, MD – Vice Chair, David Silverstein, DDS, Roy Lenzo, DVM, Roberta Swank, and S. Douglas Egge, MD

**Staff Present:** Jim Bruckner, Jimmy Villiard, Becky Barr, Barry Patterson, Tonya Hodgins, Tammy Keezer, Kathy McGaha, Melissa Leatherman, Dawn Wilde Burgess, Theresa Stenersen, Sue Smith & Charlene Bellavance

**Media:** None

**Guests:** None

**Public Comment:** There was no one present for comment

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

**Approve Agenda:** A motion was made by Ms. Swank and seconded by Dr. Egge to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition**

### **Presentations**

#### **TRU Clubs Update**

Ms. Wilde-Burgess introduced the TRU club members and referred to the Sustainability Grant that has been received. The money from the grant has to be spent by May 31, 2012. The commissioners now have the authority to act on a smoke free parks and recreation facility based on legislation signed by Governor Perdue May 19, 2009 that marked significant changes to the state laws governing smoking in public places. The law creates new statewide prohibitions and also expands local authority to adopt local smoking laws.

Kristy Sheldon, a TRU club member told the board about growing up in a family of tobacco users. She lost her grandfather to cancer and is aware that even if she isn't a smoker she could still develop cancer later in life from being exposed to second hand smoke. She said she would like to see the board support the policy for smoke/tobacco free parks and recreation areas.

Ms. Leatherman reported that she has been working with TRU clubs in the schools. She was impressed by how knowledgeable the kids in the groups were. They were also very passionate about the topic of second hand smoke and the effects it could have on their health. They are working on petitions, posters and valentine cards to send to the commissioners. The groups are very active. The girl scouts are also working on a badge called Get Out. They are very much in support of the smoke free parks. They also asked for the boards support smoke free parks and recreation areas.

### **Care Coordination for Children/Obstetrical Care Management Program Updates**

Ms. Stenersen reported on the Care Coordination for Children (CC4C) program. She works with children from ages 0-5 with Medicaid who are a high cost / high user of services, have special health care needs or are exposed to toxic stress during early childhood (including children in foster care) in order to identify needs and connect families with resources that can meet those needs. She currently has 66 clients.

Ms. Smith reported about the Obstetrical Care Management (OBCM) program. She works with pregnant women on Medicaid who have identified priority risk factors, including the majority of the patients in the prenatal clinic here at the health department. One of her main focuses is to decrease tobacco use during the pregnancy. She works with high risk pregnancies to improve birth outcomes including increased gestational age at delivery.

One of the anticipated results of these care management programs – in addition to the goal of improving the quality of care these clients receive - is to decrease Medicaid costs.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Ms. Swank, and seconded by Dr. Killian to approve the minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 2012 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Community Transformation Grant Update** - Ms. Barr updated the board on the Community Transformation Grant that was awarded to Macon County Public Health. We are actually going to be getting \$183,919 that has to be spent by May 31<sup>st</sup>. The remaining \$245,227 for a total of \$429,146 will have to be spent by September 30, 2012. We will have to hire two full time planner/evaluators and one part time finance person as part of the grant. One of the full time planner/evaluators will be on premises at the health department. The grant requires that we contract with an outside company to create action plans for each of the regional objectives. There is a health directors meeting in Raleigh on March 13 to discuss the CTG. There is a leadership team consisting of eight health directors that will all be collaborating to decide how to distribute the money. All selected strategic directives have to be met in order to receive the money.

### **New Business**

**Tobacco Policy Endorsement** – Ms. Barr stated they are going to be presenting this issue to the Macon County Board of Commissioners on March 13. They would like to be able to take a recommendation from the Board of Health at the commissioner’s meeting. We do have funds through the TRU Sustainability Grant up until May 2012 for necessary signage and other educational materials. She encouraged the board to implement a 100% tobacco free policy. Ms. Wilde-Burgess also referred to reports stating that over 7,000 infants/children were reported to have ingested cigarette butts or tobacco products annually in the United States. These are poison and in almost every instance require some level of medical treatment.

A motion was made by Dr. Silverstein and seconded by Dr. Egge to support a tobacco free policy at all Macon County parks and recreation areas. The motion passed unanimously. The Highlands Board of

Commissioners and Macon County Recreation Board have also endorsed Macon County parks and recreation areas going tobacco free.

**Community Health Assessment** – Ms. Barr reported that the Patient Protection and **Affordable Care Act** now requires that a community health assessment be done every three years for tax exempt non-for-profit hospital systems. The hospitals and health departments in Western North Carolina are going to be completing a regional community health assessment. We would like to ask the state to modify the current schedule requirement for health departments so we can collaborate with the hospitals to have our assessments all coincide. In order to align our CHA cycle with the regional CHA cycle, we will have to ask the state for three things; 1. Postpone the 6/2012 action planning deadline to 6/2013; 2. Change our CHA cycle to every three years, beginning in 2015; and 3. Obtain a waiver from the state to exempt us from the requirement that our CHA be completed within two years of accreditation.

**FY13 Budget** - Mr. Bruckner referred the board members to the budget handout in their packets. The department feels it has been a good steward of the money it has been given by the county, state, and through grants.

Mr. Bruckner reported that projected revenue target from all sources (federal, state, fees & grants) for FY13 is \$2,347,464. This is \$36,966 less than FY12. Major changes from FY12 include: Loss the NC Health and Wellness Trust (Tobacco Grant) of \$82,237; and, an increase in Community Transformation Grant (CTG) funding of \$61,308. In this year's budget county funding remains the most stable funding to our Department (49%) while other sources include: Federal pass through (9.8%), state (5.5%), fees (29.1%), and grants (6.6%). County Net Cost for Health Department services in FY 13 is estimated to be \$2,251,343. This is \$63,699 or 2.9% more than FY 12. This is primarily due to two capital projects totaling \$242,000. With regard to expenses, Mr. Bruckner reported that this budget includes spending \$4,598,807 or \$26,733 more than projected for FY12. This represents an increase of 0.5%. Major changes from FY12 include: Loss the NC Health and Wellness Trust (Tobacco Grant) of \$82,237; addition of the Community Transformation Grant (CTG) \$61,308 (total CTG funds for FY13 equal \$245,228); and, the inclusion of two projected capital items totaling \$122,000. Not a lot of requests for additional funds except in areas that had been passed over in previous years due to budget restrictions but the items have gone beyond their usefulness and need to be replaced. Detail for every program was also broken down in the budget folder for the boards review. All of the program budgets are at or below what they were last year. Mr. Bruckner indicated any increases were reflective of equipment that needs to be replaced and is desperately needed at this time.

Motion to approve the budget as presented to be brought to the County Manager for review and then presented to the County Commissioner's for final approval was made by Dr. Egge and seconded by Dr. Silverstein. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Training and Information**

Mr. Bruckner told board members there were two items in their packets for their information, one regarding Tobacco Free Parks and the other a quarterly news brief publication by the NALBOH.

**Announcements:** Chamber of Commerce breakfast sponsored by the Board/Department is scheduled for tomorrow at the Boiler Room at 7:30 am.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 27, 2012

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with a motion by Ms. Swank and seconded by Dr. Egge. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bellavance, Administrative Assistant to Jim Bruckner, MSHS, Health Director  
Macon County Public Health

Minutes were approved March 27, 2012 with a motion from Ms. Swank and a seconded by Mr. Kuppers. The motion passed unanimously.