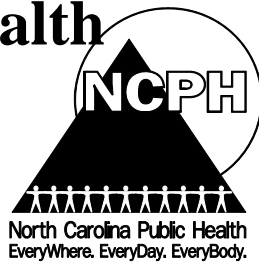


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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES December 3, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Linda Petrou, Chair
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Ms. Carrie Fernald
Dr. Charles Massler
Mr. J. Phil Seats
Dr. Ricky Sides

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Glenda Dancy
Ms. Yalonda Galloway
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Bob Whitwam
Ms. Ethel Evans

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Willard McCloud
Dr. Scott Schroeder
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

OTHERS PRESENT

None

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Boardroom at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 5, 2014 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. James Doub made a motion to approve and Mr. J. Phil Seats seconded. The rest of the members agreed and the minutes were approved by the Board.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members and staff introduced themselves.

Health Director's Comments - Mr. Marlon Hunter announced that the department received a two million dollar cost settlement reimbursement. Mr. Whitwam added the Dental Center had a \$70,000 surplus and he was very proud of staff for sticking with it. Dr. Petrou asked Mr. Whitwam to say thank you to staff from the Board.

Mr. Hunter reported that he was invited to speak with County Commissioners to update them on Ebola. He added there are currently 15,000 cases and the death rate is around 36%. Mr. Hunter commended Ms. Ayo Ademoyero for the great job she has done in keeping us on top of any emerging issues and also thanked Ms. Yalonda Galloway, the nurses and everyone else on the Epidemiology Team for all their help. Mr. Hunter had an Ebola update with all of our community partners and thanked Ms. Carrie Fernald for her attendance at that meeting.

Mr. Hunter informed the Board that we have had 21 cases of pertussis since November but the department is on top of things.

Mr. Hunter mentioned the department had an all staff Title VI and Cultural Diversity Training at the Church across the street and said we will have a Public Information Officer (PIO) Training going on here for the next two days.

Lastly, Mr. Hunter extended holiday wishes to everyone and added it has been an interesting year!

New Business:

100 Year Anniversary – Mr. Bob Whitwam, Ms. Quintana Stewart and Ms. Lynne Mitchell gave a very engaging and informative presentation to the Board about the Board of Health over the past years and the upcoming 100 Year Anniversary in 2016.

Mr. Whitwam started by giving some background information about the first Board of Health, which was established April 3, 1911, in the office of the Mayor of Winston. Once the Board was organized, it established the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Health and established the Superintendent of Health position.

Ms. Stewart shared some fascinating past Board of Health newspaper articles dating back to 1947 that included such public health issues as influenza epidemic, mosquito problems, and barring snake handling in Forsyth County.

Ms. Mitchell spoke to the Board about the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration that the department is in the early stages of organizing. She welcomed and encouraged Board members to share any thoughts or ideas they may have.

Mr. Whitwam, Ms. Stewart and Ms. Mitchell gave many examples, showing how the Board of Health used its power all those years ago, as they do today, to order and enforce rules to make Forsyth County a better place to live. Board members were invited to stop by to look at some of the old minutes, articles and other Board of Health related materials the department has. This presentation was a reminder of the role the Board has played in the past, today, and will play in the future of Public Health (copy of handouts on file in the Administrative Binder). Mr. Hunter thanked Mr. Whitwam, Ms. Stewart and Ms. Mitchell for putting the presentation together.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Appointment of Nominating Committee: Dr. Petrou asked Board members for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged to nominate candidates for the office of Chairperson and the office of Vice Chairperson at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health (January 7, 2015). After a brief discussion, the following members agreed to sit on the Nominating Committee (Ms. Judy Briggs, Mr. John Davenport, and Mr. Ricky Sides). The committee will have nominations for the January 2015 Board meeting.

Adjourn:

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Mr. Seats and seconded by Dr. Charles Massler and others. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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