

# Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Dr. P. Lee Salisbury, III, DDS
- Dr. Ricky Sides, DC
- Ms. Gloria D. Whisenhunt, County Commissioner

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES June 5, 2013

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Linda Petrou, Chair  
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Ms. Judy Briggs  
Mr. John Davenport  
Dr. Calvert Jeffers  
Dr. Willard McCloud  
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko  
Mr. J. Phil Seats  
Dr. Ricky Sides

### STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter  
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero  
Ms. Sandra Clodfelter  
Ms. Quintana Stewart  
Mr. Robert Whitwam  
Ms. Lorrie Christie  
Ms. Sheila Bogan  
Ms. Elizabeth Edmonds  
Ms. Whitney Rouse

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Charles Massler  
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

### OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Mamie Murphy

### **Call to Order:**

On Wednesday, June 5, 2013, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and welcomed Board members and guests.

### **Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 1, 2013 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Willard McCloud made a motion to approve and Dr. James Doub seconded. The minutes were approved by the Board.

## **Public Comment Section:**

Board Members and staff introduced themselves.

Before proceeding with the meeting, Dr. Petrou announced that Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt had been involved in an accident earlier in the week, so she would not be at the meeting. Dr. Petrou passed around a card for everyone to sign.

## **Health Director's Comments:**

Mr. Marlon Hunter mentioned a handout in the packets from Dr. Laura Gerald, State Health Director, entitled North Carolina 2020 Update. In the update, Dr. Gerald listed out the 2020 objectives for North Carolina in priorities that they are going to work on at the State Department of Public Health from now to the year 2020. The priorities are broken down by tiers (tiers 1, 2 and 3, with 1 being the smaller counties and 3 being the larger counties). Mr. Hunter added that they will go over this and what the tiers mean in more detail when Ms. Ayo Ademoyero gives her County Health Rankings presentation tonight. He continued to say tier 1 is more rural counties and their ranks are reflective of that, given that more of the rural counties have more limited access to care. Their health outcomes can be a little worrisome and for those who have observed care in the metropolitan larger counties (copy of handout on file in the Administration Binder).

## **New Business:**

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) PH Associate** – Ms. Elizabeth (Liz) Edmonds addressed the Board about her first year at the Forsyth County Dept. of Public Health as a CDC PH Associate. She explained that the CDC PH Associate Program is a 2 year competitive fellowship through the CDC. It is a partnership between the CDC and State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Health Agencies (STLT). They are assigned to health agencies or quarantined agencies across the United States as well as tribal and territorial areas. The mission of the program is to prepare highly qualified entry level professionals through frontline state, tribal and territorial public health agencies. For her first year, Ms. Edmonds has been working with the Behealthy School Kids program but also participates in many other outreach events in the community. Lastly, Ms. Edmonds added she is enjoying it here and doing great. Dr. Petrou asked about the process of getting a PH Associate and Ms. Lynne Mitchell briefly explained the application process that is required. Ms. Mitchell added it has been a pleasure seeing Ms. Edmonds grow and develop as a professional.

## **Theme – County Health Rankings**

Lead by Ms. Ayo Ademoyero, BOH members participated in a priority setting exercise to determine which priority area the Board should focus on after the release of the 2013 County Health Rankings (CHR) results.

Prior to the ranking process (on a scale of 1 to 10), Ms. Ademoyero provided a PowerPoint presentation to briefly summarize data from 2013 CHR data and 2011 Community Health Assessment (CHA) findings. BOH members were also provided with a handout "*County Health Rankings-What Works for Health (Scientifically Supported)*" (copy of presentation and handout on file in the Administration Binder).

The following questions were posed:

- As a BOH Leader, what issue are you passionate about; what do you consider top priority?
- What proportion of FC residents are most affected or vulnerable?
- What is the severity of this issue? Impact on death, disability & quality of life.
- What is the degree of public concern and awareness?
- Are there proven interventions that exist that are feasible from a practical, economic, and political viewpoint?
- Is there any urgency to address this issue? Is it perfect timing for public awareness, collaboration and is funding available?

Findings were as follows:

- BOH members considered the following as their top priority health issues: Infant Mortality (3), Nutrition/Weight Management (2), Healthcare Access (1), Education (1), HIV Education (1) and Mental Health (1).
- They reported that a high proportion of the FC residents were affected by HIV Education (10), & Education (10), followed by those affected by Infant Mortality(8), & Mental Health(8).
- They reported that Healthcare Access (10) & HIV Education(10), were extremely severe which had an impact on mortality, morbidity, disability and quality of life; followed by Mental Health(8) & education(8).
- They reported that the public was somewhat concerned/ aware of Healthcare Access (5) & Education (5), followed by Mental Health (4).
- They stated that the following issues had several effective interventions: HIV Education (8); Infant Mortality (7) and Mental Health (6).

BOH members indicated that the following issues needed some level of attention: Education (10), Mental Health (7) and Weight Management/Nutrition (6).

### **Old Business:**

### **Committee Reports:**

None

### **Adjourn:**

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Ricky Sides and Mr. Phil Seats and seconded by Dr. Doub. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Marlon B. Hunter  
Secretary to the Board  
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