

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES May 6, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Ms. Carrie Fernald
Dr. Charles Massler
Dr. Willard McCloud
Dr. Scott Schroeder

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. J. Phil Seats
Dr. Ricky Sides
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

OTHERS PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Glenda Dancy
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Robert Whitwam
Mr. Kenneth Bowyer
Ms. Pamela Burch
Ms. Rita Cook
Ms. Ethel Evans
Ms. Linda Grier
Mr. Blake Pate
Ms. Nihya Payne
Mr. Mike Merrell
Mr. Anthony Williams
Ms. Frances Williams

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 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 5:32 p.m.

Reappointment Swearing In:

Dr. Charles Massler was reappointed by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and sworn in by Dr. Petrou to serve on the Board for a second term in the capacity of Dentist.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 1, 2015 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. John Davenport seconded. 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 today was the beginning of National Nurses Week, which ends on May 12th. He thanked the nurses for the great work they do in our communities every day.

Mr. Hunter reported he was invited by Dr. Melicia Whitt-Glover, President & CEO of Gramercy Research Group, to a Gospel Radio Show on May 12th to talk about a men's project called the Active and Healthy Brotherhood Project, focused on improving health-related behaviors to decrease chronic disease in African American males. They are collaborating together on the project and will also reach out to the faith-based community.

Mr. Hunter asked Mr. Bob Whitwam to speak about an announcement he wanted to make. Mr. Whitwam announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2015. Mr. Whitwam said it had been a privilege to serve the Board and the staff. Mr. Hunter wished Mr. Whitwam the best and said he had been a great mentor to him and thanked him for his service. Dr. Petrou told Mr. Whitwam that he had evened things out when he was the Interim Health Director and that he led by example. She added staff would call on him for advice. After much applause and a standing ovation for Mr. Whitwam, the meeting continued.

The following employees were acknowledged for their years of service and Mr. Hunter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to those staff in attendance:

40 years – Rita Cook

30 years – Linda Grier

20 years – Gail Melton, Lynne Mitchell, Blake Pate

10 years – Arlene Acevedo, Mary Ann Blackwell, Kenneth Bowyer, Pamela Burch, Patrick Daugherty, Maria Luna, James McHone, Michael Merrell, Nihya Payne, Lynn Stone, Anthony Williams

Mr. Hunter announced that the budget had been completed and turned in to the County Manager. He thanked Ms. Quintana Stewart and Ms. Marie Moukdarath for all their help with the budget.

New Business:

Ms. Ayo Ademoyero reported that the Youth Risk Behavior Surveys (YRBS) were completed last month and there were over 2,000 completed in High Schools and Middle Schools.

Annual Child Fatality Report – In Ms. Ademoyero's detailed presentation, she reported that in 2014 there were 54 infant and child deaths reviewed that occurred in 2013 (ages 0–17) by the Forsyth County Child Fatality Prevention Team (FCCFPT). Thirteen cases were reviewed by the Full Team. As per a request from County Commissioners, Ms. Ademoyero gave a breakdown of infant mortality rates among the top five Forsyth County zip codes from 2009 – 2013 (27101 = 16.4; 27106 = 11.7; 27107 = 10.5; 27105 = 10.3; 27012 = 9.9). The 2014 system issues identified by the FCCFPT are: unsafe sleeping practices and/or co-sleeping; speeding and lack of knowledge/experience in steering and over correction when driving; illegal drug use during pregnancy; lack of communication among different human services agencies; non-compliance for chronically ill patients; age appropriateness of motorized scooter than can achieve speed of 12mph; and children riding in the open-bed of pickup trucks. The recommendations made by the team are: ongoing safe sleep campaign on buses and through social media; public awareness campaign on safe motorized scooter riding practices; legislation to address children (+16 yrs) being allowed to ride in the open bed pickup trucks; heightened asthma awareness in hospitals,

schools, daycares, mental health and law enforcement; improve public awareness of negative impact of drug use during pregnancy and health outcome of newborn; steering and overcorrection should be included in the WSFCS driver's training curriculum; and effective communication among human service agencies (full copy of presentation on file in the Administrative Binder).

2015 County Health Rankings – Ms. Ademoyero explained that health rankings are a standard measure of the overall health of each county in every state across the United States; how well each county is doing in 29 factors that influences health; health rankings show us where we live matters to our health; they motivate community leaders and citizens to work together in new and creative ways to build a culture of health; and are the starting point for mobilizing community action toward health improvement. Ms. Ademoyero reported that for health factors, Forsyth County ranked 27th this year. Ms. Ademoyero showed a detailed charts and graphs comparing health outcome rankings among some of the larger North Carolina urban/populated counties (Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Mecklenburg and Wake). A scatter plot was shown, comparing health outcome versus social and economic factors by county rankings. Ms. Ademoyero talked about moving forward with action and what it takes to build a foundation of road maps and shared some examples of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize winners around the United States. Ms. Ademoyero summarized her report with where we live matters to our health; there are great disparities in health based on where we live; health is more than health care – many factors contribute to health; we are all in this together – it takes all of us working together to improve the health of a community. To find data and practical help, go to the following: www.countyhealthrankings.org (full copy of presentation on file in the Administrative Binder).

Mr. Hunter announced that the department's Community Health Assessment (CHA) is due on July 31, 2015. He would like to take the Collective Impact approach (Cradle to Career) this time. Mr. Hunter would like to engage the entire community adding that Forsyth County ranks last to all the bigger counties. Infant mortality has been selected as the trial project for the Health Department and hopefully as we go through the process Board of Health members will get engaged. Mr. Hunter mentioned that we could possibly do a play about infant mortality with the School of the Arts. Dr. Petrou asked if there would be meetings and Mr. Hunter responded there will be a series of meetings with the community and Board of Health members will be invited.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Adjourn:

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Ms. Judy Briggs and seconded by Dr. Doub. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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