

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES August 6, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Judy Briggs
Dr. Scott Schroeder

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Dulan Galloway, PTRC
Ms. Leah Mwaniki, Student

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Glenda Dancy
Ms. Yalonda Miller
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Bob Whitwam
Dr. Laura Bachmann
Ms. Ethel Evans
Ms. Charlotte Haywood
Ms. Keena Moore
Ms. Jennifer Nall
Ms. Carrie Worsley

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 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.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 4, 2014 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 Mr. J. Phil Seats and Dr. James Doub seconded. The rest of the members agreed and the minutes were approved by the Board.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

New Business:

Health Director's Annual Report - Mr. Marlon Hunter presented his annual report to the board. He recognized the work of Ms. Ayo Ademoyero on the Risk Behavioral Survey each year and added she will be presenting that report sometime in August to the Board of Education. Mr. Hunter spoke briefly about his work plan for the next year, which will include working on our webpage; completing the electronic medical records; continue working on quality improvements; looking closely at our human resources processes and DHHP State Personnel Act; and maintaining our accreditation standards.

Mr. Hunter highlighted accomplishments from each of the three Service Divisions (Internal Health Services, Community Health Services and Personal Health Services). He thanked Ms. Quintana Stewart for her hard work since becoming Internal Health Services Administrator, pointing out some of the many quality improvements that have taken place in her division such as the reduction in encounter error rates to 1% in Medical Records, passed the State review of the Forsyth County Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan and receiving re-accreditation. Mr. Hunter thanked Mr. Bob Whitwam for all his work with dental, Environmental Health for their help in working through the Legionnaires Disease issues and with dealing with the lead issues at the School of Arts. Ms. Lynne Mitchell was acknowledged and thanked for all her work with the Nursing reorganization and the reclassification of positions, noting what a big job it was. Mr. Hunter acknowledged all of the challenges and issues his Administrators had to work through over the past year and said how much he appreciates all the staff and how hard they work. Lastly, Mr. Hunter thanked Ms. Lorrie Christie for all her hard work (copy of handout detailing complete list of accomplishments on file in the Administrative Binder).

Communicable Diseases – Dr. Laura Bachmann, Professor of Medicine at Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Medical Director, Forsyth County Department of Public Health gave a very informative presentation about public health and its approach to interventions in regards to infectious diseases. Dr. Bachmann stated that the public health approach is a cycle that is repeated over and over again and this is how we come up with strategies to address public health issues. She added one of their major successes is the surveillance system where they are able to track diseases such as gonorrhea, which she believes is currently number two on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) threat list. A few of the ten most successful public health interventions in the United States, between 2001-2010 that Dr. Bachmann listed included vaccine preventable diseases, tobacco control, maternal and infant health, childhood lead poisoning prevention and public health preparedness and response.

Dr. Bachmann spoke briefly about interventions with behavioral components stating that before, interventions were guided by educational messages but they realize now it is more complicated and the scientific literature has become more tailored to the patient and what is going on in their lives – she added this has been found to be more effective. She added the key aspects of interventions that have been studied are backed by behavioral theory, used an evidence-based approach, they are tailored and targeted to the population and then they evaluate interventions to see if they are effective. Dr. Bachmann touched on the different intervention levels and showed what a sexual contact network looks like and noted that they do have to prioritize based on the subpopulation targets. Examples Dr. Bachmann used to demonstrate the steps used in the intervention approach were HIV and gonorrhea. She noted the following website to find out more information/data on effective prevention interventions - adding the interventions are very

targeted: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/prevention/research/compendium/rr/index.html>. Dr. Bachmann reiterated that public health interventions work best when they are guided by data that is specific to the target group, backed by behavioral change theory, tailored to the target population and are evaluated (copy of complete slide presentation on file in the Administrative Binder). When asked by a Board member, if once an individual has been infected by HIV, can they be re-infected, Dr. Bachmann said it was an excellent question and that the jury is still out on that. She explained that as our technology gets better, because it is so hard to detect it and sometimes individuals may have multiple strains – they do not know how common it is for someone to get re-infected but it has been documented. Dr. Bachmann concluded her presentation and thanked the Board for having her.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Adjourn:

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Ricky Sides and seconded by Dr. Doub and Dr. Charles Massler. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.



Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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