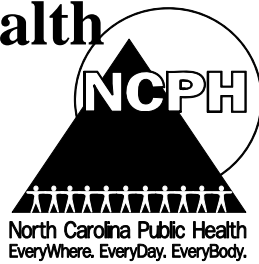


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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES May 5, 2010

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STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Ayotunde Ademoyero
Ms. Mary Anne Blackwell
Dr. Javier Lazaro
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Robert Whitwam

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Beaufort Bailey

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, May 5, 2010, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Dr. Linda Petrou, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 7, 2010, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written, seconded, and approved.

Dr. Petrou introduced Lorrie Christie, the new Administrative Assistant.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No Requests to speak

Old Business

Enforcement of Restaurant Smoking Regulations:

Mr. Robert Whitwam gave an update on the NC Smoke Free Restaurant and Bar Law complaints issue. He reported that a total of 56 complaints against 26 establishments were lodged since January 2, 2010. Four of these complaints were lodged against four different establishments in April 2010. He stated that staff continue to follow protocol for dealing with the violators by providing first and second notices of violation and with a third notice resulting in administrative penalties of up to \$200 per day. Mr. Whitwam said that there were no additional complaints on the facility that was fined in March (University Parkway and Jonestown Road). Dr. Doub asked if they had paid their fines and Mr. Whitwam stated that they had not paid the fines. It was noted by Mr. Whitwam that no complaints had been reported for week 17.

Dr. Petrou asked Mr. Whitwam to go through the issue with the ballpark. She felt it was handled great. In the course of planning, some things changed and the changes had to be reviewed. A site visit showed there was a plan to sell hotdogs from mobile push carts. The health department received applications for the push carts the Monday before opening day which was on Tuesday. On Tuesday morning, environmental health staff determined that the push carts did not meet requirements. The team brought in locals and permitted push carts to sell hotdogs in addition to the permanent permitted food stands on site. The manufacturer of the push carts has made application to the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) to have the construction of the push carts reviewed and certified so that they can be approved. Five permanent hotdog stands were permitted at the ball field the previous week. The push carts were the issue, not the permanent stands. Dr. Petrou, reiterated that she thought staff handled the situation very well...good solution, good job!

There was also an issue with the refrigerators in the permanent stands. The refrigerators do not appear to meet NSF Standards although they did bear the NSF Mark. The permanent stands were permitted by environmental health staff the previous week and since the construction of some refrigeration units were in question, a formal request for investigation was requested from NSF to determine if the refrigerators in question are in compliance with NSF standards. If NSF determines that the refrigeration units do not comply, NSF will initiate corrective action. If the refrigerators don't meet the standards, the manufacturer will have to have the equipment repaired or replaced.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic Report:

Lynne Mitchell reported that the rabies clinic went amazingly well. The clinic started at 11:00 am and went until 3:00 pm. A total of 917 were vaccinated, compared to 759 in the fall of 2008. She stated that they tried to cut back on advertising but felt that the newspaper was most effective. Several people commented, however, that they were informed about the clinic by other means. She said there were a lot of volunteers and staff on hand to assist with the clinic.

Komen Race & Cycling Sunday Report:

Ms. Mitchell reported on the Komen Race. There were 36 people on her team. At this year's race it was reported that over 10,000 – 11,000 people participated including racers and volunteers. The Health Department raised a total of \$670 for breast cancer research.

The Cycling event on Sunday in downtown W-S got great media coverage. She stated that it could have used more volunteers. People were upset that they could not take their cars to where they were going to be. Ms. Vera Robinson expressed how well she thought the event went. She thought it would have been nice to have lots of professional bikers. Ms. Mitchell said the event would be held again in the fall. Dr. Petrou asked about the possibility of having bikes available at the event to rent. It was doubtful that would be done because of cost factors.

New Business

Health Director's Annual Report and Work Plan:

Dr. Monroe made his annual presentation of the previous year Annual Report and Activity List, and Work Plan for the coming year. Copies of these three documents are included as a part of these minutes. His report also included discussion of the three focus areas below which had not been anticipated at the time of last year's report.

(1) Dr. Monroe reported that the appearance of the Novel H1N1 Influenza virus strain was around the time of the last report. Management and staff were under tremendous demands because of the result of an early fall outbreak and the relative vaccine delays. Through the involvement of statewide conference calls, internal planning meetings, community based planning meetings, press conferences and news releases; the Department was able to hold 6 day-long mass vaccination events that resulted in administering 9,045 doses of seasonal flu vaccine and 14,656 doses of H1N1 vaccine. There were 8,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine distributed to other community providers.

(2) The syphilis outbreak was handled by the Department by conducting a RIOT event over a three day period (including a weekend) to improve testing and raise awareness. We are working to improve the efficiency of the STD clinic and enhancing responsiveness to high-risk individuals. This year we have secured additional resources that have allowed us to create and activate a mobile testing unit for the community.

(3) Dr. Monroe reported that the Department released the results of the National County Health Rankings report. Forsyth County is currently number two in the State. The Department was required to report the results to the press and various community groups. Also data and results were released and disseminated from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

Governor's Budget and Dental Services:

Dr. Monroe reported that Governor's 2010-2011 budget has a line item eliminating Medicaid reimbursement for non-emergency adult dental services and represents a potential threat to the Cleveland Avenue Dental Clinic. In order to keep this from taking place, Senior Management staff and Dental staff will combine efforts with the Board, the Commissioners and the Local Legislative Delegation to have State Representatives understand the importance of Medicaid dollars for oral health care. A complete reassessment of the fiscal viability of the clinic will have to occur if the elimination of Medicaid reimbursement for adult dental services does happen. Dr. Monroe stated that we depend on this important revenue stream.

Appointment of Health Director Evaluation Committee:

Dr. Petrou, asked if there were any volunteers and Dr. Lee Salisbury, Dr. Hudspeth and Dr. Doub volunteered.

Discussion of a Possible Summer Retreat:

Dr. Monroe and the Board discussed some possible educational or training topics for a summer retreat. The list included: Viewing of “Unnatural Causes”; and a review and assessment of the Public Health Improvement Plan. During the discussion, it was agreed that the Board of Health would not meet in July. The committee decided to have a ½ day Saturday meeting/retreat in August, exact date and location to be determined. The Board members are to get back to Dr. Monroe with their availability for ½ day in August. It was noted that the “Unnatural Causes” DVD could be watched at the retreat or in a series of viewings as part of the monthly meeting agendas.

Other Business:

At the County Commissioner’s Meeting the following Monday night, it is anticipated that a replacement will be appointed to fill the seat being vacated by Board Member Ms. Vera Robinson. Dr. Petrou is up for consideration for reappointment and she announced that she will be reapplying.

Ms. Nancy Hardie introduced her new Pharmacy student, Sagar Naik. Sagar attends Wingate University in Monroe, N.C.

At the June meeting, there will be a reception to recognize Vera Robinson’s service on the Board.

Lynne Mitchell announced she will be away for 3 weeks on vacation.

Dr. Petrou will be away from May 23rd to June 1st .

Committee Reports:

None

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. By majority vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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