

**CLEVELAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MAY 12, 2009**

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NORTH CAROLINA**

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The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Country Club.

Board members present: Michael Alexander, Bill Marsh, Robert Miller, Robert Blackburn, Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, Jack Hunt, Dino Nicopoulos and Steve Rackley.

Health Department staff present: Denese Stallings, Rodella Gold, Jimmy Hines, Dorothea Wyant, Vonn McGee, Sam Lockridge, Marty Allen, Nancy Gamble and Debbie Dyer.

Bob Yelton, County Attorney, was present. Danny Gordon, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Wayne Sullivan with Municipal Engineering; and Dr. Bruce Boyles, Superintendent of Cleveland County Schools were also present.

Donna Huey-Brooks with Cleveland Headline News and Olivia Neely, reporter with the Shelby Star were present.

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**

Vice-Chair Blackburn called the meeting to order, recognized guests and welcomed everyone attending. Robert Miller gave the invocation.

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

No citizens registered to appear before the Board.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2009 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:**

**There being no corrections, additions, nor deletions to the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Board of Health meeting, motion was made by Robert Miller, with a second by Steve Rackley, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS DRUG USE SURVEY**

Jimmy Hines presented the Cleveland County Schools Drug Use Survey Report. A history of the implementation of the survey was given. Dr. Bruce Boyles, Superintendent of Cleveland County Schools and Chief Deputy Danny Gordon, of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, were recognized for their support of the survey. The Sheriff's Department provides funding to conduct the survey and was thanked for their support. Dr. Boyles was thanked for the schools participation and support. Vonn McGee, Community Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention (CODAP) Services Coordinator and Supervisor, was recognized and thanked for her work in teaching within the schools classrooms.

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Mr. Hines stated that the survey was conducted in the Cleveland County School System, but the problem of adolescents using and abusing alcohol, tobacco and drugs is not a school system problem, but is a community issue. Public health models that use education and policy are effective in reducing use. Data from the report was shared in a powerpoint presentation. The Executive Summary of the survey was included in the Board of Health packet and was discussed by Mr. Hines. A standard report will be released to the public by way of the media.

Mr. Hines stated that the survey shows that gateway drug use in Cleveland County decreased from 2006 to 2009. This is a community issue and the decrease is due to the combined efforts of local law enforcement, involvement of parents, and education provided by the Cleveland County School System and the Cleveland County Health Department. Public health has demonstrated a good model of public health programs that result in good outcomes and the Cleveland County Health Department will continue to support the programs. Goals will be set and work will be done collaboratively with the Alliance for Health (Healthy Carolinians Coalition) and the United Way of Cleveland County. Further information was shared about the programs and funding that is being reduced.

Dr. Boyles stated that the Cleveland County School System appreciates the opportunity to conduct the survey, which provides data that shows the scope of the problems with tobacco, alcohol and drug use. The problem does not originate in the schools. He is encouraged to see the trend of use declining, but is concerned anytime one young person is using. He hopes the school system will be able to continue work with the health department, law enforcement and citizens. There is a growing support of parents regarding this issue.

Chief Deputy Gordon stated the Sheriff's Department appreciated the opportunity to partner with the health department by providing the funds. He looks forward to continuing the partnership as long as funding continues.

Denese Stallings stated that CODAP became part of the Cleveland County Health Department nine years ago, which has been a great fit. She, along with other State Program Directors, have been looking at the possibility of developing a pilot substance abuse prevention program using the public health model. She stated it was important that Cleveland County have a model to be able to obtain future funding for prevention programs. Dr. Jeff Engel, State Health Director, will be visiting Cleveland County Health Department in June and will attend the June Board of Health meeting. He will be looking at the CODAP Program within the Cleveland County Health Department. Ms. Stallings thanked Dr. Boyles, Chief Deputy Gordon, Jimmy Hines and the CODAP Program Staff for their work in tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

Information and discussion was held regarding a slight increase in the self-reported use of the prescription drug oxycontin in the survey. Denese Stallings stated that the health department has been meeting with emergency department physicians, State Bureau of Investigation, local law enforcement and other community representatives about Pharm Parties and other prescription drug abuse. Further discussion was held.

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Jimmy Hines stated that the full standard report and the summary will be placed on the Cleveland County Health Department internet website for the community to access.

**PUBLIC MEETING/THREE YEAR UPDATE TO THE TEN YEAR SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Vice-Chair Blackburn opened the public meeting for the Three Year Update to the Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan. No citizens were present.

Sam Lockridge stated that an announcement regarding the meeting and review of the plan was published in the local newspaper. One response to view the plan was requested. Mr. Lockridge introduced Wayne Sullivan with Municipal Engineering, which provided the design work for the new and old landfills. The State requires that the Ten Year Solid Waste Plan be reviewed and updated every three years.

The Cleveland County Solid Waste Advisory Board met on March 24, 2009 and discussed the current plan, goals that have been met and new requirements. All Cleveland County Municipalities were invited to the meeting and given the opportunity to provide input into the plan. The draft plan that was included in the Board packet has been updated with data collected over the last couple of years. Municipalities have been asked for information to include in the plan, which will be presented to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners for consideration of adoption.

New requirements by the State include new items that will be banned from the landfill, effective October 9, 2009. These items include: rigid plastic containers (numbered 1-7), wood pallets, used motor oil filters, oyster shells, and a mass mortality of dead animals in the event of a disaster. Televisions and computers will not be allowed in landfills beginning January 2012. A plan on how these items will be disposed of will be included in the Three Year Update Plan.

The State requires local counties to develop a voluntary program to dispose of abandoned manufactured mobile homes. The county can dispose of an abandoned mobile home and receive funds from the State for the costs. The Solid Waste Program will be working with the County Planning Program to implement the program. Additional information regarding this will be shared with the Board at another meeting.

Highlights of the draft plan were identified. Services and facilities are identified in the plan, along with waste reduction goals and ways to meet the goals.

Other Solid Waste Management Programs included in the Three Year Update were identified and information provided.

The Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

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**Motion: Robert Miller moved that the Cleveland County Three Year Update to the Ten Year Solid Waste Plan be accepted by the Cleveland County Board of Health and be sent to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners for consideration of adoption. Motion was seconded by Bill Marsh and passed unanimously.**

**SWINE FLU UPDATE**

Dorothea Wyant provided an update regarding the Swine Flu epidemic, which has now been reclassified as the H1N1 Flu. Information about the flu was sent to Cleveland County physicians, pharmacists, day cares and the school system by blast fax. Press releases were sent to the local media. Daily informational briefings have been held with the State by teleconference calls. North Carolina local health departments were designated by the State to screen specimens to be sent to the State Laboratory for identification. Data of H1N1 Flu cases nationwide and statewide was provided. Further discussion was held.

**PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN/LETTER TO LEGISLATORS**

Denese Stallings provided information about a Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP), which is a provision that has been added to the State Appropriations Bill. The Senate passed the Bill and it is now in the House awaiting a vote. She recommended that the Board go on record opposing the provision for the following reasons: there was no input from local Boards of Health or Health Departments; it includes streamline funding and no one will say how the funding will be redistributed; and it proposes restructuring of local public health departments (regionalization). The provision also includes the pulling of funding for Accreditation for local health departments. Further information was shared and discussion was held.

Ms. Stallings has talked to the Lieutenant Governor's Office and the Cleveland County Legislative Delegation and has received a good response. The North Carolina Local Health Directors' Association has gone on record opposing the Public Health Improvement Plan.

Vice-Chair Blackburn stated that the Association of N.C. Boards of Health is opposed to the PHIP and the cut in funding for Accreditation. The National Association of Local Boards of Health has written a letter stating their position of opposition. He stated that it is important to know that North Carolina already has a Public Health Improvement Plan that was developed by a committee that included eleven N.C. Legislators. Further information was shared. He stated that if passed, PHIP would be a step backwards for public health. The N.C. Healthy Carolinians Association is opposed to the Bill and the hold on Accreditation. He stated that phone calls or emails to our local Legislators to stop the passage were important.

A draft letter stating opposition to the Public Health Improvement Plan was presented for the Board of Health's consideration to send to local Legislators.

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**Motion: Motion was made by Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, with a second by Bill Marsh, that the Cleveland County Board of Health oppose the Public Health Improvement Plan by sending the letter, as presented, to Cleveland County Legislators. Motion passed unanimously.**

**UPDATE ON TDAP/RABIES CLINIC**

Sam Lockridge provided information about the drive-thru rabies clinic held at the Cleveland County Health Department on May 2, 2009. A report providing statistics and other information was included in the Board of Health packet. Eighty two percent (82%) of animals vaccinated at the community-wide rabies clinics received first time vaccinations. Boosters, which are three year vaccinations, were administered to 18% of the animals at these clinics. The 2009-2010 FY Budget contains funding to provide free rabies vaccinations for 4,000 animals. Spay-neuter information was provided to citizens during the clinic.

Dorothea Wyant discussed information contained in the report regarding TDAP vaccinations that were given at the drive-thru clinic on May 2, 2009 in conjunction with the rabies clinic. Data was provided in a report that was distributed to the Board of Health in their Board meeting packet. A correction was noted to the report – 263 T-dap vaccinations were given (not 242). Further information was provided about education that was given to the public at the drive-thru clinic about the need for the vaccination.

Mr. Lockridge thanked Chief Deputy Gordon for providing an officer to direct traffic. He also thanked Cindy Pruett, Solid Waste Enforcement Officer; Animal Control Staff and Health Department clerks and nurses for their hard work in making the clinic a success. Ronnie Hawkins also helped and was thanked. Jimmy Hines was thanked for his work regarding advertising of the clinics.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Rodella Gold presented the following budget amendment for consideration of approval:

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Women's and Children's Health Section has allocated \$43,240 to the Cleveland County Health Department, WIC Program (Dept 540). Of this amount, \$5,740 is one-time funding to prepare for the implementation of a new food package that will be implemented October 1, 2009. This amount must be spent by September 30, 2009. A request was made to budget the \$5,740 for the purchase of educational materials, three televisions for the waiting areas and advertising. The remainder of the allocation, \$37,500 has been determined based upon an increase in caseload and an increase of \$1 per month for each participant. The caseload for WIC has increased from 2,609 in July 2008 to 2,870 for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. A request was made to budget this amount for operating expenses and to establish a new Processing Assistant III position effective July 1, 2009. The increase in caseload has created a strain on the current staff to meet workload demands.

**Motion: Robert Miller moved, with a second by Dino Nicopoulos, that the Board of Health approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Robert Blackburn reported the following:**

**The Senate passed House Bill 2, Restricting Smoking in Restaurants and Bars, with some provisions and goes onto the House for their vote. Dr. Blackburn provided further information.**

**N.C. Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton has appointed Denese Stallings to the N.C. Public Health Study Commission, which is a major appointment.**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Blackburn adjourned the Cleveland County Board of Health meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Denese R. Stallings, Secretary  
Cleveland County Board of Health