

**CLEVELAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

**SHELBY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Country Club.

Board members present: Joel Spragins, Michael Alexander, Robert Miller, Robert Blackburn, Libby Shipley, Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, Steve Rackley, Bill Marsh and Jack Hunt

Health Department staff present: Denese Stallings, Rodella Gold, Jimmy Hines, Dorothea Wyant, Sam Lockridge, Marty Allen, Nancy Gamble and Charlene Parker

Bob Yelton, representing the County Attorney, was present. Other attendees were Dr. Ben Ousley and Danielle Anzelone, reporter with Cleveland Headline News.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair Spragins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Bill Marsh gave the invocation. Dr. Ben Ousley was recognized.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

No citizens registered to appear before the Board.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:

The September 8, 2009 Board of Health meeting minutes were presented. A correction under Budget Amendments - Item Number One was noted. The dollar amount should be \$10,000 instead of \$20,000.

Motion was made by Robert Miller, with a second by Bill Marsh, that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

CLEVELAND COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Sam Lockridge stated that the Board of Health packet contains a copy of Senate Bill 467, which will go into effect January 1, 2010. The proposed Cleveland County Animal Control Ordinance Amendment is to make the County Ordinance in compliant with the State Law.

Changes to the State Law and the proposed animal control amendment, to be effective January 1, 2010, were identified as: 1) Hold animals for a minimum of 72 hours. The current animal control ordinance requires animals to be held 5 work days; 2) Require all animals to be adoptable. However, three disqualifications apply – injured, with defects of health, or temperament; 3) Shelter hours adjusted to be open to the public to view four hours a day, three days a week. The amendment states shelter hours will be open Monday and Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bob Yelton, County Attorney, stated that the purpose of the Cleveland County Animal Control Ordinance amendment is to allow the County to comply N.C. General Statute 130A-192.

Motion: Robert Blackburn moved, with a second by Robert Miller, that the Cleveland County Board of Health approve the amendment to the Cleveland County Animal Control Ordinance, as presented, to be effective January 1, 2010, and send to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners for their consideration of adoption. Motion passed unanimously.

CLEVELAND COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADOPTION CONTRACT

Sam Lockridge presented a proposed Cleveland County Animal Control Adoption Contract. North Carolina General Statute 130A-192, effective January 1, 2010, requires that all animals impounded at the animal shelter shall be made available for adoption, except in cases which the animal is found to be unadoptable due to injury, or defects of health, or temperament. The Board packet contains a copy of the proposed contract

Due to the concern of rabies, that is being experienced in Cleveland County, the County wants to comply with the State law, but be very clear about the risks of exposure to rabies. The proposed Adoption Contract contains a RABIES/DISEASE NOTICE that identifies the risks associated when adopting an animal from the shelter.

Mr. Lockridge stated that the proposed Adoption Contract contains expectations of responsibilities of animal owners and adoption specifications. He stated that the most important piece of the adoption contract is the choice of options that the public has for adoption. The options were identified and discussion was held.

Denese Stallings stated that she shared the proposed Animal Control Adoption Contract with Dr. Dino Nicopoulos prior to the meeting and he indicated to Ms. Stallings that he was fine with the proposed contract.

Discussion was held regarding the wording "shall" and "must". Following discussion and clarification by the county attorney, it was decided that the wording "must" in the proposed Animal Control Adoption Contract be changed to "shall".

Motion: Robert Miller moved that the Cleveland County Animal Control Adoption Contract be adopted as presented, with wording change of "must" to "shall" as discussed. Motion was seconded by Michael Alexander and passed unanimously.

2008/2009 ANNUAL CLEVELAND COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Sam Lockridge presented information contained in the 2008/2009 Annual Cleveland County Animal Control Report. Yearly numbers and other statistics were reviewed. There were ten (10) confirmed cases of rabies in Cleveland County during the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Collection of civil citations fees is expected to improve in the future, due to the work of the County Attorney's office in establishing a procedure to take unpaid citations to civil court.

**2008/2009 ANNUAL CLEVELAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE REPORT/HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY REPORT**

Sam Lockridge presented information contained in the 2008/2009 Annual Cleveland County Solid Waste Report. The Cleveland County Landfill operates under two separate enterprise funds: one supports the landfill operation and the second fund supports the recycling centers.

Information was provided regarding the plastic bottle ban from the landfill. There was confusion about the picture that was published with the article in The Star. Plastic bottles to be recycled are bottles with a neck or mouth of the container that is smaller than the base (numbered 1-7).

Various materials recycled and revenue generated was reviewed. Cleveland County waste haulers and tonnage of waste collected was reviewed. The tonnage of waste stream decreased in 2008/2009 due to the downturn in the economy.

The new landfill opened October 1st, 2009. The old landfill will close December 31, 2009 and capping will begin. The other landfill will continue to be used for construction, demolition and fiberglass materials.

The Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day was held on May 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Cleveland County Health Department parking lot in an effort to reduce toxic materials of waste going into the landfill. Information from the report was shared. Most of the material collected is paint.

GLAXOSMITHKLINE CHILD HEALTH RECOGNITION AWARD

Dorothea Wyant stated that the Cleveland County Health Department was presented the Annual GlaxoSmithKline Child Health Recognition Award in the Local Health Department category for childhood disease prevention. The Health Department was nominated for their team effort of providing flu vaccinations and rabies vaccinations at drive-thru clinics at various sites throughout the County. Jimmy Hines was recognized for his work in promoting the drive through vaccination clinic, which was titled "Make It A Family Affair". The Shelby Shopper won an advertising award for their ad of the clinic. One thousand rabies vaccinations and 265 T-Dap vaccinations were given at the clinic on May 5, 2009. A \$5,000 monetary grant was given to the Health Department as a part of the award.

Sam Lockridge stated that 767 animals were vaccinated at a drive-thru rabies clinic at Burns High School this past Saturday, October 10, 2009. Two hundred (200) seasonal flu vaccinations were also given at this clinic.

2010 BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Denese Stallings stated that the terms of Bill Marsh, Pharmacist Representative; Robert Miller, Citizen Representative; and Steve Rackley, Professional Engineer Representative expire December 31, 2009. These representatives are eligible for reappointment for another 3 year term and have expressed a desire to continue service on the Board of Health.

The term of Joel Spragins, Physician Representative and present Board Chair, expires December 31, 2009 and is not eligible for reappointment.

Chair Spragins stated that Dr. Charles Hayek, a pediatrician with Shelby Children's Clinic in Shelby, has expressed a desire to serve on the Board of Health.

The term of C.V. "Dino" Nicopoulos, Veterinarian Representative, expires December 31, 2009. Dr. Nicopoulos as indicated that he did not want to be considered for reappointment.

Theresa Taylor, D.V.M., has expressed a desire to serve on the Board of Health. Dr. Taylor resides in Cleveland County and practices veterinary medicine in Cherryville, along with her husband. Dr. Taylor has participated in the Cleveland County Rabies Clinics in the past year and also inspects the Cleveland County Animal Shelter.

Motion: Robert Blackburn moved that the Board of Health make a recommendation to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners to consider reappointment of Bill Marsh, Pharmacist Representative; Robert Miller, Citizen Representative; and Steve Rackley, Professional Engineer Representative; and the appointment of Charles Hayek, M.D., Physician Representative and Theresa Taylor, D.V.M, Veterinarian Representative, to the Cleveland County Board of Health for the term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Motion was seconded by Libby Shipley and passed unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Item Number One: The Cleveland County Health Department received notification from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Women's and Children's Health/Immunization Branch, that \$7,000 has been allocated to Cleveland County for funds for Improving Immunization Capacity. This one-time funding that must be spent by December 31, 2009 is designated for equipment which will increase immunization coverage rates and the capacity to handle vaccine. A request was made to budget this amount in the General Department (530) to buy a generator (for the Bioterrorism trailer) and laptop computers with accessories to be used during offsite vaccination clinics.

Item Number Two: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Chronic Disease & Injury Tobacco Prevention and Control branch, has allocated \$2,360 to the Cleveland County Health Department to promote the new Smoke-free Restaurant and Bar Law. A request was made to budget these funds in the Health Promotion Department (535) to purchase materials for educating the public about the new law and publicize the new NC Quitline. The Smoke-free Restaurant and Bar Law will become effective January 1, 2010.

Item Number Three: The Cleveland County Animal Shelter received a \$300 donation from Union County for euthanasia training that was provided by our staff. A request was made to budget this donation into the Rabies Control Department (542) to support the operating expense of the Animal Shelter. Further information was shared by Sam Lockridge.

Item Number Four: The Cleveland County Health Department was awarded the 2009 GlaxoSmithKline Child Health Recognition Award at the annual North Carolina Public Health Association Conference. This award was presented to recognize the initiative between the Cleveland County Health Department and Cleveland County Animal Shelter to give T-Dap and rabies vaccinations at a drive-thru clinic. A monetary award of \$5,000 was given and must be used to support special projects, staff development and education materials. A request was made to budget this award money in the Adult Health Department (533) to purchase additional vaccines.

Item Number Five: The contract between Pathways and the Cleveland County Health Department for Substance Abuse activities has been increase from \$50,000 to \$55,000. A request was made to budget \$5,000 in the CODAP Department (548) for educational materials and meals for the Substance Abuse Coalition monthly meetings.

Item Number Six: The Cleveland County Health Department has been allocated \$14,132 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Women's Health Branch in Out-of-Wedlock Birth funds. A request was made to budget the funds in the Family Planning Department (539) for the purchase of birth control supplies.

Item Number Seven: The Cleveland County Health Department has been awarded \$8,696 for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Eat Smart Move More Community Health Grant Program. The purpose of the grant is to increase physical activity in the City of Kings Mountain and at West Elementary School. This funding will be used to purchase signage to designate walking routes and maps/educational materials. In order to facilitate this process, we would like to contract with the Cleveland County Alliance for Health to coordinate these activities. A request was made to budget this amount in the Health Promotion Department (535) contract services line item. Further information was shared by Jimmy Hines.

Item Number Eight: Notification has been received from the Cleveland County Partnership for Children of decreases in Smart Start budget allocations for Health Department activities.

The approved Smart Start Access to Health Care grant has been decreased from \$71,431 to \$64,718, a decrease of \$6,713. In the approved 2009/2010 Fiscal Year budget, the projected Smart Start funds were \$72,056. Therefore, the total decrease will be \$7,338. We have not filled a vacant Processing Assistant III position because of anticipated cuts. This decrease can be absorbed from lapsed salaries/fringe.

The approved Smart Start Access to Dental Services grant has been decreased from \$47,586 to \$40,486, a decrease of \$7,100. This decrease was budgeted for dental supplies.

The approved Smart Start Child Care Health Consultant grant has been decreased from \$35,290 to \$8,000 and the activity eliminated. The local Partnership has chosen to eliminate funding for this activity because it has no direct impact on required performance based incentive standards for Smart Start. The \$8,000 covers activities during July thru September, 2009. The Smart Start funds support a Public Health Nurse II position and operating expenses for the program. Local dollars and funds from the University of N.C. Connecting the Dots Program also support these activities. In the approved 2009/ 2010 Fiscal Year budget, the projected Smart Start funds were \$48,790; therefore, the total decrease in the County budget for Child Care activities will be \$40,790 (See Item Number Nine for funding available to offset this decrease.)

A request was made to decrease the Smart Start Budget (516) as addressed above.

Item Number Nine: The Cleveland County Health Department has been allocated \$95,303 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in General Aid-to-Counties funds. A request was made to budget this amount in the General Department (530) for Child Care Health Consultant activities and contracted services.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

N.C. Association of Local Board of Health Report

Robert Blackburn presented information about the Task Force on Obesity. Information was shared regarding the Eat Smart Move More Coalition and nutrition. The Association of North Carolina Public Health received a 95% return of N.C. Health Department dues, which is appreciated. Information was shared about the annual N.C. Healthy Carolinians Conference.

Recycling

Discussion was held regarding encouraging the community to recycle and the costs associated. The Ten Year Solid Waste Plan contains an incentive for municipalities to provide recycling service.

Sixth Annual Minority Health Conference

Robert Miller invited the Board of Health and others attending the Board meeting to the Sixth Annual Minority Health Conference on September 12, 2009 at Cleveland Community College, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. This year's conference emphasizes teen pregnancy and ethnic disparity. Further information was shared.

Annual Paul Sarazen Forum

The Annual Paul Sarazen Forum will be held on October 27, 2009 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, T.R. Harris Conference Room at 12:00 noon. Board members were invited to attend. This forum will also address teenage pregnancy.

ADJOURN

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Denese R. Stallings, Secretary
Cleveland County Board of Health