

**CLEVELAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

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NORTH CAROLINA**

The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, November 10, 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, Jack Hunt, and Ronnie Hawkins

Health Department staff present: Denese Stallings, Rodella Gold, Jimmy Hines, Dorothea Wyant, Sam Lockridge, Marty Allen, Amanda Bouttamy, Kim Crane, Debbie Dyer and Charlene Parker

Bob Yelton, County Attorney, was also present.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair Spragins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Robert Blackburn gave the invocation.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

No citizens registered to appear before the Board.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 13, 2009 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:

The October 13, 2009 Cleveland County Board of Health meeting minutes were presented for the Board's approval.

Motion was made by Robert Blackburn, with a second by Robert Miller, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF HEALTH POLICIES REVIEW/APPROVAL

Dorothea Wyant stated that twelve Board of Health policies were included in the Board packet for review and approval. No revisions have been made to the policies.

Motion: Bill Marsh moved that the Board of Health policies be approved as presented. Motion was seconded by Michael Alexander and passed unanimously.

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Amanda Bouttamy, Nurse-Family Partnership Program Nurse Supervisor, provided an update on the Nurse-Family Partnership Program since its implementation in March 2009. The program serves first-time mothers who are enrolled in the program during pregnancy and are followed until the child is two years of age. The program is evidence based, with 30 years of research that shows success.

Program goals were shared. Cleveland County has had 175 referrals to the program. From that number, 87 clients have been enrolled in the program. At the present time, the program has 75 participants. Further information was shared.

Ms. Bouttamy shared information regarding the mental health component of the program and mental health issues of the clients in the local program. The National Nurse-Family Partnership Service Office has chosen the Cleveland County Nurse-Family Partnership Program mental health component as a focus on the national program. Further discussion was held.

Denese Stallings stated that the Health Department was excited about this program because of the 30 years of scientific research that validates the success of the program.

Information was provided about North Carolina expansion, the possibility of expanding locally into a region and local expansion needs.

2010 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE

Denese Stallings stated that the proposed Board of Health meeting schedule for 2010 was included in the Board packet. Discussion was held regarding the Board meeting time.

A change has been made to the 2009 Board of Health meeting schedule. The 2009 Board of Health Christmas Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, December 9th (instead of the 8th) at 8:15 a.m.

Motion: Michael Alexander moved, with a second by Robert Miller, that the Board of Health adopt the 2010 Board of Health meeting schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Item Number One: The Cleveland County Health Department has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for Enhancing Local Asthma Efforts. The purpose of this grant is to increase awareness of asthma interventions throughout this region by providing training to childcare providers, school personnel and senior centers. A request was made to budget \$13,000 in this fiscal year and \$2,000 in next fiscal year in Department 537 to contract with the Cleveland County Alliance For Health to administer this program.

Item Number Two: The base caseload for the Cleveland County WIC Program has increased from 2,850 to 2,988 and the base rate per participant is being increased from \$13.75 per participant to \$15.00. These changes have resulted in a \$42,860 increase in allocation for WIC services. Permission was requested to budget these funds in the Department 540 for contracted services for a registered dietician, increase a half-time LPN to full-time and for operating expenses.

Item Number Three: Due to the pandemic outbreak of H1N1 influenza, the Cleveland County Health Department has been allocated \$301,601 for public health emergency response for H1N1. These funds have been designated to address gaps in capabilities for mass vaccination implementation and to support activities related to implementation of a mass vaccination campaign. Permission was requested to budget these funds for: portable copiers, laptop computers, handheld radios, portable generator, portable refrigerators for vaccine storage, two 32' fully equipped trailers, two vehicles to transport trailers, an electronic message board, contracted labor, professional services, a call-back message system, a cover for trailers, advertising and departmental/office/ medical supplies. The remainder of funds will be put into an emergency/contingency expense line item. This is one time funding and must be spent by May 31, 2010.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

GlaxoSmithKline Child Health Recognition Award

Denese Stallings stated that Cleveland County Health Department was recognized in the October 2009 Issue of Our State Magazine as recipient of the GlaxoSmithKline Child Health Recognition Award. The Health Department team that put the "Make It A Family Affair" Tdap/Rabies Clinic together will be recognized by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on November 17, 2009. Ronnie Hawkins stated that he had received numerous calls and emails from the public expressing appreciation for this clinic and the safety it provides to the community. He invited Board members to the County Commissioners meeting where the team will be recognized. The Board expressed their appreciation to the team.

H1N1 Drive Through Clinic

Dorothea Wyant provided information about the H1N1 Clinic that was held Saturday, November 6th in the Health Department parking lot. Six hundred and ten (610) vaccines were given, which included 410 shots and 200 nasal mists. The department has received emails and phone calls expressing appreciation and what an excellent job the staff did in conducting the clinic.

Universal Vaccine Program Cut

Denese Stallings provided information regarding the cut in the Universal Vaccine Program and the effect it may have on public health, citizens and the immunization rate of children. She stated that this is a very important issue to be lobbied for in the state budget in the next legislative session. The Health Department will have to buy vaccines beginning December 1st and will have to begin billing insurance and/or patients. She spoke to the Public Health Legislative Study Commission, which she serves on, about her concerns. Dr. Ron Levine also expressed his concerns about the cut to the Commission. Ms. Stallings asked Board members to talk to their local Legislative Delegation and encourage them to put funding for the childhood vaccines back into the budget.

Motion: Ronnie Hawkins moved, with a second by Bill Marsh, that the Cleveland County Board of Health send a letter to the local Legislative Delegation and Senator Purcell stating that the Board does not support the cuts to the Universal Vaccine Program. Denese Stallings was directed to compile the letter and forward to the Board of Health via email to review and make comments. Motion passed unanimously.

N.C. Association of Local Board of Health Report

Robert Blackburn stated that the Legislature reconvenes on May 12, 2010 and we need to do our work with the local legislative delegation and the study commission in letting them know where we stand on important public health issues between now and May 12th. It is an honor that Denese Stallings has been appointed to serve on the Public Health Study Commission and a great way for public health and Cleveland County to be heard.

Dr. England serves on the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity and Co-Chairs the Public Health Study Commission. An appointment has not been made to the Public Health Improvement Plan Task Force.

Dr. Blackburn met with the Accreditation Board on Friday. Dr. Ed Baker with the Institute of Public Health made a presentation before the Public Health Study Commission. One of the first pictures that was shown in his powerpoint presentation was of Denese Stallings announcing that the Cleveland County Health Department had received accreditation. Other pictures shown included Cleveland County Board of Health members and the Cleveland County Health Department. Dr. Baker spoke highly of what Cleveland County had done in the accreditation field. Further information was shared.

Discussion was held regarding how the Cleveland County School System is addressing the issue of childhood obesity in the school system. Robert Blackburn, Cleveland County Schools Health Advisory Board member, will share concerns that were discussed.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Robert Blackburn moved, with a second by Robert Miller, that the Cleveland County Board of Health go into Closed Session according to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11, Subsection (a)(6) to discuss personnel matters and that Dorothea Wyant, Rodella Gold, Kim Crane, Debbie Dyer and Charlene Parker remain in the Closed Session. Motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The Cleveland County Board of Health reconvened into regular session.

Motion: Libbie Shipley moved, with a second by Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, that the Cleveland County Board of Health approve a contractual agreement between the Cleveland County Health Department and the Western North Carolina AIDS Care Project (WNCAP) to outsource HIV/AIDS case management services for clients that the Health Department is presently serving; and that the two Cleveland County Health Department HIV/AIDS Case Management positions be abolished, effective December 1, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Denese Stallings distributed a revised Cleveland County Health Department organizational chart and shared information regarding the revision. Discussion was held regarding anticipated future budget cuts and the effect that cuts may have on public health. Ms. Stallings stated HIV/AIDS patients will continue to receive the same level of case management services. A request was made to add names of management team staff to the organizational chart.

Joel Spragins stated that the meeting was his last official Board meeting, due to his term ending on December 31, 2009. He expressed his appreciation in working with each Board member. He stated that he is delighted that all restaurants will be smoke free beginning January 1, 2010.

Robert Miller expressed his appreciation to Dr. Spragins for his support, kindness and dedication to public health and stated that Dr. Spragins will be missed.

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