

**CLEVELAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 11, 2007**

**SHELBY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, April 11, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Country Club.

Board members present: Joel Spragins, Philip Jiamachello, Bill Marsh, Betty Lingerfelt, Jack Hunt, Robert Miller, David McDaniel, Bob Blackburn, Dino Nicopoulos and Ronnie Hawkins

Health Department staff present: Denese Stallings, Jimmy Hines, Rodella Gold, Sam Lockridge, Kelli Bradley and Charlene Parker

Sam Craig, County Attorney, was also present.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair Spragins called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2007, BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:

There being no corrections, additions, nor deletions to the minutes of the March 13, 2007, Board of Health meeting, motion was made by Philip Jiamachello and seconded by Robert Miller, that they be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLID WASTE ROLL-OFF CONTAINER FEE SCHEDULE

Denese Stallings stated that, upon the recommendation of the Health Director and the Cleveland County Board of Health, the Board of County Commissioners awarded the Cleveland County Solid Waste Franchise Agreement to GDS, Inc.,

Discussion was held by the County Commissioners at their March 20, 2007 meeting regarding service and fees for roll-off containers for construction and industrial sites. Ms. Stallings obtained service and fee information from surrounding counties for roll-off containers. It was found that Catawba County has only one franchised hauler, which is GDS, Inc. Ms. Stallings stated that Catawba County sets a fee schedule for the roll-off containers for construction and industrial sites.

A proposed Container Fee Schedule was presented for the Board of Health's consideration. A map was shown that identified the four zones addressed in the proposed fee schedule. Discussion was held regarding the fee set for each zone.

Motion: Robert Miller moved that the Cleveland County Board of Health support the Roll-Off Fee Schedule for construction and industrial waste and that the proposed fee schedule be sent to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners for their consideration of adoption. Motion was seconded by Robert Blackburn and passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ELIGIBILITY/FEE COLLECTION POLICY REVISION

Rodella Gold presented the Cleveland County Health Department Financial Eligibility/Fee Collection Policy for the Boards consideration for approval to take to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Gold stated the policy contained a couple of changes resulting from requirements by Federal Title X Regulations. A correction was noted on page three, first paragraph, of the Policy which should read (2) “unless they are otherwise prohibited by law.”

The following Policy changes were identified: 1) Family Planning must accept declaration of income and not require the patients to bring documentation of income; 2) A prescription, and or a provider list, may be given to patients requesting an expensive form of contraceptive that is not available at the Health Department; 3) “Family Planning services will not be denied or restricted.” was added; 4) In the past an insurance company or Medicare was identified as a third party payer, the Policy has consolidated third party payers; 5) Vaccines provided by the State to local health departments for administration shall be administered at no cost to the patient (NC General Statute 130A-133(b); 6) “Co-payments will be the responsibility of the patient and will not be discounted since they are part of the patient’s insurance plan.”, was added.

Motion: Motion was made by Robert Blackburn that the Cleveland County Board of Health approve the Cleveland County Health Department Financial Eligibility/Fee Collection Policy and send to the County Commissioners for their consideration of adoption. Motion was seconded by Bill Marsh. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Abandoned Landfills

Discussion was held regarding the proposed state budget for the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of old landfill sites. Dr. Jiamachello asked if Cleveland County would receive any funding for its landfill. Sam Lockridge stated that Cleveland County’s landfill is considered active and will not receive any funding for cleanup, and that Cleveland County will actually have to pay \$2 per ton for the county’s abandoned landfills to be environmentally evaluated. Denese Stallings stated this could cost the county up to \$330,000.00.

Association of North Carolina Boards of Health (ANCBOH) Report

Robert Blackburn shared information from the ANCBOH. He also stated that the Search Your Heart Campaign is focusing on African American Churches and the Eat Smart and Move More Program. Jimmy Hines and his staff, along with Anne Short, are involved with this effort in Cleveland County. Dr. Blackburn stated there were approximately 420 churches in Cleveland County and this program has been able to reach 30 to 35 of those churches. He commended Cleveland County in this success and stated that surrounding counties have only been able to reach an average of 6 churches per county.

Dr. Blackburn shared information from the National Association of Local Boards of Health NALBOH; including Accreditation and Regionalization. He stated that they have been working with the Institute of Public Health since 1988, and this year East Carolina University and Eastern Area Health Education Center (AHEC) won the bid to hold future trainings for Board of Health members.

Aluminum Can Recycling Center

Bill Marsh expressed his concern to the Board of Health of the closing of the recycling center at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Mr. Marsh stated that a lot of people were utilizing the facility for money. Mr. Marsh noted that without a place for the community to take aluminum cans to be recycled, it would result in more litter for the County. Sam Lockridge stated that the Cleveland County Landfill and recycling centers collect aluminum cans and take them to the scrap yard, and he believes the community will either do the same or bring them to the Manned Recycling Centers. Ronnie Hawkins stated the owners of the recycling center were asked to leave by the fairground, due to future plans of possible renovations.

House Bill 259

Joel Spragins stated that House Bill 259, Ban on Smoking in Worksites and Public Places, received a favorable vote in the Judiciary committee.

Step One Challenge

Jimmy Hines provided information about the Cleveland County Step One Challenge, and passed out flyers to the Board.

Request For Information

Ronnie Hawkins requested updates on the renovations being done at the Cleveland County Health Department, and on how much money is being spent on illegal immigration, to be discussed at a future Board meeting date. Dr. Spragins asked about information regarding the Animal Control issues

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