

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

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

Health Department staff present: Denese Stallings, Dorothea Wyant, Dana McNeilly, Rodella Gold, Sam Lockridge, Marty Allen, Jimmy Hines, Sheila Wellmon and Charlene Parker

Bob Yelton, County Attorney, was present.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

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

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 2007 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:

There being no corrections, additions, nor deletions to the minutes of the August 14, 2007, Board of Health meeting, motion was made by Bob Blackburn and seconded by Robert Miller, that they be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL SOLID WASTE/HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY REPORTS

Sam Lockridge provided information about the 2006/2007 Annual Solid Waste Report. The report cover is a picture of the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer vehicle. Data contained in the report was discussed. The Solid Waste Program operates under an enterprise fund. The three largest waste haulers in Cleveland County were identified: 1) PPG; 2)GDS and 3)Cleveland County. Recyclables and the dollar values collected during the fiscal year were discussed. Discussion was held regarding curbside recycling. At the present time, recycling is optional due to the expense of operating a mandated recycling program. Other markets have absorbed the recycling of aluminum cans, since the facility was closed at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Tires are collected at the landfill and outsourced to another company to be recycled.

The Solid Waste Enforcement Annual Report was discussed. Duties of the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer were identified.

Denese Stallings distributed an announcement that North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT) and the North Carolina Keep American Beautiful are promoting litter prevention by holding a statewide TARP DAY on September 29, 2007. Further information was shared. She stated that Cleveland County is on the cutting edge and forefront of litter education and prevention.

The Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day report was discussed. The event was held on Saturday, April 14, 2007 in the Health Department parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Approximately twelve tons of household hazardous waste, primarily paint, paint thinner, pesticides and other items were diverted from the landfill. Discussion was held about the collection day being held twice a year.

Discussion was held regarding Legislation that was passed in the last General Assembly establishing an annual \$2 fee for tonnage entering a landfill. Cleveland County's tonnage at this time is 91,000 annually. The fee for the landfill permit will be \$25,000. In the past this permit was free. Mr. Lockridge stated that this is the largest Legislation enacted to impact solid waste since the 1970s. Further information was provided and discussion was held about the use of the additional fee.

All revenue earned from recyclable materials from the landfill goes back into the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

ANNUAL ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Sam Lockridge reviewed data contained in the Annual Animal Control Report. The Animal Control Foster Program consists primarily of livestock, which is given to someone that wants to take care of the animals. Seventy-two hour notices allow animals to be vaccinated within three days. There were twenty-eight rabies cases out of eighty-three specimens sent to the State Lab for testing. Further information was shared. The various duties of the Animal Control Officers were discussed.

Ms. Stallings stated that the County Commissioners amended the Animal Control Ordinance at a public hearing on September 4, 2007 to allow the County to collect legal and court fees for citations.

Ms. Stallings stated that Dr. Joe Wright held a free rabies clinic on Saturday, September 8, 2007 in recognition of World Rabies Day. He vaccinated 720 animals. She stated that it was very commendable of Dr. Wright to help with the County rabies problem. Ronnie Hawkins stated that the County Commissioners voted to send Dr. Wright a letter of commendation and thanks.

Motion: Motion was made by Jack Hunt, with a second by Robert Blackburn, that the Board of Health send a letter of thanks to Dr. Joe Wright for his contribution to the prevention of rabies by holding a free rabies vaccination clinic on World Rabies Day 2007.

ANNUAL PAUL SARAZEN, JR. FORUM ON CHILD HEALTH ISSUES

Jimmy Hines presented information about the 6th Annual Paul Sarazen, Jr. Forum on Children's Health Issues, which will be held on September 25th from 12:00 until 1:30 p.m. This event recognizes Dr. Sarazen and the contribution that he made to our community as a pediatrician.

This event also identifies an issue to child health advocates. This year the forum is revisiting the theme of childhood obesity. Dr. Marcus Plescia, Chief of the North Carolina Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Section and a family medicine physician will be the keynote speaker. He will give an overview of the impact and some solutions to childhood obesity. A local panel, representing the faith community, industry, child care centers, government and others, will hold discussion. Dr. Blackburn will speak on how the Childhood Obesity Task Force was appointed by the Board and the results of the task force's action.

LITTER PREVENTION INSTITUTE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Jimmy Hines stated that the Health Department is targeting high school students to reduce litter. The department has developed a Litter Prevention Institute, which is an all day training for five high school students from each of the four high schools in the County. These students will receive graphic design training from Image Marketing in helping the students to design a new logo for a letter bag that will be distributed to high school students. There has been some interest from industry in the community that would like to have their name put on the bag. Litter fines will also be placed on the bags. The anticipated date for the program to begin is October 22, 2007.

ANNUAL SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

Dana McNeilly, School Health Nurse Supervisor, provided information about data contained in the 2006/2007 Annual School Health Report. The State recommended school healthcare provider ratio to student ratio is one provider to every 750 students. Cleveland County's ratio is one healthcare provider to 1,122 students. The State has notified the Cleveland County Health Department that state funding for an additional school health nurse position will be provided October 1, 2007. Recruitment and retention issues of school health staff were identified

Health needs of the students were identified. Data of health care provided by school health staff was provided. One-third of the students who receive school health services have a chronic condition.

Two new activities that the School Health Program is providing to the schools are:

- 1) Bloodborne Pathogen Training to all school staff, along with an annual update; and
- 2) collaborating with Sherry Yocum, Health Department Preparedness Coordinator, to administer flu vaccine to all school staff on a school planning day, October 29, 2007. This will be held at Crest High School, which is a Point of Dispensing (POD) for the Cleveland County Health Department Emergency Preparedness Plan. This will serve as an exercise for the Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Approximately one-half of high school students enrolled had contact with a school health staff person during the school year. Data compiled from a School Health Survey in the eight middle and high schools showed that 706 students did not go home because of the services provided to them by the school health staff.

The teen pregnancy rate for Cleveland County has decreased from 75th to 49th in the State.

Discussion was held regarding the establishment of the Cleveland County School Health Clinics and their success. Parental permission is required for treatment of students in the school health clinics. Discussion was held regarding excused absences for medical appointments.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Rodella Gold presented the following budget amendments for the Board of Health's consideration for approval:

Item Number One: The City of Shelby Weed and Seed Program has approved \$2,000 in funds for the Cleveland County Health Department to be used for personnel, travel and supplies/materials. A request was made to budget these funds in the CODAP Department (548) as specified by the project.

Jimmy Hines stated that the City of Shelby Weed and Seed Program is an enforcement and prevention education program. The Program contracted with the Health Department CODAP staff to work with support community groups this summer.

Item Number Two: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, HIV/AIDS Medical/Dental Program has appropriated \$5,800 to be used for mental health services for clients that are eligible for this program. A request was made to budget these funds in the AIDS Department (531). Discussion was held regarding contract providers for HIV/AIDS clients.

Item Number Three: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Women's and Children's Health Division has awarded \$14,132 in TANF Out-of-Wedlock birth prevention funds. A request was made to budget these funds in the Family Planning budget (539) for operating expenses (prescription drugs/medical supplies/doctor fees) to support these activities.

Item Number Four: After talking with personnel from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Family Planning Branch, it was determined that the amount appropriated for Family Planning Bonus Funds has increased a total of \$3,207. During the August 14, 2007 Board of Health meeting, the amount of \$1,769 was approved to be increased. A request to budget the additional amount of \$1,438 in the Family Planning budget (539) for operating expenses was made.

Item Number Five: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Women's and Children's Health Division has increased the allocation for Women's Health Services Funds. A request was made to budget \$1,354 into the Family Planning budget (539) to be used for operating expenses.

Motion: Motion was made by Robert Miller, with a second by Bill Marsh, that the budget amendments be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Legislation

Robert Blackburn stated that the Association of N.C. Boards of Health is working on legislative issues for the coming year. The Association will be working on House Bill 1228, which address the nursing shortage.

Board of Health Orientation

Robert Blackburn stated that he is working with the East Carolina University Local Board of Health Orientation. This orientation is now available for new Board members.

Craig Michalak, Head of the North Carolina Accreditation Board, died three weeks ago. Dr. Blackburn will be attending his memorial service in Chapel Hill next Sunday. Dr. Blackburn stated that this is a real loss, because he brought a tremendous amount of leadership to the Accreditation Program.

Methane Gas Task Force

Denese Stallings and Sam Lockridge have been appointed to serve on the Cleveland County Methane Gas Task Force. Appalachian State University Energy Department has received grant funds from the Golden Leaf Foundation and has chosen four landfills across the State to do a feasibility study to determine whether methane gas generated could be used for energy. Cleveland County Landfill was one of the four landfills selected for this study.

Shingles Vaccine Available At Health Department

Shingles vaccine is being given by the Health Department, following approval from the Board of Health and County Commissioners. The cost of the vaccine is \$160. The vaccine is available to people 60 years old and older, per recommendation from the Center for Disease Control. Discussion was held regarding the recommendation of the vaccine for people younger than 60 years old.

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