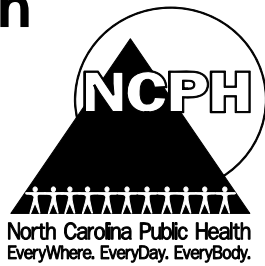


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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES
June 3, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Mr. Bob Whitwam
Ms. Jackie Boggs
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Ms. Lynne Mitchell

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, June 3, 2009, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Ms. Vera Robinson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 6, 2009, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Dr. Calvert Jeffers, and a second by Dr. Kent Doub, the minutes were approved by the Board of Health.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No one asked to be recognized.

Old Business:

Accreditation Update:

Dr. Monroe handed out copies of the Interviewee Questions for the Board of Health Members. He asked that the members look over the questions and if they had any questions to contact him. The Board of Health Representatives that will be present for the Accreditation Site Visit, will be Ms. Vera Robinson,

Dr. Ricky Sides, and Dr. Willard McCloud. Dr. Jeffers had originally planned to be in attendance that day, but will be unable to do so at that particular time, so Dr. McCloud is taking his place that day.

CHANGE Report on Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention:

Ms. Mary Lynn Wigodsky presented a report on CHANGE: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Activities for January through May 2009. She covered all of the accomplishments that have been made since the childhood lead-poisoning rule was implemented in January. Ms. Wigodsky handed out copies of her presentation and also the 2008 CHANGE Annual Report. Dr. Monroe added that he, Bob Whitwam, and other staff would be meeting with Forsyth Pediatrics on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. to review the new lead rule.

Board Training Reminder– July 18, 2009:

Dr. Monroe discussed the Board's upcoming participation in the Local Board of Health Orientation Training that will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009, in Greensboro. Several counties, along with Forsyth County, will be attending the training. ECU will be providing the training, and the time is 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The session will be held at the Public Health/DSS Building in Greensboro, located at 1203 Maple Street. It will cover health department and Board of Health responsibilities and authorities according to the NC General Statutes with an update on changes from the current session of the General Assembly. The training will satisfy the Board's obligation to the Consolidated Agreement for BOH Training, and selected Accreditation benchmarks. Some members of the Management Team are also planning to attend that day.

Decision Referencing July Board Meeting:

The Board discussed the possibility of not having a board meeting for the month of July, due to the 4th of July Holiday, and also taking in consideration the Board Training that will be held on July 18th in Greensboro. Ms. Linda Petrou made a motion to not have a meeting, and Ms. Nancy Hardie seconded the motion. The board voted and all were all in agreement to not have the July Meeting. Therefore, the next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

Distribution of Parliamentary Procedure Booklet:

The ABC's of Parliamentary Procedure booklets were distributed to each board member. Dr. Monroe suggested that the board could review it briefly at the August meeting after everyone had an opportunity to read it.

House Bill 2: Summary of New Law:

Dr. Monroe distributed copies to board members of the final version of House Bill 2 that will go into effect on January 2, 2010. The bill is an act to prohibit smoking in certain public places and all restaurants and most bars. It also restores limited authority of the Board of Health to restrict smoking in additional public places subject to concurrence by the Board of Commissioners.

Dental Clinic Facility Update:

Ms. Cynthia Jeffries gave an update about the Dental Clinic. She reported that the county is working on the lease agreement and that a decision should be in place by July 1, 2009. If the county chooses to

approve the lease agreement, and the Dental Clinic stays at that location, the department will be adding some additional space to accommodate the WIC Division.

New Business:

Communicable Disease Report:

Ms. Ayo Ademoyero presented a Communicable Disease Report. She distributed copies dealing with this subject matter. The report revealed that Syphilis Rates are on the rise in Forsyth County. The rates are on the rise for men, ages 20-55 and female prostitutes. The Health Department and the state's regional Disease Intervention Specialists, (DIS) have met to develop a plan of action to control the ongoing spread of Syphilis. DIS identified the social networks of those at greatest disease risk. The Health Department will target the venues frequented by the high risk groups and offer HIV & Syphilis testing, education, and referrals. DIS will also be collecting information about patients' sexual partners and habits in order to learn more about the social dynamics of spread in this outbreak. Health care providers are required to report HIV and Syphilis results to the Health Department and DIS field service units. The DIS Unit Intervention Specialists are authorized to view patients' files and have a CDC mandate to track down at least 90 percent of people testing positive for syphilis. Specialists protect the privacy of people exposed or infected, notifying patients and partners in person when possible.

Novel H1N1 Influenza:

Dr. Monroe reported that testing was still being done for the Novel H1N1 Influenza virus strain. The surveillance guidelines remains the same for testing of the virus, which are:

1. compatible symptoms (fever and respiratory symptoms) serious enough to warrant hospitalization
2. everyone is urged to practice proper hand washing
3. if sick with fever and respiratory symptoms, people are urged to stay home from work or school for a full week

There may be an additional flu vaccine in addition to the seasonal flu vaccine for this virus in the Fall of 2009, which will probably require a booster.

Refugee Physicals:

Ms. Jackie Boggs, Nursing Director, and Dr. Monroe presented a report dealing with the Refugee Clinic at the Health Department. These services are provided to individuals with refugee, asylum or parole status, who have recently relocated to the United States and are now living in Forsyth County. The process begins when the World Relief Organization in High Point notifies the Clinic Nurse at the Health Department, that is assigned to coordinate these services. The organization helps to provide interpreters to come with the family when they come to the Health Department. The North Carolina Refugee Health Program directs the Health Department in providing refugee health assessment to these identified individuals. This assessment is to be done within 30 days of the person's arrival into the country. These health services are covered by Medicaid and/or Refugee Medical Assistance and are free to the covered individual. The Guilford County Public Health Department was able to manage most of these services until this year. The following practices have agreed to see the refugees for their physical exams: Maplewood Family Practice, Forsyth Pediatrics, and Outpatient Department at Baptist.

Other Business:

Health Director's Annual Evaluation:

Ms. Linda Petrou reported that the Health Director's Annual Evaluation had been completed by the board, and that she would send the electronic version to Ms. Vera Robinson the following day, which will be forwarded on to Ms. Cynthia Jeffries, for final processing on the FCNET System.

Committee Reports:

None at this time

Adjourn:

Dr. Lee Salisbury made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Ricky Sides seconded the motion. By majority vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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