



**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
January 6, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Vera Robinson
Ms. Linda Petrou
Dr. Willard McCloud
Ms. Nancy Hardie
Dr. James K. Doub
Dr. Allen S. Hudspeth
Mr. Randall Kale
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko
Mr. Beaufort Bailey
Dr. Calvert Jeffers

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Paul (Lee) Salisbury

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, January 6, 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 December 2, 2009, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Mr. Beaufort Bailey, and a second by Ms. Linda Petrou, the minutes were approved by the Board of Health.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

No one asked to be recognized.

Old Business:

H1N1 Influenza Update:

Dr. Monroe stated that there had been significant anxiety on the part of the public with regard to the H1N1 Vaccine, apparently due to its “newness.” The side effects of the H1N1 Vaccine are basically the same as the Seasonal Flu Vaccine. For some time now, the supplies for the vaccine have increased while the demand for it has lessened. He reported on the Mass Vaccination Clinics that were held on December 15th and 16th at the Coliseum. On those two days alone, we administered the vaccine to 5,500 people, with an approximate waiting time period of less than 15 minutes. In conjunction with Public Health Staff, we also used contract staff to assist us with these events. The H1N1 disease prevalence is being monitored around the country, and it is not clear at this time if we are seeing any seasonal flu or not. We are expecting another wave of the H1N1, possibly in January or as late as February or March.

Update on Syphilis outbreak:

Dr. Monroe gave an update on the syphilis outbreak. Copies of the monthly data reports from the time period of July 2008 to November, 2009, were presented to the board members. He reported that he would be meeting with state representatives next week to discuss possible interventions including increased screening of inmates in the jail.

New Business:

Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results:

Ms. Ayo Ademoyero presented a report on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) that was conducted in October 2009. Surveys were administered in 15 public middle schools and 14 public high schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system. These surveys were done to learn more about the health behaviors of Forsyth County teens. This survey was produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and modified to meet the needs of North Carolina. Ms. Ademoyero gave a detailed visual presentation and also presented copies of these Summary Reports to each board member. Copies of these reports have also been placed in the Board of Health files in the Administration Division. For a full report of this, go to this site: <http://www.forsyth.cc/Documents/>

SOTCH Annual Report:

Ms. Ayo Ademoyero presented the Forsyth County 2009 State of the County Health Report (SOTCH). Copies of this report were given to each board member, and a copy has been placed in the Board of Health files in the Administration Division. The SOTCH Report is designed to annually update health outcome indicators for Forsyth County. It is also intended to influence the development of policies that further improve community health and recruit community members interested in participating in future activities. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Forsyth County Healthy Community Coalition, please contact the Coordinator at (336) 703-3175 and visit the website at www.healthycommunity.ws/.

Environmental Health Division Report:

Mr. Bob Whitwam, Director of the Environmental Health Division, presented a very detailed and informative report to the board. Copies of the Division Report were given to each board member and a copy has been placed in the Board of Health files in the Administration Division.

Other Business:

None at this time.

Committee Reports:

The board discussed the appointment of a nominating committee for the annual election of officers. Ms. Vera Robinson will be coming off the board in April 2010, so the election for the Chair will need to take place in February 2010. The Nominating Committee will consist of Ms. Vera Robinson, Dr. Calvert Jeffers, and Dr. Kent Doub.

Adjourn:

Dr. Allen Hudspeth made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Randall Kale seconded the motion. By majority vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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