



**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
March 3, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Linda Petrou, Chair
Dr. James K. Doub, Vice Chair
Ms. Vera Robinson
Dr. Willard McCloud
Ms. Jane Mosko
Dr. Paul (Lee) Salisbury
Dr. Allen S. Hudspeth
Mr. Randall Kale
Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Ms. Nancy Hardie

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Beaufort Bailey

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe	Dr. Javier Lazaro
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries	Ms. Robin Macklin
Ms. Janet English	Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Ayotunde Ademoyero	Mr. Abdul Natour
Ms. Mary Ann Blackwell	Ms. Lashonda Ouk
Ms. Jackie Boggs	Ms. Suzette Rohrer
Mr. Ken Bowyer	Ms. Cathy Scheviak
Ms. Glenda Dancy	Ms. Sylvia Shoemaker
Ms. Sheryl Emory	Ms. Quintana Stewart
Ms. Jasmine Getrouw-Moore	Mr. Willard Tanner
Ms. Jill Hinckley-Noble	Mr. Robert Whitwam
	Mr. Jonathan Vaughters

GUESTS

Ms. Veronica Black
Ms. Montez Lane
Mr. Carl Taylor

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, March 3, 2010, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Conference Room at the Cleveland Avenue Dental Center. Ms. Linda Petrou, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 3, 2010, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written, seconded, and approved.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

No one asked to be recognized.

Old Business

Anti-Racism Team Annual Report

Dr. Monroe gave a brief introduction of the Anti-Racism Team (ART). Each member of the team presented a brief history of racism. Team members are Quintana Stewart, Sylvia Zapata-Shoemaker, Ken Bowyer, Mary Ann Blackwell, Robin Macklin, Willard Tanner, Jill Hinckley-Noble, and Jasmine Getrouw-Moore. Ms. Stewart gave a brief introduction about the team and its history, Sylvia Zapata Shoemaker talked about upcoming trainings by the ART for employees of the department, and Ken Bowyer talked about ART training for members of the community. Mary Ann Blackwell, Robin Macklin, Willard Tanner, and Jill Hinckley-Noble gave a timeline of racism beginning in the 1400's. Jasmine Getrouw-Moore concluded the ART's presentation by saying that the work of the Team is the work of us as health professionals and the stake that we have in the health of our community by assuring that policies, practices and procedures are followed in a fashion that reduces racial barriers and increases community cohesiveness.

H1N1 Influenza Update:

Dr. Monroe stated that we are under the same status as was reported in the January and February Board of Health meetings. The number of cases has gone down and the demand for the vaccine continues to drop. Walk-in service is still available for the H1N1 vaccine and the seasonal flu vaccine but there are not many participants. There is still no evidence of the appearance of a seasonal strain. Spring break is in a few weeks. This may trigger the predicted third wave. Flu season typically goes into March.

Update on Syphilis outbreak:

Syphilis numbers are on the rise. We streamlined the registration process in the Public Health clinics to reduce the number of clients turned-away. We are also working with the jail to screen for syphilis. Reasons for the high levels of syphilis occurrences in the state and our community include prostitution, trading sex for drugs, and men having sex with men.

Enforcement of Restaurant Smoking Regulations Update:

Sheryl Emory spoke about smoking regulations as they relate to restaurants. She reviewed the process that complaints are reported to Raleigh to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch that reports the complaints back to the local health departments. The current protocol from the state is to provide two educational visits by telephone contact, written notification, or in-person notification that there has been a complaint about a violation, followed by two notices of violation. If there is a third violation, it will result in the initiation of an administrative penalty up to \$200. Ms. Emory stated that if someone appeals their violation, it would come before the Board of Health.

New Business

County Health Ratings:

Dr. Monroe said that county health ratings were published as had been reported at the February Board of Health Meeting. As expected, Forsyth County did not rank very highly compared to

counties of comparable size. The reason is that we have the highest percentage of poverty in relation to the five big counties and the lowest median income.

There are many related issues to discuss such as health care, health behaviors, healthy environment, and health policies. Dr. Monroe said that good health care availability does not mean health care access or good health outcomes. Race-based health outcome disparities such as infant mortality have been the same for the past 30 years. Socioeconomic factors (poverty, etc.) correlate better with health outcomes than health care, the environment, or even behaviors.

Division Report:

Ms. Cynthia Jeffries, the Assistant Director, presented the Division Report for Administration/Finance. She gave a very informative, oral and visual presentation. The presentation included references to the public health core functions of finance, budgeting, facilities and information systems. The presentation also included dental clinic services, laboratory services and pharmacy services which come under management of Administration. A video presentation was given of the Medical Records and Registration areas. Copies of the Administration Report were given to each Board member.

Other Business:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. By majority vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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