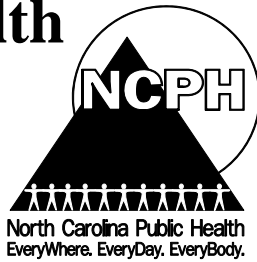


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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES October 6, 2010

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Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Ayotunde Ademoyero
Ms. Jackie Boggs
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Mr. Robert Whitwam
Ms. Carrie Worsley
Ms. Lorrie Christie

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Beaufort Bailey
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko
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Call to Order:

On Wednesday, October 6, 2010, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Dr. Linda Petrou, called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 1, 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 requests to speak.

Old Business

Infant Mortality Data:

Dr. Monroe shared with the Board and discussed a copy of the press release which the Department had prepared to address the infant mortality data for 2009. The annual infant mortality rate for Forsyth county went down from 12.0 (deaths per 1000 live births) in 2008 to 9.9 in 2009. Most of that reduction was due to improvement in the rate for non-white infants from 25.3 in 2008 to 17.5 in 2009. However, Dr. Monroe advised the Board that annual fluctuations such as this are not indicative of real trends. He brought their attention to the second and third of four graphs attached to the news release. Both involve statistical smoothing of the curves to better demonstrate real trends. Both fail to show a trend of improvement. He also pointed out to the board that the ratio of the non-white rate to the white rate is still above 2.5 and above the same ratio for the State.

Dental Clinic Update:

Ms. Jeffries gave an update on the Dental Center for the 1st quarter of this fiscal year. The Dental Center continues to meet its business model expectations. The Board was provided an update on Total Revenues for the quarter versus last quarter. Medicaid continues to be the biggest source of revenue with approximately \$100,000 per month being generated by services to Medicaid clients. Private pay clients generate approximately \$10,500 per month followed by Insurance billings at approximately \$10,000 per month.

Patient visits was the other metric reported and the Dental Center sees on average 552 Medicaid patient visits per month followed by 60 private pay and 50 with insurance coverage. Ms. Jeffries also reported that in the 1st quarter the Dental Center has successfully installed new x-ray equipment with intra-oral cameras that allow the dentist to have discussions with patients about treatment plans and the dentists can make a better assessment of procedures required. The old x-ray system generated grainy images that were very hard to read.

The staffing remains the same as the previous quarter with 1 full-time and 2 part-time dentists, 2 dental hygienists, 5 dental assistants, 1 fiscal technician, a Practice Manager/Dental Assistant and 2 front office staff people.

New Business

Quality Improvement:

Ms. Ayo Ademoyero and Ms. Carrie Worsley shared with the Board, the improvements that are being made to the health department. These improvements include more colorful signage in the department hallways to better guide clients to where they need to be and also more visible signage on the outside of the building that can be seen from both directions when approaching the health department.

**Viewing and Discussion of “Unnatural Causes; Is Equality Making Us Sick” Episode:
“Becoming American”:**

This episode examined the concept of how recent Latino immigrants, though typically poorer, tended to be healthier than the average American. But it also revealed that the longer they lived here, the worse their health becomes, even as their economic status improved. It showed that their children are especially at risk – for obesity, heart disease, and mental illness. This was referred to as the Latino “paradox.”

The film also revealed that most immigrants come to the U.S. with a health advantage, even if their native country is poor. That is believed to be because people who are able to move to another country must be in good physical and mental health to begin with. Researchers believe that immigrants bring to the country a sense of culture, tradition, tight family social networks and community social networks that form a shield around them that allow them to withstand negative impacts of American culture.

Other Business:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Board Discussion:

None

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. By majority vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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