

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

August 2, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Mr. Matt Dyson
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Dr. Lynn Hale
Mr. Abdul Natour
Ms. Peggy Lemon
Mr. David Foster
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Clinard
Mr. Bob Whitwam

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Randall Kale

On Wednesday, August 2, 2006, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Vera Robinson, Chair, presided. She called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 7, 2006 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon appropriate motion by Mr. Bailey and a second by Ms. Judi Chandler, the minutes were approved as presented by the Board of Health.

Old Business:

Matt Dyson presented the Budget Report for the health department. He reported that we have five new county-funded positions. Two of these positions are in Environmental Health and the other three are in the Nursing Division. Matt said that the Merit Pool was approved for an average of 3.4%.

Dr. Monroe announced that the Presentation to the Planning Board has been set up for September 28, 2006 at 4:30 p.m., at City Hall South. He reminded the Board that they had in the past, asked the Planning Board to meet with them and now they have agreed to do so. The goal is to meet at least once a year; this being the first meeting. He said that he would like the Board of Health to be involved as much as possible. He also informed the members that may not have been aware of it, that Lynne Mitchell was now a member of the Planning Board. He stated that he would plan to share a proposed presentation to the Board at the September meeting, and work with the Board on how to jointly do the presentation prior to the Planning Board on September 28, 2006. Dr. Monroe indicated that among the issues that he would like to see addressed are; distribution of beneficial commercial resources such as grocery stores; the built environment and physical exercise, and social equity and environmental justice. Mr. Bailey reported that the County Commissioners and the Planning Board Staff were willing to support the sidewalk issue and they are meeting to discuss a tree ordinance on August 14, 2006.

Dr. Monroe gave an update on the Hanes-Lowrance Environmental Contamination Site. He reported that Bob Whitwam, Minor Barnette, and he met with representatives of the School System, Kaba0llco, the Division of Water Quality, and the City on Friday, July 28, 2006, for purposes of developing a plan for continued monitoring of the ground water contamination plumes. The plumes will continue to be monitored by sampling of soil vapor. If the plume seems to be advancing, or if soil vapor levels of the contaminants trend upward, they will go back and do additional testing of the indoor spaces of the schools. A question was asked by one of the board members if there were any water wells in this area, and Dr. Monroe stated that there are none. He did state, however that groundwater monitoring will be going on indefinitely.

The Annual District Director Reporting Calendar was distributed and discussed by Dr. Monroe. This included the calendar schedule for the annual evaluation of the health director. A copy is attached as part of these minutes.

The scheduling calendar for the Board members to meet with the district directors was also distributed and discussed. Dr. Monroe suggested that the board members contact the division heads about setting up a meeting time. He requested that they schedule meeting times according to the time slots on the calendar, corresponding to the specific Board member and the specific Division Director.

Dr. Monroe reported on the status of assurance of Prenatal Care. He stated at this time, no decisions have been communicated to the Health Department by Baptist to change any of their services. Forsyth Medical Center has hired a consultant assess the status of these services in the community and to make recommendations as to any future role the Medical Center may play in such services.. Dr. Monroe stated that there was to be a meeting with the contractor, Peggy Lemon, J.Nelson-Weaver, and himself the following Monday, August 7, 2006.

New Business:

There was a brief discussion concerning the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health Dues. Dr. Serano had contacted Ms. Robinson recommending that the Board not continue membership. Dr. Monroe indicated that he would gather more information addressing Dr. Serano's concerns and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Robinson congratulated Dr. Monroe on another year of serving as the Health Director. This marked his fifth year anniversary with Forsyth County. On behalf of the Board of Health, she stated that they appreciated him for doing such a fine job in leading Public Health in fulfilling its mission. Mrs. Robinson stated that they consider themselves very fortunate to have Dr. Monroe as the Director of Forsyth County Public Health Department.

Committee Reports:

There weren't any committee reports for this month.

Other Business:

The Division directors and the Administrative Assistant were excused from the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Monroe and the members of the Board worked on the Training Module: Section 2, Part 1: The Core Functions of Public Health.

Following the training, Dr. Monroe advised the Board members that a group of dentists and representatives from Baptist and the Health Department would be meeting in coming weeks to assess the status of dental health services for the uninsured and underinsured in the community.

Prior to adjournment the Board and Dr. Monroe had an informal discussion of the editorial dialogue generated by Dr. Monroe's guest columnist article relating to the County Commissioners' decision not to raise taxes, not to fund the Downtown Health Plaza, and not to fully fund the County human services departments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board