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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

August 3 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Bruce McLain
Ms. Vera Robinson
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Dr. Ricky Sides
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko
Dr. Susan Ziglar

STAFF PRESENT

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

On Wednesday August 3, 2005, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Dr. McLain, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 1, 2005 Board of Health meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Dr. Monroe reported that a meeting had been held on June 23, 2005 concerning the Bowen Branch/Brushy Fork Creek Clean-up. The Dr. Luanne Williams (Toxicologist, NCDPH), Public Health Department, Environmental Affairs, NC DENR, and other agencies involved attended this meeting. The Bowen Branch of the Brushy Fork Creek has been posted due to surface water contamination. There is a ground water plume of tetrachloroethylene near the Lowrance and Hanes schools. Preliminary soil vapor tests were positive, indicating further testing of the indoor air space of the schools which is scheduled for later in August before school starts. At this time, no active drinking water wells have been identified in the surrounding neighborhoods. The area has been served by city water since the 1920's. There is a private company that is doing the testing of everything, supervised by staff from the NCDPH. Dr. Monroe said that the media did a good job of coverage and getting the word out to the public.

Matt Dyson gave a Budget Summary regarding the FY 2005-2006 Budget. He covered the overall budget, salary and fringe benefits, and revenue sources for the department. The details are contained in the two attached spreadsheets.

Dr. Monroe gave a Legislative Update relating to the House Bill 900. This bill is being pushed forward by a small group of Soil Scientists, and would allow private soil scientists to issue improvements. The general complaint and justification is that the entire process of obtaining improvements is too slow. The actual reason for this is inadequate staffing in local health departments. In our county, we are one position short in the Water, Waste Water Section, even by the unrealistic state standard of eight soil tests per day. If this goes to the private sector, it will be more expensive and introduce significant conflict of interest with regard to the regulatory process of assuring proper functioning of septic tank systems. Dr. Sides made a motion and Dr. Cash seconded the motion that the Board go on record in opposition to HB 900. The motion carried. Bob Whitwam mentioned that he thought that the Bill might go to the floor next Tuesday, August 9, 2005. Dr. Monroe indicated that he would advise the Board if a floor vote was developing and members might wish to contact their representatives.

New Business:

Dr. Monroe requested the Board to use its authority to appoint a local health care provider to a three year term on the Child Fatality Prevention Team/Community Child Protection Team. He explained that Dr. Wayne Franklin, a Pediatrician from FMC who has agreed to replace Dr. Eugene Simpson in that capacity, was recommended to the Commissioners by the Team, but that the Commissioners appointed another individual. He further explained that the Team needed someone from Forsyth who can review the relevant medical records from that institution. The Team also needs and has a pediatrician from Baptist. Nancy Hardie made a motion to appoint Dr. Franklin and Dr. Sides seconded the motion. After an extended discussion, including recommendations from the Board to Dr. Monroe and the Staff, that such matters be presented with more advanced notice in the future, the Board voted to appoint Dr. Franklin.

Dr. Monroe requested that the Board consider becoming an endorsing member of the Forsyth Greenways Connection. Lynne Mitchell explained that this new group has been formed to pull organizations together to promote and advocate for greenways in our community. It is made up of public and private organizations and individuals that are committed to enhancing environment, health, neighborhood and property values, recreation, transportation, our local economy and tourism through public education. There are seventeen miles of greenway so far. There are thirty eight miles that are not yet funded. Vera Robinson made a motion for the Board to become a member and have Lynne Mitchell be the representative for the Board. The Board agreed and Lynne was in agreement also. She told everyone that they were always welcome at any of the meetings.

Dr. Monroe informed the Board that he had received a petition that was started by Kyle Robertson with the PTA Council advocating for more School Nurses. The petition was also sent to Commissioners and the School Board, and was shared with the members. The ratio in Forsyth County of students to nurses is 4,200 to 1. This is one of the worst ratios in the State. The Board determined to take a leadership role in the effort, and Dr. McLain agreed to send a letter referencing the petition to the Chairs of the Commissioners and School Board, asking for a meeting to address the matter.

Nursing Director, Peggy Lemon presented the Division Report for Nursing and Public Health Clinic. She had packets of information that were given to each Board Member. Peggy reported that during this twelve month period the Division has experienced six retirements, four resignations, and two promotion transfers within the Department. Two of the staff have been diagnosed with malignancies during this year and have undergone

extensive chemotherapy and radiation. One of these employees had to retire due to the illness. Several nurses were out for extended periods of time due to knee surgery, broken hip, shoulder surgery, and etc. The remaining staff has taken on the extra loads and responsibilities. They are to be commended for all of their hard work. Mrs. Lemon said that her staff had done an excellent job.

Committee Reports:

There are four Board Members presently serving on the Obesity Committee. They are Nancy Hardie, Judi Chandler, Dr. Jeffers and Dr. Sides. Dr. Sides presented the report for the Nutrition Committee Meeting that was held on June 23, 2005. This committee will work with teachers, administrators, cafeteria and maintenance staff, students, and parents during the school year to educate and support them in promoting a healthier nutritional environment.

Other Business:

Dr. Monroe mentioned that he would be attending the NCPHA in Asheville, N.C. the first week in October, 2005. This would be the week of the regular scheduled October 5, 2005 meeting. The Board decided to move the date up one week. Therefore, the October Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

The Healthy Carolinians Annual Meeting will be held at The Marriott in Durham, N.C. this year. The date will be October 24-25, 2005.

Lynne Mitchell with Preventive Health will be presenting her Division Report at the September 7, 2005 Meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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