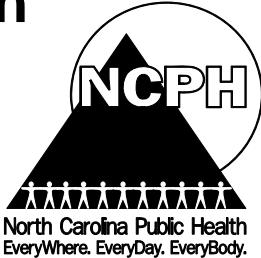


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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES November 4, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Ms. Jackie Boggs
Ms. Judy Southern
Ms. Deborah Massenburg
Ms. Carrie Worsley
Ms. Debbie Mason
Ms. Lorice Young

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, November 4, 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 October 7, 2009, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Mr. Beaufort Bailey, and a second by Dr. Willard McCloud, 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 reported on the NC DETECT, which is the real time syndromic surveillance for Influenza Like Illness (ILI), that is conducted through the North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and

Epidemiologic Collection Tool. This system uses a variety of data sources including emergency departments (ED's). The proportion of ED visits meeting the ILI syndrome definition is monitored throughout the year and compared to data obtained from the Sentinel Provider Network (SPN). Data from the two systems have shown similar trends, in the past few years. Copies of this data were given to each board member and are also in the Board of Health files of the Administration Division.

Dr. Monroe reported that the H1N1 Flue Vaccine is beginning to arrive now. The Health Department is beginning to schedule events, depending on the amount of vaccine that we receive. He stated that we received about 400 doses of the vaccine last week, but it was not enough to hold a mass vaccination clinic. We are hoping to receive more next week. Depending on the volume of the vaccine that we might receive at some point, we could possibly be holding some clinics on a Saturday and/or at the Educational Building at the Coliseum Campus. This could take place, sometime between now and Christmas. Dr. Monroe explained that it is an enormous operation to produce the vaccine. There have been questions about the safety of the vaccine. He stated that there has been no evidence any side effects to the vaccine other than expected.

Update on Syphilis outbreak:

There is a national and statewide trend at this time, and Forsyth County has the highest rate of syphilis in the state of the larger counties. Dr. Monroe said people living in poverty are more likely to engage in behaviors that place them at risk for many adverse health conditions including communicable diseases. The high levels in the state and our community are related to prostitution, trading sex for drugs, men having sex with men.

New Business:

Care Coordination Medicaid Reimbursement:

Dr. Monroe reported on one of the services that has been greatly impacted by state budget constraints, which is Maternity Care Coordination (MCC). Specifically, there will be a 19.4% reduction in the rate of reimbursement for MCC. This will reduce the revenues which have helped to support the costs of the program and services. He indicated that he and other senior managers will be presenting a plan to the county Manager which will hopefully reduce costs and avoid a reduction in the service level. The plan will involve providing more of the services with Social Workers as opposed to Nurses, the latter being more costly in terms of salaries. Ms. Nancy Hardie asked if the state would be cutting any other programs in the department. Ms. Cynthia Jeffries stated that there would be a small reduction in the Dental Center, but not anything as significant in the Care Coordination Medical Reimbursement Program.

Division Report – Preventive Health:

Ms. Lynne Mitchell, the Director of Preventive Health, presented a very informative Division Report. 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.

Other Business:

None at this time.

Committee Reports:

None at this time.

Adjourn:

Dr. Allen Hudspeth made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Calvert Jeffers seconded the motion. By majority vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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