

# **WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2010**

The Wilson County Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 in the Board Room at the Wilson County Health Department. Members present were:

Dr. Ralph B. Perry, Jr., O.D.  
Norma Velasco  
Samuel Teruel-Velez  
Josephine Edwards  
Michael Lamonds, R.Ph.

Richard Hudson  
Dr. Jonathon Dewald  
Kathy L. Dixon, RN,  
Dr. William Boles, III, D.D.S.

Others present:

Felix Meyer, Rebecca Hunt-Hawley, Lida Blalock, Debra Harris, Jenny Nicholson, Karen Boyette, Phyllis Rathbun, Christie White and Lynn Barnes.

## **Welcome**

Dr. Ralph B. Perry, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and extended a welcome to attendees.

## **Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2010 meeting**

The minutes from the October meeting were accepted without corrections, additions, or deletions.

## **Closed Session**

After the approval of the October 12, 2010 minutes, the board moved in to a closed session. After the closed session, Dr. William Boles, III made a motion to return to open session and Dr. Jonathon Dewald seconded.

## **Health Director's Report**

Mr. Meyer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Meyer and Tammra Morrison presented jointly at the NCPHA, "Use of ICS Structure During 2009 H1N1 Pandemic-One HD's Experience". Updates were given on a couple of legal cases. Accreditation preparation continues. Kathy Dixon, Norma Velasquez along with Mr. Meyer attended the Board of Health training conducted by AHEC on November 30, 2010. Wilson County Commissioners were given an update on bedbugs at the November 1, 2010 meeting. Alcohol energy drinks (Four Loko) have become a current Public Health issue. A presentation will be given to the County Commissioners soon. K2 also known as "Marijuana Spice" and "Spice", a synthetic marijuana which is much more potent and can be found in local convenience stores is becoming a concern statewide. Jenny Nicholson, Environmental Health Supervisor went out to investigate some of the convenience stores and found K2 being sold. Synthetic marijuana (i.e. K2, "Spice", etc.) is difficult to regulate or ordain against as the ingredients can be changed or modified easily, to avoid rule enforcement. Several states and municipalities have done so and had difficulty in enforcing. The most effective means appears to be legislation to prohibit sale or use. Mr. Meyer will send letters to General Assembly in this regard. Haitian refugees have become a potential cholera concern for North Carolina. There have been no

known cases of cholera in NC. Cinnamon Narron will begin work in Administration January 3, 2011 as Local Public Health Administrator I. Congratulations were extended to Rebecca Hunt-Hawley, RN, Director of Nursing, who has completed the requirements for her Master of Science in Nursing from East Carolina University.

A new family planning grant, which is a very competitive grant, has been received for the Latino Family Planning Outreach Project. Debra Harris, RN, Home Health Director gave the Annual Home Health Program Evaluation. The State of the County's Health Report (SOTCH) for Wilson County has been posted to the County website. Due to a conflict, Barbara Williams, Health Educator could not be present, so the Board members were given a brief summary. A report was given on the Flu Immunization program along with comments congratulating the Health Department and Mr. Meyer from Megan Davies, MD, State Epidemiologist, Zack Moore, State Epidemiologist and Kim McDonald, MD, Chief, Public Health Regional Surveillance Team (PHRST) 1. Additional approval was asked from the Board for an addition to the immunization language in the Flu Immunization Policy to include mandating immunizations for other diseases as occasionally mandated or recommended by CDC. Kathy Dixon made the motion to accept and Richard Hudson seconded. Reminders on flu shots were given. A copy of Policy on Policies is on the County website as well as the Board of Health Operating Procedures and Recruitment, Retention and Workforce Development.

### **Board Chairperson's Report**

Dr. Perry discussed with the Board members about upcoming policy reviews for Accreditation and may take a little more time at each meeting. All Board members were in agreement to review policies at the regular scheduled Board meetings instead of having separate meetings. Also a discussion was held with the Board members regarding continuing hearing the Appeals process. This is generally not done in other counties. Richard Hudson recommends the Board be taken out of the Appeals process. Mr. Meyer will speak with the County Manager and County Attorney and will have an answer for the Board at the next meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Josephine Edwards was recognized and honored with a plaque for her 24 years of service to the Board of Health.

### **Questions from the Board**

Dr. Perry asked if there were any questions from the Board. No one, at this time, had any questions.

### **Concerns of the Public**

None present.

**Adjournment**- There being no further business Dr. Perry adjourned the meeting at approximately at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Felix Meyer, Secretary  
Wilson County Board of Health

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