

WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

The Wilson County Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 in the Board Room at the Wilson County Health Department. Members present were:

Thomas Lucas
Melinda Laird
Kathy Dixon
Jessica McKee, D.O.

Ronnie Sutton
Russell Stone, O.D.
R. David Scott, D.V.M.

Others present:

Felix Meyer, Debra Harris, Rebecca Hunt-Hawley, Karen Boyette, Jennifer Bacon Phyllis Rathbun, Tammra Morrison, Cinnamon Narron, Christie White and Lynn Barnes.

Welcome

Ronnie Sutton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and extended a welcome to attendees. Newly appointed County Attorney, Steve Beaman was introduced to the board. Mr. Beaman reported he looked forward to working with the staff. There was also clarification made by Mr. Beaman when there is a conflict of interest, he stated you cannot participate in any discussion.

Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2011 meeting

The minutes from the October 11, 2011 meeting were accepted without corrections, additions, or deletions.

Health Director's Report

Mr. Meyer welcomed everyone to the meeting. In addition to comments from Mr. Beaman, Mr. Meyer advised BOH that all policies referred to Mr. Beaman from previous meeting had been approved. Senate Bill 433 (consolidation bill) continues after trying to revive and pass a 3rd edition failed in a special session. This will be revived again in the spring session and still remains a major concern. (Handout) Annual assessment of Wilson County TB Control completed by NCDPH and only minor exceptions were noted. Quality assurance program noted as "excellent". The State Health Director announced there has been a 21% decrease in emergency room admissions for heart attacks since inception of House Bill-2 (Smoking in public places). A few months ago, there was some discussion on holding a survey to poll the public to see what the reaction might be on implementing a local ordinance prohibiting smoking in all areas of restaurants. The survey has been drafted and hard copies will be available at the front as well as on the website. Wilson OB-GYN has joined CCNC network as "pregnancy home" provider. This is a significant factor for comprehensive prenatal care. Also announced by the State Health Director, NC has achieved an all-time low rate of 7% for infant mortality rate for CY 2010. Wilson County has a rate of 8.7%, and this is a 3 year negative trend. Mr. Meyer presented charts with comparative data for other local counties and explained concerns. A discussion was held on some of the things that can be done concerning the infant mortality rate. Rebecca Hunt-Hawley, RN, DON gave additional information on

infant mortality. Mr. Sutton asked what the top 3 causes of infant mortality are and asked if this could be discussed at the February 2012 meeting. Cinnamon Narron, Local Public Health Administrator reported on the budget from the 1st quarter of the current budget year. Also Ms. Narron discussed the bad debt write-offs and reinstatements. A motion was asked to accept Bad-Debt write offs and reinstatements. Dr. Russell Stone made the motion to accept the Bad-Debt write offs and reinstatements and Dr. R. David Scott seconded. There is a Nutritionist II position available for WIC and Home Health has a PHN II position available. Social Works hopes to have their vacant position filled soon. Phyllis Rathbun, RN gave a report on the Community Survey report that had been done via the website. Board members concurred that there were no substantive input for further action or implementation. Those results are on the Health Department website. The annual review for the communicable disease program was given by Tammra Morrison, RN, Communicable Disease/Preparedness Coordinator. Debra Harris, RN, Home Health Director gave the annual home health program report (Handout). Mr. Meyer gave a brief update on accreditation.

Board Chairperson's Report

Mr. Sutton thanked all of the Health Department staff for their service.

Questions from the Board

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

Concerns of the Public

No one present from the public.

Adjournment- There being no further business Mr. Sutton adjourned the meeting at approximately at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Felix Meyer, Secretary
Wilson County Board of Health

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