WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Tuesday August 14, 2012

The Wilson County Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday August 14, 2012 in the Board Room at the Wilson County Health Department. Members present were:

Ronnie Sutton Kathy Dixon Samuel Teruel-Velez Jessica McKee, D.O. Russell Stone, O.D. William Boles, III, D.D.S.

Others present:

Felix Meyer, Debra Harris, Rebecca Hunt-Hawley, Lida Blalock, Karyn Harwood, Kate Powell, Jim Martin, Cinnamon Narron, Samantha Wiggs, Karen Padgett, Christie White, Maria Glennon, D.V.M., Rob Boyette, County Commissioner, Steve Beaman, County Attorney, Olivia Neely, Wilson Times reporter and photographer and Lynn Barnes.

Welcome

Ronnie Sutton, Chairman, welcomed Rob Boyette, County Commissioner and called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and extended a welcome to other attendees and special guests.

Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2012 meeting

The minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting were accepted without corrections, additions, or deletions.

Review and approval of the minutes shall be construed as review/discussion/approval/of all items distributed prior to the meeting for consideration, and shall be so reflected in the minutes.

Election of Officers

Dr. William Boles, III nominated Ronnie Sutton to serve as Chairman for 2012-2013. Samuel Teruel-Velez, Vice-Chair seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Sutton agreed to serve as Chairman.

Dr. Boles, III nominated Samuel Teruel-Velez to serve as Vice-Chair for 2012-2013. Dr. Jessica McKee seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Teruel-Velez agreed to serve as Vice-Chair.

Community Transformation Grant Presentation

Karen Padgett gave an overview on the Community Transformation Project (CTP), a five year grant. This will cover reducing chronic diseases, improve health status and reduce heath disparities. Also the goals are to increase number of smoke-free/tobacco-free county government buildings, municipal government buildings, outdoor environments on local government grounds, private and HUD supported low income rental houses and college campuses. Some other goals are to increase physical activity opportunities through joint use agreements and increase access to and the number of Farmers Markets. Ms. Padgett also

said the plans are to work with Cooperative Extension and Elm City Mayor to start a mobile farmers' market. Also included in the plans are to work on joint use agreements with local colleges and/or school district in support of Wilson Comprehensive Plan for 2030 and work to ensure smoke-free and tobacco-free units at Housing Authority.

Communicable Disease Update

Rebecca Hunt-Hawley, RN, FNP, and Nursing Director gave the Communicable Disease update. There have been 153 cases of Influenza Variant (H3N2v) in 2012. Most cases have been isolated in swine (all cases were following swine contact). Usual symptoms appear as the typical seasonal flu such as fever, cough and/or sore throat, usually mild, human to human transmission indentified. Ms. Hunt-Hawley reported H3N2v virus is not included in the 2012-2013 flu vaccine. There has been a local cantaloupe recall from Faison, NC. No illnesses have been reported. Ms. Hunt-Hawley went over the Listeria monocytogenes infections symptoms which can include high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. Dr. Jessica McKee added that prepackaged sliced apples have been affected as well. The current epidemic on Pertussis and the Ebola outbreak in Uganda, Africa were reported on.

Komen Foundation

WCHD has recently been invited by the Komen Foundation who is looking for a new collaborative opportunity. Breast Cancer mortality and incidence was gone over for Wilson and surrounding counties.

Home Health Advisory Committee Report

Debra Harris, RN, Home Health Director gave a brief report on Home Health. April-June 2012, there were 211 referrals. There have been no safety issues for the staff. Mrs. Harris gave an overview of Home Health for the guest that was attending the meeting that may not have been familiar with Home Health. Julie Wells, RN, Assistant Home Heath Director will be retiring effective September 1st, due to health reasons. BOH members and County Commissioners were invited to come out to see what Home Health does on a daily basis.

Mr. Rob Boyette, County Commissioner reported he has had first hand knowledge of what Home Health does and sees how people can benefit from Home Health services. Mr. Boyette thanked Mrs. Harris for what she and her staff does and also thanked Mrs. Harris for her recent presentation to the County Commissioners.

Health Director's Report

Accreditation Update

Mr. Meyer thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Rob Boyette to the meeting. A request was made by Mr. Meyer to present the Standing Committees at the October Board of Health meeting. Permission was granted by the Board. Clarification was given on Accreditation, mainly for the general public. Mr. Meyer went over the Accreditation Board's recommendations, site visitor report, post survey report and suggestions for QI. Wilson County Health Department met 37 of 41 benchmarks and met 144 of 148 activities. Legislative updates were given: SB 438 passed into law which would impact on LHD's. BOH's could become obsolete along with other areas that could be impacted. A webinar on these issues scheduled for Aug 20th, hosted by the NC School of Government, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Guardianship Update

Information provided separately to the Board. SB 191 "LME Governance" was passed by the General Assembly, now Session Law 2012-141. This will include transfer of all guardianship responsibilities to DSS pending transfer process from Clerk of Court. Monetary support (\$2500/year) for each guardianship will be given on an annual basis.

Environmental Health Update

Environmental Health identified excess arsenic in new well while they were surveying new well permits. Arsenic amounts exceeded current EPA allowable, but less than prior standards required. Letters were sent out to residents advising of the arsenic.

Farm Bureau Mobile Health Unit

Farm Bureau Mobile Health Unit "Health Living for a Lifetime" will be coming to Wilson County on September 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a joint activity of WilMed and WCHD and will provide free screenings for approximately 225 people. The health screenings will include blood pressure, lipid panel, body mass index, bone density, glucose, skin damage assessment and lung function. Also included in the screening will be on additional specialty test and there is a group consensus that feels the greatest advantage would be the diabetes test A1C.

Miscellaneous Issues/Comments

Two vacancies on BOH need to be filled, 1 at large member and 1 veterinarian. BOH Operating Procedures have been emailed to BOH members and posted to the website for board members to review. The Board acknowledged these have been reviewed. WCHD was recognized for Surveillance Award by NC DPH. Mr. Meyer reported he gave a HD overview presentation to the Kiwanis Club on August 9th. Financial kudos was given to WCHD for FY 2011-2012. WIC returned over 2.1 million dollars to local economy via WIC vouchers. Personal Health produced 288.8 thousand dollars in net revenue. WCHD share of the Community Transformation Grant is \$75,000/year for 5 years. Home Health is to be determined, but will be a large contribution. WCHD wins for the second consecutive year the "Best Practice" State Communicable Disease Award.

Board Chairperson's Report

Mr. Ronnie Sutton asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Dr. Jessica McKee made a motion to go into executive session and Dr. Russell Stone seconded.

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 comments.

<u>Adjournment</u>- There being no further business Mr. Sutton adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 pm to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Felix Meyer, Secretary Wilson County Board of Health

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