

**WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday February 12, 2013**

The Wilson County Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in the Board Room at the Wilson County Health Department. Members present were:

Ronnie Sutton	Kathy Dixon
Thomas Lucas	Maria Glennon, D.V.M.
George Leach	Samuel Teruel-Velez
Jessica McKee, D.O.	Melinda Laird
Russell Stone, O.D.	

Others present:

Felix Meyer, Lida Blalock, Tammra Morrison, Jim Martin, Kate Powell, Cinnamon Narron, Barbara Williams, Leslie Adams, Steve Beamon, Olivia Neely and Lynn Barnes.

**Welcome**

Ronnie Sutton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and extended a welcome to attendees.

**Approval of Minutes of December 2012 meeting**

The minutes from the December 11, 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.

**Health Director's Report**

Mr. Meyer extended a welcome to everyone. Ms. Leslie Adams, Social Work intern from Barton College was introduced. Mr. Meyer reported although they had agenda items, Debra Harris and Valerie Bulluck was not able to attend tonight.

A new Family Nurse Practitioner, Monica Massey from Barton College has been hired to work part-time until the end of the school year, and then will be full-time. The Community Health Assessment is in the early stages and this is a first time effort in collaboration with Wilson Medical Center. This is a collaboration effort is at the recommendation of Division of Public Health and NC Hospital Association and will be a three year cycle. Mr. Sutton asked with Wilson Medical Center being involved in possibly becoming affiliated with another hospital group, if this would change the relationship between the health department and the hospital. Mr. Meyer reported he did not anticipate a change in the relationship. Mr. Thomas Lucas reported he and the Board of Commissioners had been invited to attend a meeting with Mr. Rick Hudson and the team that has been hired to drive the merger process. The team asked the Board of Commissioners what they would like to see happen with a merger and the Commissioners reported they would like to see more collaboration with the hospital and the health department and Green Street Center. BOH

training, an Accreditation requirement is scheduled for April. News on date and time will follow. New BOH members were reminded they will need to also have health department orientation.

Hilary Burchette will be serving as coordinator for American Heart Association Program Drive. Home Health was recently surveyed by NC DHHS, who periodically conducts surveys to determine compliance with "Conditions of Participation" as regulated by CMS. The survey reported only minor issues with the final report pending.

WCHD sponsored "Moms To Be", an educational event in January. Tammra Morrison, R.N., Interim DON gave a brief overview of the event, and the staff felt it was a success. A fall workshop is being planned. Wilson Medical Center nursing staff assisted with presentations for the January event. This was seen as a definitive effort towards impacting Wilson County infant mortality rate. Mr. Sutton congratulated the staff on the event and wanted to know what was being looked at to increase participation in the fall. Ms. Morrison said radio advertisements, newspaper, and getting info to the different providers. Mr. Sutton suggested contacting the Wilson Ministerial Association to get the word out to the church community and the school nurses. Wanda Tedder, WIC retired December 31<sup>st</sup> and Bess Mercer, Home Health will be retiring on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Four new employees have recently been hired and the overall staffing is at 99%.

Home Health was recently recognized as one of the 2012 Home Care Elite. They were recognized as one of the top 25% of home care agencies in the country. Barbara Williams, Health Educator recently facilitated DSS training program for foster kids, "Making Proud Choices". The curriculum was designed for youth, 11-18 years old and designed to encourage behavioral change in decreasing the chance of unintended pregnancies and reduce the risk of STD's or HIV/AIDS infections. Ms. Williams reported she has 12 participants. WCHD and Wilson OIC continue to do STD and HIV/Syphilis testing outreach. OIC received "Nontraditional Testing Site Grant" from NC and this requires health department collaboration. Ms. Williams reported that testing has been conducted at nontraditional sites such as barber shops, beauty parlors, grocery store parking lots and weekly visits to the county jail. WCHD provides the van and assists with testing and education. Ms. Williams reported on February 6<sup>th</sup>, OIC and WCHD tested 25 persons at Piggly Wiggly. The program has received very positive feedback which is good P.R. for WCHD and OIC.

Mr. Meyer discussed QI (See handouts). Ms. Williams discussed the current and ongoing community outreach programs that include the STD's, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Class held at Hunt and Fike. Ms. Williams reported she only goes to Hunt and Fike, but Beddingfield High School is aware of the program. Mr. Lucas reported that Beddingfield had recently had a change in administration and suggested Ms. Williams may want to contact them. Mr. Sutton asked if there were any new areas to explore in the outreach programs or is there programs that there is a need for, but no funds. Ms. Williams reported money is an issue. The Real Care Baby Parenting Program is a valuable program and the health department only has 7 babies. The cost for each of these is \$1000.00 each. Having more of these babies and another Health Educator would allow them to use the program in other middle schools. Mr. Sutton suggested looking at the budget for the upcoming year regarding some of these programs. Ms. Morrison gave a brief summary on a week long Kaizen event. This was a training geared to decrease cycle time and improve quality for new maternal health patients. So far this has been a success decreasing the client cycle time from 2

hours 49 minutes to 2 hours 10 minutes. Also patients have time to complete a WIC visit on the same day.

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

Mr. Sutton reported a situation had arisen where he felt like Environmental Health went above and beyond the call of duty and wanted to commend them.

### **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**

None present.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Sutton asked for a motion to go in to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Dr. Jessica McKee made the motion and Ms. Melinda Laird seconded. A motion was made to go back in to open session by Dr. Maria Glennon and seconded by Mr. Samuel Teruel-Velez. After returning in to open session the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment**- The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Felix Meyer, Secretary  
Wilson County Board of Health

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