

**WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES**

Tuesday April 9, 2013

The Wilson County Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 in the Board Room at the Wilson County Health Department. Members present were:

Ronnie Sutton
Thomas Lucas
Jessica McKee, D.O.
Russell Stone, O.D.

Kathy Dixon
Maria Glennon, D.V.M.
Samuel Teruel-Velez

Others present:

Felix Meyer, Debra Harris, Jim Martin, Kate Webb, Karyn Harwood, Wayne Stem, Cinnamon Narron, Leslie Adams, Christie White, 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 February 2013 meeting

The minutes from the February 12, 2013 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. Information was handed out about the Area L AHEC training to be held April 30, 2013, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and an Accreditation requirement for BOH members. All board members were encouraged to attend. The health department was selected for a breast cancer grant from Susan Komen. The grant is intended to enhance early education and awareness of breast cancer risk and options. Request was made to the BOH for approval to accept grant funds which are \$3500 yearly and per county, renewable up to 5 years and pursue Upper Coastal Plain Breast Cancer Initiative. A motion was made by Dr. Jessica McKee to accept the grant funds and Mr. Samuel Teruel-Velez seconded. There was no opposition.

There are two house bills that are of concern: SB 675-Eliminate Exceptions/Med Treatments/Minors. This bill will prohibit medical treatment for pregnancy, venereal disease, substance abuse or mental illness of minors without written consent of parent/guardian and is also in conflict with Federal Title X Family Planning Program. The Health Director would like to forward concerns on behalf of WCHD and the BOH, to bill sponsors. A request was made for BOH concurrence. Motion was made by Dr. Maria Glennon for concurrence and Dr. Jessica

McKee seconded. There was no opposition. Mr. Meyer added that Karyn Harwood, R.N., Personal Health Supervisor found an excellent document regarding Title X on the web and encouraged all to read. Also SB703-Limit Local Regulation of Outdoor Smoking was discussed. This would remove authority to impose restrictions on outdoor smoking, prohibit local government from imposing more stringent restrictions. The Health Director would like to forward concerns on behalf of WCHD and the BOH, to bill sponsors. A request was made for BOH concurrence. Motion was made by Kathy Dixon for concurrence and Dr. Maria Glennon seconded. There was no opposition.

Personnel staffing is currently at 99%. The 2013-2014 budget was presented to the Board and discussed. It was discussed that the majority of the increase are personnel related with a 2% COLA requested for employees. There will also be a 10% increase in health insurance as well as some personnel additions and reclassifications. Prior to the BOH meeting, the Finance Committee met and approved the budget.

Electronic Health Records (EHR) a system mandated by the Affordable Care Act was discussed improving patient flow, collections, billing and interface with DPH Health Information System. Also discussed were new work stations cubicles for the WIC staff. County funds are now 26.3% of the total budget (vs. 10 year average of 20%), well within range for statewide health departments.

Debra Harris, R.N., Home Health Director presented the Home Health annual report and handed out a report to each BOH member. Increases in referrals were discussed as well as upcoming plans for Home Health. Two nursing positions have been approved. Ms. Harris welcomed suggestions and thanked Mr. Meyer, Mr. Lucas and all of the County Commissioners and all were invited to come out to visit.

Kate Webb, Social Work Supervisor gave a report on gave a brief overview of the Social Work programs, CSC (Child Service Coordination) and MCC (Maternal Care Coordination) that were restructured as CC4C (Care Coordination for Children) and OBCM (Pregnancy Care Management) back in March 2011. With the new programs, they are funded by per member, per month fees. Ms. Webb gave a report on the performance measures and states that Medicaid dollars are being saved.

Board Chairperson's Report

Mr. Sutton reported he is assuming Mr. Lucas and the County Commissioners will be successful in funding for another Health Educator position and would like the health department to put together an action plan to include awareness and increase the level of participation in addressing teen pregnancy which is a major problem in Wilson County. This would hopefully help decrease the rate of teen pregnancy as well as the rate of infant mortality.

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.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7.15.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie L. Sutton, Chairman
Wilson County Board of Health

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