

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES June 3, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Carrie D. Fernald

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Karen Browder, Guidance Counselor, Meadowlark Elementary School
Ms. Kathleen Cramer, Parent, Meadowlark Elementary School
Ms. Nikki Francis, Teacher, Meadowlark Elementary School
Miss Jetta Ghosthorse, Student, Meadowlark Elementary School
Ms. Yan Yang, Wake Forest University

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, June 3, 2015, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Boardroom at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 6, 2015 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. James Doub made a motion to approve and Dr. Charles Massler seconded. The minutes were approved by the Board.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Glenda Dancy
Ms. Yalonda Galloway
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Robert Whitwam
Ms. Nohemi Campos
Ms. Amber Draughon
Ms. Ethel Evans
Dr. Emily Smith
Ms. Christine Wanous
Ms. Alicia Watson

Health Director's Comments – Mr. Marlon Hunter announced that the department acquired eight school nurses in the new budget. He thanked the County Commissioners and the Board for their support.

Mr. Hunter announced seeing Dr. Scott Schroeder on the news. Dr. Schroeder spoke briefly about the Triad Dog Games he participated in on May 16th - 17th at Tanglewood Park, saying it was a two-day fundraising event sponsored by the Sergei Foundation. Dr. Schroeder added the mission of the event is to assist in saving companion pets' lives by providing veterinary financial assistance to families that are not able to afford emergency, life-saving care.

Mr. Hunter introduced Dr. Yan Yang from Yulan, China, who is currently at Wake Forest University working as a Research Assistant. He told Board members that the department will share whatever information it can with Dr. Yang and he is very happy to have her here visiting with us. When asked what kind of work she was interested in, Dr. Yang responded non-communicable diseases, the heart and the mental relationship between a high fat diet and heart disease. Dr. Petrou welcomed Dr. Yang and thanked her for coming.

Mr. Hunter introduced Ms. Karen Browder, School Counselor, from Meadowlark Elementary School, who spoke briefly about a fundraiser they had in February, centered around acts of kindness by students. Ms. Nikki Francis, a teacher at the school, further explained that students were charged with writing a paper about a charity or program they felt was important and wanted to support. Ms. Francis introduced Miss Jetta Ghosthorse, one of her 5th grade students, who read the winning essay she wrote about Nurse-Family Partnership (copy of essay on file in the Administrative Binder). Miss Ghosthorse raised one-hundred dollars for the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and presented a check to Mr. Hunter. Mr. Hunter thanked Miss Ghosthorse and commended her on the great job she did. He presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift bag from Nurse-Family Partnership. At the end of her presentation, Miss Ghosthorse received a standing ovation and it was obvious that she had touched everyone's heart and would leave a lasting impression. Ms. Christine Wanous, Supervisor for Nurse-Family Partnership of Forsyth and some of her staff were also in attendance to meet Miss Ghosthorse and take pictures.

New Business:

Cleveland Avenue Dental Center Update – Dr. Emily Smith gave a detailed presentation on the importance of good dental health and the achievements of the Cleveland Avenue Dental Center (complete copy of presentation on file in the Administrative Binder). Dr. Smith highlighted the following:

- Early Childhood Caries (definition, risk factors and costs and consequences)
- Early Prevention (first dental visit, what to expect and recommendations)
- Periodontal Disease (definition, classifications, risk factors, link to overall health and prevention)
- Dental Center Statistics, Revenue and Achievements

Mr. Bob Whitwam mentioned the Dental Center will start charging a sliding fee July 1st, as the Board approved. He added the Kate B. Reynolds (KBR) grant has helped tremendously and said the target is Medicaid eligible children who do not have a dentist home.

Dr. Smith pointed out the following achievements made by the Dental Center: increased Dental Center revenue and total patient visits; Dentrex and Dental OSHA training for staff; Dental Director and a Dental Hygienist hired in 2014; nitrous oxide analgesia implemented in March 2015 and plans for a dental website for July 2015. Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt asked where do we stand, financially and Mr. Hunter responded we are in the black. Mr. Whitwam added that as of Friday, we were \$24,000 in the black (dollar amount before Medicaid dollars are added in).

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Adjourn:

Before requesting a motion to adjourn, Dr. Petrou announced there would be no July meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Massler and seconded by Dr. Doub. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.



Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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