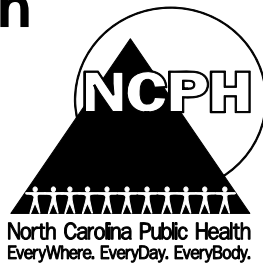


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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES September 3, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Dr. Willard McCloud

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Mr. Bob Whitwam
Ms. Peggy Lemon
Ms. Ayo Ademeyero
Ms. Lynne Mitchell

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, September 3, 2008, the Forsyth County Board of Health held their regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Ms. Vera Robinson, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 6, 2008 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Dr. Ricky Sides and a second by Dr. Calvert Jeffers, the minutes were approved as presented by the Board of Health.

Old Business:

Introduction:

Dr. Monroe introduced Ms. Cynthia Jeffries, our new Assistant Director for Administration and Finance. The Board welcomed her to the health department.

Guest Speaker - Jim Graham:

Mr. Jim Graham is the Executive Director of Northwest Community Care Network, and was the Guest Speaker at the board meeting. He presented a very detailed report concerning this program. The Northwest Community Care Network currently serves the counties of Davie, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Forsyth. Under the Community Care Program, (formerly known as Carolina Access), North Carolina is building community health networks that are organized and operated by community physicians, hospitals, health departments and departments of Social Services. Fourteen networks with more than 3,000 physicians across North Carolina are working with the above departments and agencies to better manage the care of approximately 760,000 Medicaid

enrollees. By establishing these provider networks, the program is putting in place the local systems that are needed to achieve long-term quality, access and utilization objectives in the management of care for recipients of Medicaid. Incidentally, the transition of Health Choice Programs to Community Care of North Carolina, (CCNC), will add an additional 110,000 children for case management. Currently, there are nine CCNC employees based in the Nursing Division.

Old Business:

Health Department Tobacco Use Policy Revision:

Copies of the proposed Tobacco Use Policy were distributed to the board, and a copy is attached as a part of these minutes. Dr. Monroe asked the board to give consideration to the policy. The primary changes are that in the past the policy has only prohibited smoking. Now, if the new policy is approved, all tobacco products will be prohibited. This includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, and chewing tobacco. This policy will also address the 50 linear feet rule, which prohibits all tobacco use within 50 feet from the building. This policy not only will apply to the building, but also will apply to all county vehicles used by Department employees. Dr. Monroe pointed out that the Board of Health also has the authority to adopt a rule for the Liberty Plaza location also, due to the fact that health department staff are located in that building. The department will have new signage for the Tobacco Policy, or painting on the sidewalk to reflect the policy. The ideal plan would be to include the Department of Social Services, and Behavioral Health in this, which would make the entire campus "Tobacco Free". After much discussion and careful consideration of this policy, Dr. Jeffers made a motion to adopt the new rules, and Dr. Sides seconded the motion. The entire board voted in favor of adopting the Tobacco Use Policy.

Lead Summit Update:

Dr. Monroe reminded the board that the Lead Summit will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at the Main Library, downtown. CHANGE asked Departmental staff to join them in an effort to more effectively address childhood lead exposure in Forsyth County. Staff were already in the process of exploring the possibility of a Board of Health rule to address lead exposure through a housing-based approach as recommended by the CDC. Dr. Monroe, Bob Whitwam, Lynne Mitchell, Ayo Ademoyero, and Peggy Lemon have at times variably met with CHANGE representatives to seek a common approach. An outline/draft of a model rule was presented to the Board, for purposes of discussion. This material will also be discussed at the Lead Summit. This will be shown as an example of what a Board of Health Rule looks like. Although there may result from this process a recommendation by CHANGE to the Board for the development of a rule, final drafting and consideration of any proposed rule will occur later this fall at the earliest. CHANGE will be a very strong advocate for us in conversing with the County Commissioners. This group is very interested in the harmful effects and results from high lead levels. Even lead levels below 10 micrograms per deciliter may affect children's behavior, their intelligence, and learning process. The board was encouraged to attend the Lead Summit.

Update on Accreditation – Site Visit Dates:

Dr. Monroe reported that we now have new Site Visit Date's for our Accreditation. The new dates are June 16th thru 18th, 2009.

New Business:

Ms. Vera Robinson mentioned that an article was in the Winston Salem Journal, this week, concerning "Step Up Forsyth". This is a free communitywide walking program that aims to improve quality of life through increased physical activity. Participants may walk on their own or form teams and walk in groups. The 2008 Step Up Forsyth Program will run for 8 weeks, starting September 14, 2008, and ending on November 7, 2008. The goal for 2008 is to log a total of 1 million minutes of physical activity. Information concerning this is on the website. Participants may join at any time during the program dates.

Other Business:

Dr. Monroe mentioned that information had been released that day by the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, concerning the Infant Mortality Rate. The Forsyth County Infant Mortality Rate is the highest this year of the five largest counties in the state. In 2007, Forsyth County had 11.1 infant deaths per 1,000 live births as compared to at 11.4 for 2006. The 2007 rate of 11.1 represents 57 actual infant deaths, which is the same number as occurred in 2006. The state rate has increased slightly from 8.1 in 2006 to 8.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live

births in 2007. A Press Release will be sent out to the Media, from the health Department on Thursday, September 4, 2008. This is also posted on our website.

Committees:

Ms. Robinson announced that the Healthy Carolinians Conference will be held on October 9th and 10th, 2008. She encouraged representatives from the board and the health department to attend this event.

Adjourn:

After all business had been discussed, Dr. Jeffers made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Sides seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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