



Macon County
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
June 24, 2014**

Members Present: Russell Stevenson – Chair, Frank Killian MD - Vice-Chairman, Teresa Murray, Roy Lenzo DVM, Emily Bowers, Nathan Brenner DDS, Stacy Shannon Pharm. D, Molly Phillips & Frederick Berger MD.

Absent: Sheila Price RN and Commissioner Paul Higdon

Staff Present: Jim Bruckner, Becky Barr, Jimmy Villiard, Kathy McGaha, Tammy Keezer, Tonya Hodgins, Stan Polanski & Charlene Bellavance.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Media: There were no members of the press in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:25 by Chairman Stevenson.

Approve Agenda: Mr. Bruckner asked that Legislative Update be added under old business and MountainWise Incorporation be added under new business. A motion was made by Dr. Berger and seconded by Dr. Killian to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition:

Mr. Bruckner recognized Molly Phillips for her appointment as a Board member for the Little Tennessee Land Trust.

Presentations:

Strategic Plan Update: Ms. McGaha referred the Board members to the handout in their packets. She advised that we had reviewed the current plan, revised certain objectives and set net future objectives. Some of the objectives have already been assigned and are being worked on by Quality Improvement committees. She indicated that several of the objectives are incorporating the Triple Aim System for improving the experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing per capita costs of health care. Ms. McGaha highlighted that two of the Strategic Plan Objectives address priorities identified in the current Community Health Assessment:

- BCBS Strengthening Oral Safety Net Project – In partnership with the NC Office of Rural Health, NC Center for Public Health Quality, and BCBS; MCPH dental clinics will:
 - Undergo Quality Improvement processes to assess the current state of MCPH dental clinics business plan, establish priority focus areas, implement improvement recommendations, and evaluate improvement impact.
 - Increase access to dental care for children 0-3 and pregnant women by implementing the Baby Oral Health Program (BOHP) and Prenatal Oral Health Program (POHP).
- Pilot providing DSMT/MNT services at off-site locations, including Macon County School Campus and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

The two priorities addressed are:

- Reduce the incidence of preventable chronic diseases related to obesity, particularly diabetes and heart disease.
- Promote recruitment and retention of additional primary care physicians and dental practitioners serving Macon County residents.

Our leadership team has discussed that we would develop new priority focus areas for next year. We will be bringing these suggestions back to the Board for discussion and approval at that time. A copy of Ms. McGaha's report is attached to these minutes.

Results of Consumer Survey: Ms. McGaha reported that this survey is administered on an annual basis. This year the survey was administered during the month of May and is handed out by all of our service areas. We had a total of 91 surveys completed this year which was up from 78 in 2013. A copy of Ms. McGaha's report is attached to these minutes. One of the areas that leadership has discussed in regard to the feedback is whether or not we should be considering piloting a late clinic one night per month to include the family planning services.

Measles Update: Mr. Polanski reported that measles has been in the news recently. As of the CDC's report of May 23, there have already been more cases of measles in the United States in 2014 than there have been in any full year since the 1990's. The standard childhood vaccine schedule now calls for two doses of measles vaccine as opposed to just the one dose before the 1990's. Mr. Polanski indicated that the increase in cases this year is primarily due to individuals who travel to countries where measles is still prevalent and return to areas of the US that have clusters of unimmunized persons such as an Amish community in Ohio. The last outbreak in Macon County was in 1990. This involved a family in a religious group that did not believe in immunizations. The public health response to this is to promote routine immunization of all children and all foreign travelers. In North Carolina you have to claim a religious exemption in order not to have the children immunized. Another public health response would be to isolate any suspected measles case in the community and make it a priority to identify the contacts of the suspected infected person to keep it from spreading.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Ms. Bowers and seconded by Dr. Killian to approve the minutes of May 27, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Budget Update: Ms. Hodgins reported on the month of May and Year to Date expenses and revenue. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

County Budget Update: Mr. Bruckner reported that the Board of Commissioner's approved the FY15 budget as presented to this Board in May.

CHA/CHIP Update: Ms. Barr updated the new Board members regarding the community health assessment process. The next health assessment will be conducted and completed for the calendar year of 2015. The dates for completion have changed and have been pushed back approximately three months. The community health assessment for 2015 must be submitted by March of 2016. Action plans must be submitted by September of 2016. The State of the County Health (SOTCH) report is due in the 2nd and 3rd years of the assessments cycle, also in March. There have been additional changes at the state level regarding the deliverables for the community health assessment cycle. We now have to assure survey integrity for this next assessment. The document length has also been changed. We are only allowed 50 pages to report the data. The action planning process has also changed and Ms. Barr indicated that this requirement would probably be the hardest part new requirements to meet. Action plans must be submitted for each priority. Each action plan must consist of evidence based strategies with substantiating documentation supplied. Plans must contain at least 2 Health NC 2020 strategies as well. Action plans must also include a plan for training, staffing, monitoring and evaluation for each specified strategy. These requirements are in place for all organizations listed in the action plans, not just the health department. A challenge we are currently working on is how to best help Highlands-Cashiers Hospital with their requirement to complete a 2015 CHA. They will be able to collaborate with Macon County public health in 2015; but Jackson County public health will not complete a CHA until 2016. Mr. Bruckner indicated he had met with both hospitals CEO's to begin planning for how we can better collaborate on local health issues. We need the hospitals cooperation to be able to accomplish the community health assessment.

Legislative Update: Mr. Bruckner reported on the following senate and house bills and their current status.

- S744 Appropriations Act 2014 - Changes: House Budget Proposal:
 - Removes the transfer of OSWP Branch to DENR
 - Removes the REHS Board changes
- Now in conference committee - Appointed 6 18 2014 - 16 members
- S734 (Regulatory Reform)
 - Transfers private water supply rules to the Environmental Management Commission
 - Passed in the Senate now in the house
- H1140 (Amend CO Alarm Requirement)
 - Referred to Senate
 - Transfers inspection authority to the Fire Marshal's Office
 - Passed house and the senate now being held in the senate clerk's office
- S38 (Amend Environmental Laws 2014)
 - Hodgepodge of amendments affecting the on-site water protection program.
 - Passed in the Senate now in the house

New Business:

Medicaid Cost Settlement Update: Mr. Bruckner indicated that our projected Medicaid Cost Settlement revenue for the year will be approximately 109% more than was projected for. The money has to be used in the programs it was earned. IN previous years, the Commissioners and County Manager have approved the purchase of a large number of computers and the software upgrades, to purchase additional medical equipment, carpet for the building, and a new WIFI system for the building. We will again need to ask the Board of Commissioner to approve for \$127,647 be appropriated from our general fund and allow us to use it for: part time staff (.5 FTE Clerk, 1 FTE Dental Assistant, and 1 FTE Nurse), and operating supplies/equipment for the adult dental clinic and Administration. A motion was made by Dr. Lenzo and seconded by Dr. Killian to approve the budget revisions as presented and to allow Mr. Bruckner to present these budget revisions to the Board of Commissioner's for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Mountain Wise Incorporation: Mr. Bruckner reported that there are grant opportunities that were approved by the Board of Commissioners. The Community Transformation Grant will need to separate itself from the Health Department and create a 501C3 in order to be the facilitator of these grants. The Health Directors of the eight western northern counties will be the Board members for the new corporation. Mr. Bruckner asked that the Board give their approval for him to participate as a member of the Board for the new corporation. He indicated that this in no way places any liability on the Board of Health. He is simply keeping them informed of his intent to be a participant. The main reason for this is to allow the 501C3 to use our physical address for the incorporation documents. Mr. Bruckner indicated that he has scheduled a meeting with the County Attorney to discuss details. A motion was made by Dr. Brenner and seconded Dr. Berger to allow Mr. Bruckner to participate as a member of the Board for the new corporation as a 501C3.

Board Training and Information: Mr. Bruckner referred the members to the handout in their packets regarding E-Cigarettes. He also updated them on reported cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome & Chikungunya in US. This was the first case of Chikungunya in the US and it was reported in North Carolina.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Next Meeting Date: July 22, 2014

Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made at 8:07 by Dr. Killian and seconded by Ms. Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Bellavance

These minutes were approved on July 22, 2014 with a motion by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Murray. The motion passed unanimously.