



Macon County
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES**

May 24, 2011

Members Present: Roberta Swank Chairman, Russell Stevenson - Vice Chairman, Dr. Frank Killian, Brian McClellan, & Ronald Winecoff

Staff Present: Jim Bruckner, Dr. Jimmy Villiard DMV, Tammy Keezer, Diane Keener, Rebecca Barr, Tonya Hodgins, Missy Boston, Melanie Batchelor, Pat Muse, Jane Morgan, Cheryl Ramey, & Charlene Bellavance

Media: None

Guests: None

Public Comment Session: Ms. Swank, Chairman of the Board asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one responded.

Call to Order: Ms. Swank called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Winecoff. All Board members present were in agreement.

Welcome/Introductions/Departures/Recognition:

- Ms. Barr shared letters of recognition and comments from clients that Melanie Batchelor received for her work on the “MCPH Diabetes” and “Girls on the Run” Programs.
- Dr. Villiard congratulated Missy Boston on her recent completion of the Management & Supervision for Public Health Nurse Supervisors and Directors course through the Gillings School of Global Public Health.
- Dr. Villiard congratulated Cheryl Ramey on her recent graduation from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science & Nursing degree.

Presentations:

Postponed to a later meeting.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting of April 26, 2011: Minutes from the April 26, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Mr. Stevenson. All Board members present were in agreement.

Old Business:

Budget Update

Ms. Keezer gave an update of the MCPH budget for year 2011-2012. She stated that there is an increase in revenue that was not expected that was received from Medicaid Cost Settlement. Each year, health departments receive an adjustment from Medicaid to offset certain expenses for various programs that health departments participate in. This year, the actual amount was greater than expected because there was a change in the formula for calculating dental services Medicaid Cost Settlement dollars. This change in calculation resulted in net gain for the county.

MCPH proposed budget reflected a reduction of county funds of 5.5% from FY 11. When presented to the County Manager for approval, the County Manager requested an additional 0.7% reduction of requested funds for a total reduction of 6.2%. The primary reduction made by the county manager was from the adult dental program.

Mr. Stevenson asked about why the County manager wanted an additional reduction. Ms. Keezer stated that it was primarily because of the changes in the Adult Dental Program.

A motion to leave the FY 12 Budget as it was proposed by the County at this time and leave the budget amount the way it is was made by Mr. Winecoff, seconded by Dr. Killian all board members present were in agreement.

Legislative update

There are currently several House and Senate Bills at the state level that are being proposed that will reduce services or eliminate programs MCPH is involved. These include possible elimination of some state positions for environmental health services. The WADE (Wastewater Discharge Elimination Program, Private Drinking Well Water Program, and the Pest Management Program. Also up for elimination is centralized training for environmental health specialists.

These program or service eliminations do not mean that the programs or services will go away at the local level. What this means is counties will still be responsible for provision and enforcement activities associated with these services; however, there will not be state or regional consultants available to support efforts. Counties will also be required to develop their own environmental health specialist training programs

Additional proposals include the abolishment of state Health & Wellness Trust Program which could eliminate a health education position within MCPH. The TRU program now being offered at Mountain View Intermediate School, Macon Middle School and Franklin High School would not have the resources now provided by MCPH through the health education position. Students are actively petitioning for that program to continue.

Further cuts in the Medicaid program are expected with the reduction in Adult Medicaid Dental services; the elimination of NC Health Choice dental services; the reduction of state BCCCP (Breast and Cervical Cancer Program) funds that provide mammograms to uninsured women between the ages of 40 & 49; and, the reduction of federal block grant funds that support services such as Family Planning, Health Promotion, and WIC Program.

Mr. Stevenson asked if any of these proposals been passed.

Mr. Bruckner stated that at this time, they had cleared in the House and were about to be finalized in the Senate. Once through the Senate they would go back to the House again before going to the governor for signature.

Bills of Interest:

HOUSE BILL 200: Now in the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget - an act to make base budget appropriations for current operations of state departments, institutions, and agencies; to enact budget related amendments; and to reorganize state government.

SENATE BILL 433: Engrossed 4/27/2011 - an act concerning administration of human services in counties that have elected to consolidate those services directly either under the county or under a consolidated human service board, and to make that statute statewide in applicability.

HOUSE BILL 580: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services - an act concerning administration of human services in counties that have elected to consolidate those services directly either under the county or under a consolidated human service board, and to make that statute statewide in applicability.

SENATE BILL 552: Referred to Committee on Referred to Committee on Health Care - Regional Public Health Authority Pilot.

New Business:

MCPH Fee Plan

Ms. Hodgins stated that the Fee Plan has only minor changes. Page 9 of nutrition services has changed and they would propose these changes be made effective June 1, 2011. They are using a 40% sliding fee scale currently but they are proposing to use 20% sliding scale but starting with a higher service fee.

A motion to approve the new Billing and Collection Policies and Fee Schedules as presented was made by Mr. Winecoff, and seconded by Dr. Killian. All Board members present were in agreement.

Dental Clinic

Dr. Villiard reported that our current full time dentist submitted his letter of resignation and his last day will be May 26th. We have been in touch with two dentists, both new graduates, but thus far have not had any success finding a replacement.

HWTF

Ms. Barr reported that there is a bill being proposed that will eliminate all of the Health & Wellness Trust Fund dollars. In addition, the bill also abolishes the HWTF. This affects MCPH's Tobacco grant that currently funds a full time health educator position and has since 2003. If the bill passes it would be

effective July 1, 2011. Since the inception of this program we have seen a 50% reduction in children using tobacco products. The grant amount projected for FY12 was \$82,000 for salary and operating.

Closed Session – Personnel Matter:

A Motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Ms. Swank asked that Mr. Bruckner and Ms. Keezer remain for the closed session.

Board Training and Information:

- ✓ NCGS 130A-39 Powers & Duties of the Local Board of Health – copies provided and presentation done by Mr. Bruckner
- ✓ NCGS 130A-41 Powers & Duties of the Local Health Director – copies provided and presentation done by Mr. Bruckner
- ✓ CDC & EPA Bed Bug Joint Statement (Handout provided)

Announcements:

None

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 6:15 p.m.

Ms. Swank declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Keener, Coordinator of Health Information for Jim Bruckner, MS, Health Director
Macon County Public Health

Minutes approved June 28, 2011 on a motion from Mr. McClellan and a second by Mr. Winecoff, all Board members present were in agreement.