

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES**

**May 17, 2010**

**Members Present:** Roberta Swank, Dr. Jim Davis, Ron Winecoff, Paul Higdon,  
Dr. Roy Lenzo, Dr. David Hill, Angie Stahl, and Russell Stevenson

**Staff Present:** Jim Bruckner, Anne Hyder, Dr. Jimmy Villiard, Misty Stephens,  
Tammy Keezer and Barry Patterson

**Media:** Radio - WFSC /WNCC

**Guests:** Al Slagle; Chuck Seagle

**Public Comment Session** - Chairman Swank asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Mr. Al Slagle, a hydro geologist with the NC Public Water Supply Section addressed his concern with the \$375 fee for well repair permits. He expressed that he thinks this high fee for repairs encourages illegal repairs and discourages some people from getting repairs. He summarized that he would like to see a change in Macon County to go along with Haywood and Jackson Counties where there is no fee for a well repair permit.

Mr. Chuck Seagle introduced himself as being licensed by the state as a water systems operator. He expressed concern that he is aware that work has been done without pulling repair permits and as a result some work has been done that is incorrect and probably a PH hazard. He noted that the EH section of Public Health has been notified and hasn't done anything about it. He expressed a desire to see something done to those individuals who do not comply because it causes a loss of revenue, creates a PH hazard, and aggravates the guys who are trying to do the job correctly and pay the fees while doing the job properly.

Ms. Swank expressed there will be follow up on the concerns expressed and someone will get back in touch with Mr. Slagle and Mr. Seagle.

**Call to Order** – Ms. Swank called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

**Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved on a motion by Dr. David Hill and second by Dr. Roy Lenzo.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting of March 9, 2010** - Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Ron Winecoff and second by Dr. David Hill.

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**Old Business**

- **Public Health Month – Hero Award** – Anne Hyder reported on the event held on April 28 that was set up by the agency Communications Committee in recognition of Public Health Month. She noted the success of the event with hopes it will become an annual occurrence. She reported that Dorothy Crawford was selected as the Public Health Hero for this year.

**New Business**

- **Logo Update** – Ms. Hyder passed out sample copies of the new logo adopted by the agency recently. The new logo will now be green/ blue and officially will be put into place by July 1, 2010.
- **Budget** – Mr. Bruckner summarized that since the County Manager has been sick for a couple of weeks, the budget hasn't been finalized. He however, wanted to emphasize some issues he is aware of :

**Expenditures -**

- reduction of a ½ time position under Management support;
- upcoming challenges of HIS;
- have already given up 2 positions – plan conversations between now the end of the budget year about other issues coming down from the state;
- BCCCP, which is grant funded, has been reduced by \$2000;
- Vehicle Maintenance and Repair in On Site Wastewater has been reduced by \$2000;
- Bottom line – This current year we requested \$4.7 million; with internal revisions and the reduction of the H1N1 funds, the request was \$4.4 million. After review by the County Manager, the budget has been reduced another \$22,319.

**Revenues –**

- EH revenues have been reduced back to current year projections which is about a \$13,000 change in all areas of EH;
- Dental – Adult and Children's programs (one reduced by \$18,000 and other by \$7000) – Jim thinks this is based on what has been earned this year to date but we will most likely exceed both revenue targets this year so he plans to try to get this amount back in the budget.

Mr. Bruckner noted also that as of this year the agency started using CDP

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(statewide system) in the Environmental Health Section which is a paperless system, however they haven't been satisfied with this system. He added that some of our staff has been very successful in designing a system via laser fiche to maintain our files. He would like to propose using the funds designated now in our budget for the CDP and asking for an additional \$20,000 to be able to utilize the new system.

Another request Mr. Bruckner mentioned he will propose to the county is regarding a program called Tele-Health Network. He indicates that SCC has some excess revenue funding and will help pay some of our bandwidth. He anticipates asking the county for an additional \$3300 for a T1 line.

Mr. Bruckner noted in the Governor's budget as submitted 3 weeks ago, there was a proposal to cut Adult Dental Medicaid. He reviewed that if we lose our program, we will need to come up with an additional \$62,000 in revenue to offset other programs.

At 7:05 pm, Ron Winecoff made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and future employment contracts and the motion was seconded by Russell Stevenson. The motion passed unanimously. All staff except Mr. Bruckner and Tammy Keezer were asked to be excused.

At 8:15 pm, a motion was made to return to open session and to seal the minutes from the closed session on a motion by Ron Winecoff and second by Dr. David Hill. Chairperson Roberta Swank announced that no action was taken in closed session.

**Board Training and Information**

- **Rabies Clinic Update** - data on recent clinics was provided to members in their packets.

**Announcements**

- **Retirements** – Anne Hyder reported prior to the Board going into closed session, that two agency staff will be retiring in the near future – Margaret Sustarsic on June 30 and Linda Tyler on July 12.

**Next Regular Meeting** – The next regular meeting will be June 8, 2010 at 6:15 pm (dinner to be served at 6 pm).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. David Hill and seconded by Ron Winecoff at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hyder RN, Assistant Health Director for Jim Bruckner, MS, Health Director  
Macon County Public Health Center