



Macon County
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
July 22, 2014**

Members Present: Russell Stevenson – Chair, Teresa Murray, Nathan Brenner DDS, Molly Phillips, Sheila Price RN and Commissioner Paul Higdon.

Absent: Frank Killian MD - Vice-Chairman, Roy Lenzo DVM, Emily Bowers, Stacy Shannon Pharm. D, & Frederick Berger MD.

Staff Present: Jim Bruckner, Tammy Keezer, Tonya Hodgins, Jennifer Garrett, Rachel Cowart, Diane Keener, Sarah Tennyson & 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 6:30 by Chairman Stevenson.

Approve Agenda: Mr. Bruckner asked that MountainWise Incorporation be removed under Old Business and Approval of Revisions to Billing Guide be removed under New Business. A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Price to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition:

Mr. Bruckner recognized Russell Stevenson, Dr. Frederick Berger & Dr. Nathan Brenner for their willingness to continue to serve as members of the Board for another three year term.

Ms. Garrett recognized Rachel Cowart for her help in coordinating with the Region A Partnership for Children to help local children's programs be prepared for emergencies. She has helped with training and the distribution of Ready to Go Kits as well as working with county level emergency preparedness officials to integrate emergency plans into the county wide plan. Ms. Cowart was presented a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Health.

Presentations:

MountainWise Partnership: Ms. Tennyson gave a brief overview of the Community Transformation Grant (CTG) project indicating that the state gave us specific instructions in the use of funds in connection with projects that included plans for chronic disease management. The priority areas focused on healthy eating, active living, tobacco-free living, and clinical preventative services. The mountainwise.org campaign was generated to support and promote the resources of the region. They have created brands and sub-brands to

market the local resources. This information can be accessed on The MountainWise.org website. A copy of Sarah's presentation is available upon request and is attached to these minutes.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Murray to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

Celebration Lunch for NACCHO Award: Mr. Bruckner reported to the Board that our agency had received a national award from NACCHO for their work on the tobacco free parks and recreation policy that was supported by the Board. Mr. Bruckner asked permission to use some of the budgeted Board of Health funds to pay for a luncheon for the employees in celebration of the hard work the employees did on this project. A motion was made by Ms. Price and seconded by Ms. Phillips to allow Board funds to be used for this lunch. The motion passed unanimously.

Electronic Health Record Selection Process: Ms. Keener reported that during the search process for an EMR she and other employees had traveled to other counties to see their systems in operation. The two programs that we were comparing were Cure MD and Patagonia. The visits were to help our agency determine which system would be most beneficial for our upcoming transfer of records to a paperless system. Being a Public Health Department, we are required to report certain data to the state, with that in mind; we need to choose a system that would be able to generate the data to the state reporting system. The State had indicated in the past that HIS would be the EHR for the counties and be able to meet Meaningful Use Standards. HIS has not been able to accomplish all of the requirements and is not HL7 compliant which means it is not able to talk to other systems. Our current system HIS does have a capable practice management component but is limited in clinical readiness, these are reasons that we cannot continue with the HIS system. The vendors we are looking at have experience with public health and state reporting requirements. Cure MD and Patagonia are both web based and can be used off site. Patagonia is application design where Cure MD is not. Currently state required documents are loaded into both programs. When state changes are made to program specific documentation, Patagonia has agreed to make changes across all their counties with no extra charge where Cure MD has not committed to the same cost agreement. Patagonia has acquired former HIS employees for technical assistance and support. Mrs. Price asked if there were safeguards built into the system to protect our data. Ms. Keener indicated that there were. Both systems would host the program but we would own the data. Mrs. Price offered to go to the next Commissioner's meeting in support of Patagonia and its application based system since it sounded like it was the system that would be able to grow without interrupting workflow with system upgrades.

Board of Health Members on Committees: Mr. Bruckner asked that the Board members advise Charlene of any committees or associations they are members of to see if the information can be included as part of the agency's committees list.

Population Health Management Vs. Population Health Improvement: Mr. Bruckner reported that the community hears most about population health management where our department is more concerned with population health improvement. Our focus is policy change related to primary prevention/wellness rather than secondary/tertiary prevention - care of the sick.

Motion: A motion was made at 8:00 p.m. by Commissioner Higdon and seconded by Dr. Brenner to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter and that Mr. Bruckner and Ms. Keezer remain in attendance. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made at 8:17 pm by Ms. Price and seconded by Dr. Brenner to return to open session and seal the minutes from the executive session.

Board Training and Information: There were none for this meeting.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Next Meeting Date: August 26, 2014

Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Higdon and seconded by Ms. Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Bellavance

These minutes were approved on August 26, 2014 with a motion by Ms. Price and seconded by Dr. Killian. The motion passed unanimously.