

**NCALHD Full Association Meeting – Minutes
January 25, 2012**

Beth Lovette called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

- The minutes from the meeting in December 2011 were approved.
- The budget including amendments was approved.

Malpractice Insurance Update: Terrie Snowden

- Time for renewal (Applications in February and present final renewal at April Meeting)
- 20th anniversary for providing insurance to local health directors
- Expecting flat renewal – budget for 3% increase
- Considering moving to a paperless operation
 - Will have hard copy and electronic for the coming year
- Currently have 3 claims that are significant to us (Jail Health Care, Dental, ongoing case with infant)

President's Report: Beth Lovette

- Should you need to contact Beth, you can email her or call her on her cell phone: (336) 877-6103
- Communication Plan – we hope to get notes from the NCALHD meeting out by the Friday afternoon following the meeting
- Committees – please plan to join one or more committees – Committee Chair will know who is on the committee;
 - Liaison Committee Chairs - Officer:
 - President - DPH and Hospital Association/Community Care and DPH
 - President Elect – Policy and Planning Chair
 - Vice President – Accreditation and Quality Chair
 - Secretary/Treasurer – N/A
 - Past President – Nominations and Bylaws Chair
 - Other Liaison committee chairs are appointed by the President

Public Health Task Force: Gibbie Harris

- A small group met to address messaging – 1/25/12
 - Two messages:
 - Who Public Health is?
 - What do we need in place to be successful?
- A draft from this meeting will be sent out to Health Directors
- A survey will also be sent out. Please return as soon as you can. This is an important part of the plan. Survey was approved by Association.

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State Health Director Report: Dr. Jeff Engel

- The new State Health Director, Dr. Laura Gerald, will start February 1, 2012.
- Attended a Health Disparities Conference in New Orleans with Dr. Gray (Medicaid Director) which focused on a new initiative to eliminate disparities in infant mortality in South East
 - The key to success is leveraging Medicaid
- ASTHO Hill Day – Congressional Delegation Campaign
 - 5 funding issues
 - Immunization
 - Health Promotion Block Grant
 - Community Transformation Grant – Affordable Care Act
 - Preparedness Funds
 - Public Health Improvement Initiative - component
 - Performance management in public health
 - Quality Improvement
 - Improved health beta systems
- Currently recruiting for State Environmental Health Director position. Announcement should be in next few weeks.

State Environmental Health Director: Terry Pierce

- Terry Pierce is retiring effective January 31, 2012
- Please reference the attached report for update
- If you need to contact him after January 31, 2012: pieterry@gmail.com or (828) 423 4288

Division of Public Health Report: Danny Staley / Joy Reed

Danny Staley:

- Cost Settlement – all documents submitted to DMA in December 2011
 - Continue to coordinate efforts to submit CMS (via DMA) for approval
 - Impacts Pregnancy Home Model – trying to get all questions answered
- Reminder to sign CCNC network agreements
- During the month of February – DPH staff and departments will be relocated which will potentially cause phone issues

Joy Reed:

- There were two changes in the Consolidated Agreement:
 - Additional Lines for the WIRM
 - Line 104 – Local Expenditure – Teen Pregnancy Initiative
 - Line 106 – Local Expenditure – Bioterrorism
 - Line 107 – Temporary Food Establishments (TFE's) collected
 - Addendum to Business Associate Agreement – 3 places to sign

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- HIS
 - Staff is being relocated
 - Tameka Poston has resigned. Her last day at Help Desk will be February 3, 2012
 - HIPAA 5010 Testing – 1st successful paid claim (from Pilot Agency)
 - The reports that notify whether you have met the 30% threshold for Medicaid clients meaningful use incentives have begun being distributed
 - NetSmart has given permission to use Sandbox (testing) for the version of Avatar, that we will get with meaningful use, to determine how much of that system will the LHD's get once the upgrade takes place (work flow, ease of the system, etc.)
 - Secure EDI Clearing House (bills other 3rd party payers) contract ended in June and DRM has been direct paying them.
 - Next Steps:
 - Work with Alliance to develop a contract and funding mechanism with EDI
 - Identify two additional clearing houses
- Issues from Reimbursement and Finance Committee
 - Two questions
 - Does a high risk maternity client have to be seen in a high risk clinic in order to bill by visit?
 - The concept of a high risk clinic is a concept of a DPH construct based on money sent locally. Medicaid does not have interest in that. When Medicaid refers to a high risk prenatal patient - they are talking high about using risk criteria applied to the pregnant woman and determining if they are high risk or not.
 - What about prenatal care before October 1?
 - Initially the response from Medicaid was that Health Departments will have to pay back all the money and bill appropriately. However, DPH is responding back that Health Department's were not mandated to bill this way until October 1, 2011.
 - The four questions that were addressed in the Finance committee were sent on January 24, 2012
 - Unresolved issue – do both initial family planning and post partum – still under debate with Medicaid how to combine these two services
 - There was a discussion about a potential webinar for staff to review some of the details

Executive Director Report: Lynette Tolson

- Representative Hurley and Senator Bingham, and their relationship with Health Directors, is a great example of the type of partnership we need with our legislators. Please develop that relationship with your legislators.
- SB 433 – DSS comments will be emailed to you.
 - DSS does not support consolidation.
 - Lynette will be working on talking points for SB 433
- NCCHCA – have had some discussions with Ben Money, Executive Director NCCHCA's (FQHC) – A Community Health Center is not doing well financially
 - Communication needs to be transparent between local and state when incidents like this occur because it will pose an increase in patients at the Health Department. Also, if a clinic at the Health Department is struggling to stay afloat then the local FQHC will see an increase in patients.

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- There is a county that is having some issues with BCBS.
- Websites
 - Please utilize the NCALHD website. Let Lynette know if any of the information is incorrect.
 - Jennifer Park is working on the NCPHA website – everything will be done electronically as of February 2012
 - 10 Health Departments that have not paid their invoices
- March 20th – NCSPIN is hosting a Healthcare Forum, "What's the Health", at RTP – Glaxo Auditorium
- April 26 and 27 is the Legal Conference at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill. The NCALHD full business meeting will be on April 25th at Orange County Health Department in Chapel Hill
- NCALHD full business meeting will be on May 24th, with the committees meeting on May 23rd due to Advocacy Day is May 22nd in Raleigh
- June 26th and 27th is APHA mid-year meeting in Charlotte
- September 19th – 21st is NCPHA in New Bern

Committee Reports – Action Items

Policy and Planning: John Morrow

- A motion for a letter to be sent to the Governor to ask for Public Health representation regarding the Health Reform Taskforce, seconded. Motion carried.

Nominations and Bylaws: Gibbie Harris

- Committee did not meet

Education and Awards: Paula Carden

- No action was taken

Accreditation: Doug Urland

- No action was taken

Health Promotion: Phillip Tarte

- Motion to accept Agreement Addenda to purchase smoke detectors for 9 counties, seconded. Motion carried. Copy of Agreement included in notes and minutes.
- Motion to distribute \$900k of Health Promotion funding distributed equally among the Health Director regions, 10 regions; seconded. Motion carried.

Technology: Layton Long

- No action was taken

Epidemiology: Roxanne Holloman

- No action was taken

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Women and Children's Health: Bill Smith

- No action was taken

Reimbursement and Finance: Scott Harrelson

- No action was taken

Preparedness: Felix Meyer

- The request is for a list of contacts to ensure appropriate individuals have access to important information during disasters and public health emergencies. Also, lead LHD contact to receive sensitive and unclassified information concerning potential public health risks or threats. This information is available through PHPNR.
- Motion that we create a lead Local Health Dept contact for the NACCHO list, seconded. Motion carried.

Environmental Health: Mimi Cooper

- Committee did not meet

Action items from the Regions

Region 3: Monecia Thomas

- Motion to remove HIS resolution from the table, seconded. Motion carried.
- After a lengthy discussion, and a friendly amendment that was removed, the motion was tabled for one month.
- Joy Reed did say that HIS functionality will not go away. It will be up and running for CDSA's and HD's that need it.

Committees – Information Items:

Environmental Health

- Committee did not meet

Epidemiology

- See attached handout.

Preparedness

- See attached handout.

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Accreditation

- A total of 64 Health Departments have been accredited
- Recognized 8 health departments for their success.
 - First time – Edgecomb, Warren, and Wake
 - Five counties have received re-accreditation
 - Alamance
 - Halifax
 - Richmond
 - Surry
 - Swain

Institute of Public Health: Dorothy Cilenti

- April 17th – Leadership Conference for Health Directors will be held in conjunction with the Foard Lecture.
- Student projects – need descriptions by Tuesday, January 30th. The students are funded.

ANCBH Report: Bob Blackburn

- Please make recommendations for board members to serve on ANCBH
- Encourage Board of Health members to contact legislators
- Notify IOM Board about legislative concerns
- See attached report

Meeting was running over, so we are waiting on reports to be submitted from the following committees:

- Nominations and By-Laws – did not meet
- Education and Awards – did not meet
- Health Promotion – no report submitted
- Women and Children's Health – no report submitted
- Technology – no report submitted
- Policy and Planning – did not meet
- Reimbursement and Finance – no report submitted