

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors**  
**Full Association Meeting**  
**Date: April 24, 2014**  
**Knapp-Sanders Building**  
**UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill**  
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**MINUTES**

**Meeting Called To Order:** 1:00 p.m...

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes of the March 21, 2014 meeting made and seconded; motion carried.

**Approve Treasurer/Financial Report:** Motioned to approve Treasurer/Financial Report made and seconded; motion carried.

**Welcome/Introductions/Departures/Recognition:**

Dr. Marcus Plescia Health Director Mecklenburg County  
Nina Oliver officially named Health Director for Rowan County  
Steve Smith Transylvania County has accepted the Health Director position in Henderson County  
Terrell Davis Health Director for Martin-Tyrrell-Washington District

**President's Report - Doug Urland**

Please be sure to pay your Association Dues – if your county is not bolded on the sign-in sheet you need to pay.

Title X: Please respond to e-mail from Belinda Pettiford by noon tomorrow.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. the UNC SPH and IPH are sponsoring an annual reception – more details to come.

Environmental health tort claims: We are forming a work group to look at this issue. The idea came from an Association Leadership meeting which included Penny Slade Sawyer, Danny Staley, and Chris Hoke. A recommendation was made to include a State DPH representative, local health directors and a representative from the EH supervisors Association. Invitations to participate went out last week.

Medicaid reform plan review – I have asked Lisa Macon Harrison and the Policy Analysis and Development Committee to review the plan and provide analysis to this group.

Officer meeting scheduled with CCNC April 30<sup>th</sup>– topics include: Strategic direction, Medicaid reform, etc.

Upcoming topics of importance for May include: NCPHA Spring Educational Conference, Freshman

Legislative Luncheon and CTG Action Institute. If you are available please participate/attend.

## **NC Division of Public Health Reports**

### **Director DPH - Penelope Slade-Sawyer:**

Thanked public health staff for all that they do and how proud she is of what we in NC have accomplished related to the public's health over the years... "it is simply remarkable what you deal with every day; you are a shining star at the federal level".

Secretary Wos went to bat for local public health speaking directly to the legislature regarding Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility. The state is moving forward for a June date for a SPA with the hope that it will put Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility back on the books for local public health.

Larry Michaels is the new Director of Environmental Health.

Immunization update: Attempting to make the recommended ACIP vaccinations required in North Carolina... target date to make this effective is Aug 2015.

Uptick in Influenza type B this spring... looks like we may have a Spring epidemic, but let's hope not... something worth watching.

### **Administrative, Local, and Community Support - Danny Staley:**

Funding to make HIS meaningful use compliant (added incentive money) – for those counties on HIS the contract is now back on track and health departments should be able to attest in 2014.

Quality Improvement / Quality Assurance initiative - Something every health department should be looking into to make an integral part of everyday practice (especially in EH programs).

CIT training – CTI team has improved the consistency of training provided to local staff – please make sure staff are completing CIT pre course work before getting to central training in Raleigh as this creates a problem once they arrive for the classroom portion.

Update key positions: New EH Director is Larry Michaels; Oral Health Section Chief position now in the interview phase; Minority Health position still recruiting; Joy's position now accepting applications.

Shared savings: Last legislative session presented us with some challenges – Medicaid classifications of public health services resulted in a 3% reduction across the board in Medicaid fees to local health departments.

Community Health Improvement Committee: Looking at Top 3 CHA priorities based on priorities from all LHDs over the last 3 years – All had "chronic disease" as one of their priorities – The Committee attempting to narrow this down to one evidence-based strategy that all of them will implement.

SPA update: "Close to approval" has been the line touted for the last few meeting, but no momentum to date... hoping for June submission/approval date.

## **Executive Director's Report –Lynette Tolson**

May 20<sup>th</sup> is the freshman legislative luncheon – An opportunity to update them on County Health ratings/rankings information – if you can attend please do...

May 14<sup>th</sup> legislator return to Raleigh – Please connect with your local legislators before they return if you have time.

May 14<sup>th</sup> NCPHA Spring Conference and evening reception sponsored by UNC SPH & IPH (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.).

This Friday the Office of Rural Health and Community Care Community Health Grants will be announced.

NCIOM Rural Health leadership team meets monthly – Lynette is our representative to this group. At the most recent meeting Pam Silberman, NCIOM President, presented a draft of NCIOM's Rural Health Task Force 6 priority areas:

- *Community and environment*
  - ✓ Invest in local and regional industries
  - ✓ Invest in early education and parenting supports
- *Health Behaviors*
  - ✓ Promote healthy eating and active living
  - ✓ Support provision of behavioral health in primary care settings
- *Access to and availability of health services*
  - ✓ Expand insurance coverage and the health care safety net
  - ✓ Recruit and retain health providers into underserved areas

The Committee is now looking for rural health success stories and vignettes should be emailed to Pam Silberman by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please review the list of counties providing primary care e-mailed out earlier this week – if changes needed please contact Lynette. Also looking at pulling together lists of other services provided by local health departments e.g. dental.

Accreditation invoices will be coming out very soon.

## **Action/Information Items - Committee Reports**

### **Informatics – Dennis Joyner:**

**Action/Motion:** Motion from the floor made for DPH to develop and present a succession plan for when Joy Reed retires and for non-HIS vendor communications, seconded; motion carried.

**Information:** Crossroads demo for Local Health Directors May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### **Community Health Improvement - Janet Clayton:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Partnership Development – Buck Wilson:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Policy Analysis & Development – Lisa Harrison:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Communications – Colleen Bridger:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Best Practice – Sue Lynn Ledford:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Core Public Health – Denise Michaud:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Nominations & Bylaws – John Morrow:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Education & Awards – Scott Harrelson:**

**Action/Motion:** Conference call – reviewed new health director orientation program; and, new health director mentors.

**Information: None**

**Action/Information Items - Public Health Regions**

**Region I – Steve Smith:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Region II – Jimmy Hines:**

**Action/Motion: None**  
**Information: None**

**Region III - Ann Absher:**  
Action/Motion: None  
Information: None

**Region IV – Dorothea Wyant:**  
Action/Motion: None  
Information: None

**Region V – Merle Green:**  
Action/Motion: None  
Information: None

**Region VI – Tommy Jarrell:**  
Action/Motion: None  
Information: None

**Region VII – Chris Szwagiel:**  
Action/Motion: None  
Information: None

**Region VIII – Wanda Robinson:**  
Action/Motion: None  
Information: None

**Region IX – Jerry Parks:**  
Action/Motion: None  
Information: None

**Region X – Davin Madden:**  
Action/Motion: None  
Information: None

## **Partners**

**NCAPHA – Jerry Parks:** Opened an official meeting of the North Carolina Alliance of Public Health Agencies, Inc. – meeting called to order at 1:38 p.m. and closed it at 1:42 p.m.... minutes attached.

**Tobacco Prevention & Control - Doug Umland for Sally Herndon,**  
NCALHD provided a letter of support to the Tobacco Prevention & Control Branch for new CDC grant – letter focused on the work done in Johnston and Wake Counties.

FDA announcement earlier today regarding new rules related to other tobacco products e.g. E-cigarettes. The Tobacco Prevention & Control Branch is reviewing the new rules – more to come on these changes soon.

**NCPHA – Lisa Harrison:** Encourage everyone to explore the new NCPHA member website; fall conference is going to be in Wilmington – seeking people to help planning 5K run; May 14<sup>th</sup> is the Spring conference – looking forward to seeing folks there.

**The Snowden Company, Inc. – Terri Snowden:** Reviewed the renewal terms from Ace Medical Risk Policy. In addition, Terri informed those present of claims closed/opened in the past year, and she reviewed ongoing concerns and Tail coverage.

Motion to approve insurance renewal notice as presented made and seconded; motion carried.

Terri reviewed the topic “Cyber Liability Coverage”. The question is... are counties going to cover health department or do you have to get this coverage on your own... need to have a discussion with your county risk manager. Terri presented offer to discuss coverage with local government/health departments.

Motion made to research cost of Cyber Liability coverage made and seconded; after short discussion the motion was tabled for the time being.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **NC Institute of Public Health – Anna Schenck:**

The Board of Health training contract for next year is almost finalized. The new lead contractor for the training is Rachel Wilfert, Manager of the Training/TA Unit at the IPH.

Long time public health nurse Hazel Moore is retiring at the end of May. Her courses will be transferred to other staff. Please send her your best wishes.

Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the school – Please come to the reception on May 14<sup>th</sup> after the NCPHA Spring Conference.

Accreditation: Initial site visits will be completed this month. This will bring us to the goal of 100% of NC health department participation. NC is the only state to have achieved this goal.

**ANCBH – Barbara Anne Hughes:** Report e-mailed out on NCHHealthDirectors list serve.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:25 p.m...

**Next Meeting:** May 15, 2014 Back at DHP – in the Cardinal Room