

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
April 20, 2016
UNC/Chapel Hill – School of Government, Knapp-Sanders Building
400 South Road, Room 2603 Chapel Hill, NC

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Colleen Bridger

1:04 a.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Steve Smith

Motion to approve minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer/Financial Report – Steve Smith

Motion to approve the Treasurer/Financial Report as of March 31, 2016 was made and seconded; motion approved.

Annual Insurance Renewal – Terrie Snowden, CHUBB

- 24th renewal for program, in place since 1992.
- Overall a flat renewal proposal with adjustments for estimated levels of service.
- Estimated visits about 300,000 less than last year statewide.
- ACE is our carrier, but bought CHUBB and chose to utilize that name/brand.
- Same risk management team in place for public health.
- Reviewed basic nature of some existing claims as reminders to health departments about elements of risk.
- Prompted departments to be mindful about certificates of insurance for contracted providers, necessity of cyber liability insurance (to include oral communications) and importance of reviewing all types of personnel being utilized for services (latter component with particular respect to consolidated agencies).
- Also emphasized importance of medical director contracts and providing oversight that requirements are being followed.
- Motion to approve the CHUBB medical professional liability insurance proposal for public health for FY 17 was made and seconded; motion approved.

President's Report – Colleen Bridger

- Dr. Bridger inquired about new or interim health directors. Anne Thomas stipulated she was representing Halifax County; Patrick Johnson for Haywood County (now permanent) and Lillian Koontz for Davidson County.
- John Rouse inquired about status of cost settlements. Dr. Bridger recapped that 2013 settlements were under federal review and that new SPA rules would be applied to 2014 and 2015 submissions. New proposed rules for cost settlement process (in proposed SPA) likely won't be realized or known until 2018. Stressed importance of billing accuracy for clinical services and that departments should be billing at 90% accuracy or above. This will increase Medicaid revenues and minimize reductions in cost settlement payments.
- DMA can not provide technical assistance for this issue as previously discussed. Ms. Rocco indicated that she could help with some of the information. Also emphasized timing limits on provider documentation to support billing (no longer than 24 hours).

NC Division of Public Health Report – Danny Staley

- Mr. Staley not available for the meeting.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Phyllis Rocco

- Office of Public Health Nursing Report – evaluating the means for how continuing education hours will be provided for public health nurses. Important issue with substantial savings to health departments in current model as opposed to alternatives like AHEC workshops and required application process fees to establish CEU's with Nursing Association.
- Joint monitoring pilot project – MH/CH/FP programs audits and medical record review of STD's, Adult Health and primary care in early stages.
- Save the date for upcoming agency accreditation coordinator training in July.
- Constant process between DPH and DMA to resolve policy and business rules conflicts.
- Presentation by Ms. Rocco titled Data Integrity (see attachment).

State Environmental Health Report – Larry Michael

- Moving forward with mosquito surveillance project...leading conference call today.
- Thank you to counties that are getting military bases involved with mosquito surveillance and abatement efforts. NC attempting to hire 3 medical entomologists...lot of competition in southeast United States right now. 21 states involved in CDC Zika summit conference.
- Concern about initial effort to change REHS Board and national linkage to credentialing. Don't believe effort will go forward at this time.
- Significant that 3 public officials now facing criminal charges related to water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Stressed importance of public health to protect water supplies in NC.

NC Department of Health & Human Services – Randall Williams

- Finishing up public hearings on Medicaid reform. Continue to be mindful of role of safety net providers including health departments.
- Emphasized importance of drinking water and NC's heavy reliance on private wells. Draft legislation to limit "do not drink" guidance unless based on federal maximum contaminant levels. ASTHO position paper on this matter indicating this should be an EPA responsibility and not shouldered by states.
- New program through ECU Brody School of Medicine and other entities to identify promising high school students and provide free education. Important part of efforts to sustain capacity of medical professionals in the future.

Executive Director's Report – Lynette Tolson

- Legislators coming back into short session next week.
- Thanks for attendance at public hearings, effort was well received.

Government Relations Coordinator Report – Buck Wilson

- Important to contact legislators now to advocate for public health issues.
- Initial steps forward to accomplish legalizing needle exchange.
- Referenced recent changes to bylaws which were fairly minor. Members received those proposed revisions prior to the March meeting. Motion to approve the revised bylaws was made and seconded; motion approved.

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report – Buck Wilson for Jerry Parks

- Remember to use Alliance when possible...those revenues ultimately benefit local health departments and NICALHD.

NCPHA Report – Lisa Harrison

- Reminder that you can utilize NCPHA to broadcast/list job postings.

Committee Reports

No action items or information.

Public Health Regions

No action items or information.

Liaison Reports

ANCBH Report – Susan Elmore for Barbara Ann Hughes

- Bob Blackburn, wanted people to know their well wishes were important to him, getting better.
- Barbara Ann Hughes, president elect for NALBOH doing great job representing NC.
- Annual NALBOH conference in St. Louis, Missouri this year, please attend if possible.

North Carolina Institute for Public Health – Amy Thomas Belflower (notes from written report)

- Upcoming trainings for child health enhanced role nurse, physical assessment of adults and STD Nurse/Clinician Practicum.
- Requests being accepted now for board of health trainings for June and beyond.
- Accreditation updates include scheduled fall visits for 11 health departments. Several related training opportunities for site visitors and health departments. Stakeholders group continues to meet.

Meeting Adjourned

2:55 p.m.

Next Meeting

May 19, 2016 9:30 a.m.

Location: DPH, Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC