

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors**  
**Association Business Meeting**  
**July 21, 2016**  
**NC DPH – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Called To Order – Jim Bruckner**

9:30 a.m. Mr. Bruckner called the meeting to order on behalf of Dr. Bridger. Mr. Cobb responded to Mr. Bruckner's prompt regarding any new or retiring health directors in attendance and stipulated that he was representing Union County given Mr. Tarte's departure.

**Approval of Minutes – Steve Smith**

Motion to approve minutes of the June 16, 2016 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

**Treasurer's/Financial Report – Steve Smith**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's/Financial Report as of June 30, 2016 was made and seconded; motion approved.

**President's Report – Jim Bruckner for Colleen Bridger**

- Ongoing DMA discussions around billing, how to better assist LHD's with this, DMA already does for FQHC's.
- Reminder about NCACC upcoming August meeting, plan for meeting, HD coverage (August 11 and 12).
- Cost settlement, working on FY 15, waiting on CMS decision for FY 13, decision on Health Choice SPA.
- Rabies compendium guidance, interim plan for health directors being pursued.

**NC Department of Health and Human Services – Randall Williams, MD**

- Mentioned governor's signing of naloxone bill, working with several communities to get underway.
- Naloxone work provided groundwork for needle exchange legislation.
- Focus next year on infant mortality initiative including insertion of IUD's at time of delivery, not being done at hospitals and other delivery sites today (lots of confusion around this issue).
- Whitewater Center in Mecklenburg County coming to some conclusion with treatment and discharge of affected water in collaboration with DEQ.
- Ongoing work with GME. Program to accept 22 promising high school students and give them a free ride through Carolina/medical school in return for service to underserved communities (31 counties without OB/GYN docs).
- Others weighed in that even in counties with delivery providers, they accept a very small subset of pregnant women (adverse to acceptance of high risk pregnancies).

**NC Division of Public Health Report – Danny Staley**

- Changes ahead with Office of Minority Health related to new budget. Previous grants and funding streams with this Office will be re-directed to diabetes initiatives.
- ADAP, Aids drug assistance program. Can now use those funds toward "insurance completion" (deductibles, co-pays, etc.).

- Tobacco is still leading cause of preventable deaths in NC. Lamented loss of funding for QuitLine when demand is at its highest. Plus side is \$250k for You Quit, Two Quit initiative which provides additional services for pregnant women or new moms to cease tobacco use.
- Referenced need to restart leadership development initiatives within public health. State Health Director conference in January will in part focus on this issue.
- Important to focus on our opportunities...new relationships with DMA/Medicaid and others.
- State funding for harm associated with cost settlement. Information will be emailed to all departments (handed out at committee). Still undecided on how it will be distributed (check, WIRM or some other means). Remember these are state funds and not Medicaid dollars.

### **NC Division of Public Health Report – Phyllis Rocco**

- Joint monitoring venture pilot project has concluded and based on feedback...will not continue to be offered unless you request it.
- Public health nurse workforce study being launched, have already formed a working group, will coordinate with OSHR.
- Billing workgroup with Jim Bruckner and Phyllis Rocco being formed to evaluate current needs within health departments to improve billing processes.
- Working on getting health department taxonomy added back to “x” modifiers, has been a problem for LHD’s since January 2015 for various same day services (MNT, behavioral health and others).

### **State Environmental Health Report – Larry Michael**

- HB 1074 (testing for lead in drinking water at child care centers and schools), did not pass this past session.
- HB 1007 (occupational licensing boards), to sunset boards with less than 1,000 members...will probably come up again, new discussions indicate they are now looking at combining certain boards. This effort has implications for the Registered Environmental Health Specialist Examiners board which oversees less than 1,000 professionals.
- Seems to be a national trend to reduce or eliminate many types of boards.
- Zika...state funding for this was approved in the budget. Ongoing surveillance in select counties. No Aedes aegypti identified yet (lots of albopictus). Essentially what we expected. Aedes aegypti is the biggest concern for species since it is viewed as the primary vector for Zika.
- Still on track with update of onsite wastewater rules. Engineered option permit rules in place now.
- Also in process of revising mobile food unit rules (push carts, food trucks, etc.).

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

- Still need volunteers for staffing the NCALHD/public health booth at the NCACC conference on August 11 and 12.
- Office of Rural Health convened a meeting with multiple types of safety net providers to evaluate the cadre of upcoming technological and other requirements for EHR’s and to consider if there might be some economies of scale (with partnerships) to meet those expectations
- Discussing start of public health infrastructure work group.

### **Government Relations Coordinator Report – Buck Wilson**

- No report.

## **Partner Reports**

### **NCAPHA Report – Jerry Parks**

- Please proceed with paying the Alliance for cost settlement services.
- Annual meeting is Tuesday night in conjunction with the NCPHA conference in New Bern.

### **NCPHA Report – Lisa Harrison**

- Deferred to Lynette's update.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Core Public Health – Denise Michaud**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- HB1074 (testing water for lead) which did not pass, addressed pre-1987 construction.
- Nancy Deal provided presentation on engineered option permit and current rules (temporary rule in place), language currently says health departments do not have liability for these permits, but that does not mean we don't have some responsibilities. If we receive complaints in the future about these systems, they should be referred to the original company or related licensing board.
- Bill Wheaton from RTI, discussed that institution's points of dispensing study, have applied for funding from CDC, insights will benefit health departments with their preparedness obligations.
- Dr. Mina Shehee discussed mold initiative, moisture and mold (presentation attached), stressed importance of local solutions.
- Belinda Pettiford, RFA for Title 10, release on September 7<sup>th</sup> (attachment).

### **Technology – Layton Long**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- Phyllis Rocco presented information about vendor uploads to HIS and error rates for all batch counties (information will be sent to all counties for most recent quarter).
- Bob Martin discussed possible privacy agreements again for cost settlement preparation given new model. Not requiring any specific action at this time, in discussion with Institute of Government.
- Upcoming HIPAA training on September 13, 2016 prior to NCPHA conference.

### **Policy and Finance – Jim Bruckner**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- Joint venture monitoring discussed. Feedback doesn't support continuing unless a specific request is made.
- Recruitment and retention for public health nurses continues to be a challenge for many. Work group for this category of public health professional will weigh in.
- Billing workgroup with proposed structure and meeting schedule is being fleshed out. These practices will be increasingly important to optimize billing efficiency for health departments.
- Rabies control and recommended model board of health rule for interim period of time also presented.

**Planning and Innovation – Dennis Joyner**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- Program being implemented in Durham and Wake called FOCUS (grant funded initiative with Gilead) to address screening and testing for those at risk of Hep C with paired objective of incorporating prompts within EHR's
- Epi-pens, rabies prophylaxis and other issues.. ongoing challenges with people being able to afford these medications. Can public health find and support alternative means to meet these needs?

**Public Health Prevention and Promotion – Janet Clayton**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- Dr. Marianna Daly provided a letter proposing a resolution in opposition of gun violence for the Association to consider.
- Naloxone standing order update (for pharmacies), reference website at [www.naloxonesaves.org](http://www.naloxonesaves.org) .
- Sally Herndon provided updates on recent successes with tobacco prevention and policy initiatives, HUD final rules for tobacco pending.
- Quitline presentation, current demand levels and thoughts about how to continue to fund that project.
- Reminded everyone about upcoming asthma seminar.

**Nomination and Bylaws – Buck Wilson**

**Action:** None.

**Information:** None.

**Education and Awards – David Jenkins**

**Action:** None.

**Information:** None.

**Public Health Regions**

No action items.

Region 1	Janice Patterson	Region 6	Robert Wittman
Region 2	Lynda Kinnane	Region 7	Lisa Harrison
Region 3	Ann Absher	Region 8	Carolyn Moser
Region 4	Dorothea Wyant	Region 9	Jerry Parks
Region 5	Merle Green	Region 10	David Madden

Region 7 – Lisa Macon Harrison suggested devising list of suggestions about new models for local and regional grant options...how to appropriately manage grants being sunset and then facilitating the transition to new initiatives that take their place...need better management approach with increased flexibility.

Region 9 – 10 – prompt from Jerry Parks that every region was able to obtain a regional tobacco specialist because they conceded the need for the CDC funding due to receipt of alternate tobacco use prevention funding. Reallocation strategy needs to be fair with reduced funding model now that their alternate funding source has ended.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **ANCBH – Barbara Ann Hughes**

- Shared mission of NALBOH/ANCBH.
- Bob Blackburn doing well.
- ATB heading up new site visitor training for accreditation.
- Considering adding new scholarships.
- Appreciate participation with national survey regarding enhanced governance within local boards of health (NC had highest response rate).
- Henderson and Greene counties will be first time attendees at upcoming NALBOH conference

### **North Carolina Institute for Public Health – Rachel Wilfert**

- Registration now open for 2016 Fall Child Health regional meetings. The AA requires that you send someone even if you're not providing direct child health services.
- See attached memo from Anna Schenck for additional information.

### **UNC School of Government**

- No report.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

### **Next Meeting**

August 18, 2016 9:30 a.m.

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