

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors**  
**Association Business Meeting**  
**September 13, 2016**  
**New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, Ballroom C    New Bern, NC**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Called To Order – Colleen Bridger**

2:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – Dennis Joyner**

Motion to approve minutes of the August 18, 2016 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

**Treasurer's/Financial Report – Dennis Joyner**

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

**President's Report – Colleen Bridger**

- Met with Dr. Williams regarding public information for hexavalent chromium concerns. Decision made to schedule a meeting with affected counties to discuss the State's rationale and decision making for safe drinking water levels which will be attended by Dr. Williams, Mr. Staley and Mr. Hoke. Meeting will be held September 27, 2016 at Guilford County Health Department.
- Met with DHHS Secretary Brajer and emphasized shared state and local obligations for public health messaging.
- Letter of appreciation to Dr. Davies being drafted.
- Cost reporting; 6 counties have not yet replied to DMA regarding clarification of their NPI numbers.
- Recent SPA approval for cost settling on Health Choice will go into effect for FY 17. Pharmacy and laboratory will also be included by that year.
- Take note of Steven Garner's recent email guidance for FY 16 cost report. Health directors should request 90 day extension from DMA and request the detailed Medicaid paid claims report. The report will be sent to health directors and then it must be forwarded to Mr. Garner.
- Question/reminder for Steven Garner to include his associated preparation costs so they can be included in cost reports.
- Met with NCACC Executive Director Kevin Leonard. Incoming Association President is interested in mental health initiatives. One project will be educating and advocating for use of Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) among providers and why it is important to use it. Dr. Bridger added that it is also important to get dentists to use this system. Another focus project of the Association will be expanding Mental Health First Aid capacity. Lisa Harrison added that the NCACC substance abuse task force report is being shared this month and that public health is identified as a key stakeholder for community solutions. Doug Urand added that many LME/MCO's have substantial fund balances and this circumstance should be a point of discussion with NCACC to determine if some of this funding could be used for local prevention efforts. Sue Lynn Ledford shared that many LME/MCO's also have private foundations in addition to their fund balances.
- Dr. Bridger reminded members to stay in touch with the NC Harm Reduction Coalition regarding possible assistance with syringe exchange programs.

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

- Office of Minority Health has been under review to see how it may best help address some of the key state issues. Legislative direction to the division to restructure their focus and use of funds toward diabetes and prevention efforts. Provided handout of outcome of that process which is a funding opportunity for minority diabetes prevention within a tiered approach. Does not have to be a regional approach, but could be.
- Oral health. Shared assisted living facility survey results which has been completed. 50% of those surveyed needed extensive dental work.
- Emphasized that there were monitoring and reporting requirements that will need to be addressed when any community organization sets up a syringe exchange program.
- Still have not identified any *Aedes aegypti* species with any of the mosquito surveillance efforts in NC to date (perceived as primary vector for Zika virus).
- Ongoing focus on infant mortality. Long acting reversible contraceptives are a key element (one-pager information sheet is being prepared). Working with Medicaid for increased coverage of IUD's at time of delivery. Other focus is use of tobacco and impact on premature/poor birth outcomes.
- Entering initial stages of budget development for next fiscal year. Need to cover a \$3.4 million shortfall plus another \$3 million. DPH has limited state funding streams. Majority of state public health funding is reflected in CDSA's, ADAP, Aid to County and school nurses. Continuing to focus on core public health services that are mandated; leaves very little to make cuts when directed to do so.
- Working on \$14.8 million legislative allocation for local health departments. There will not be an AA and there will be no requirements associated with its use.

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

- New regional nurse consultant coming on board October 10. Will be announced soon and will cover Gay Welsh's former territory.
- Annual PH Nurse Admin. Conference will be held at the end of October in Greensboro. Encouraged local public health nurse leadership to attend.
- Reminder about the requirement for principles and practices of public health nursing training needed within the first year of employment for PH nurses without BSN degrees. Course is held twice a year.
- Continuing to work on OB package codes for local health departments who may have had some Medicaid payments recouped. Will get paid as long as the LHD is not billing global.
- Board of Health new member training is ongoing. Contact Rachel Wilfert at the Institute for Public Health for more information.
- Will be releasing money to health departments who do not have an EHR by the end of the year.

### **State Environmental Health Report – Danny Staley for Larry Michael**

- Bedbug complaints are on the rise; particularly at extended stay facilities. Legislators are exploring/considering requiring health departments to inspect these extended stay facilities.

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

- Has emailed reminder to all health directors that still need to clarify their NPI numbers for DMA.
- 4 upcoming regional trainings for cost reporting/cost settlement process. Raleigh site is closed. Only 2 attendees per LHD. See last email for further details.

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

- No report.

### **Care4Carolina – Betsy Vetter**

- Focus of coalition is addressing the health insurance gaps resulting from NC not expanding Medicaid. Multiple groups and associations have joined the effort to build consensus on next steps. Have developed a strategic plan and want us to join the campaign, sign the resolution, provide support and assist with local connections. Will host an event on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Campbell University to provide background and promote the effort. Upcoming webinars include “The Louisiana Experience : Sharing the Message”. See attached presentation.
- Dr. Marilyn Pearson represents the Association on the Medical Care Advisory Committee and mentioned that DMA has a Medicaid Access Monitoring Review Plan that is available for public comment through October 1, 2016. The plan can be located on the DMA website.

## **Partner Reports**

### **NCAPHA Report – Jerry Parks**

- Mr. Parks reminded everyone that the Alliance was sponsoring the evening meal and invited all health directors to attend.

### **NCPHA Report – Lisa Harrison**

- No report.

### **The Snowden Company – Terrie Snowden**

- Ms. Snowden reminded health directors that her company would be providing dinner at the Farmer’s Market on Wednesday after the scavenger hunt.
- Expressed need to discuss the credentialing of providers in our departments given recent experience when a physician did not meet their baseline insurance coverage requirements. Procedures need to be reviewed to look at standards for credentialing providers and will be addressed in the future by the Policy and Finance committee.

## **Committee Reports** - \*\*\*Committees did not meet.

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

**Action:**

**Information:**

### **Technology – Layton Long**

**Action:**

**Information:**

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

**Action:**

**Information:**

### **Planning and Innovation – Dennis Joyner**

**Action:**

**Information:**

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

**Action:**  
**Information:**

**Nomination and Bylaws – Buck Wilson**

**Action:**  
**Information:**

**Education and Awards – David Jenkins**

**Action:**  
**Information:**

**Public Health Regions**

No action items or information.

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	Davin Madden

**Liaison Reports**

**ANCBH – Barbara Ann Hughes**

- Encouraged everyone to start thinking about nominations for ANCBH awards.
- Encouraged health directors to utilize Board of Health training offerings by the Institute.
- Association bylaws are being reviewed and revised.
- Identifying improved communication strategies to reach local boards of health.
- NALBOH has 400+ board of health members and over 130 participated in the recent annual conference.

**North Carolina Institute for Public Health – Amy Thomas Belflower**

- No report.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting**

October 20, 2016 9:30 a.m.

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