

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
October 20, 2016
NC DPH – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Colleen Bridger

9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – Steve Smith

Motion to approve minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Steve Smith

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

President's Report – Colleen Bridger

- Inquired if there were any new health directors. Dolly Clayton introduced herself as the new director in Caswell County.

NC Department of Health and Human Services – Randall Williams

- Challenging circumstances related to Matthews damage. Thanks to all health departments for what they have done to protect citizens and mitigate harm.
- Priority for next budget cycle is infant mortality. Need more comprehensive approach that includes social determinants. Pre-conception, programs during pregnancy, smoking and then post-partum issues (task force for latter).
- Believes strongly that the State of North Carolina has to sustain local health departments...important defining decision for our state. Healthcare and Medicaid reform won't change the need for and importance of LHD's.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Danny Staley

- Request has been processed for state funds that were appropriated due to cost settlement impacts to local health departments. Will likely be a check.
- Acknowledged great efforts during Matthew aftermath. Concerned that surge capacity has been compromised from levels in past years. Ended up using nurses from Tennessee. Under a 1,000 individuals now in shelters. Well test kits are being afforded to affected counties. Working on mosquito control/abatement issues. Chief Medical Examiner's office also involved with identification of bodies.
- Zika...still no *Aedes aegypti* (primary vector) identified in surveillance efforts. Sue Lynn Ledford emphasized that Zika should also be considered as an STD.
- Infant mortality data now out...link on State Center for Health Statistics website. Pregnancy data also available.
- Awarded contract for WIC EBT to vendor.
- Needle exchange activities are advancing with 14 organizations proceeding with registration. Information about sites on DPH and NC Harm Reduction Coalition websites.
- DPP regional grant process underway...intentionally structured within regions to ensure distribution throughout the state.
- Based on question, Mr. Staley clarified that State funds related to cost settlement impacts are not restricted in terms of how they are spent.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Phyllis Rocco

- No report.

State Environmental Health Report – Larry Michael

- Thanks for volunteering EH staff to respond to hurricane impacts. More to come during discussion on planned conference call tomorrow with involved counties.
- Lots of questions about embargo authority...130A-21. Regional EH staff, EH Section Director and other DPH designees in addition to local health directors have that authority. “When in doubt, throw it out”. Referenced red embargo tags and required form which must have LHD signature. County attorney then files petition (order of condemnation) if you can’t gain control of food.
- Joint Legislative Oversight Committee continues to consider reducing number of boards in State including REHS Examiners board. Board is recommended to be consolidated with other functions, but there are no specifics at this time.
- Created training room on 3rd floor for centralized training. Important asset. Beth Lovette raised issue about reconstituting apprentice programs with universities with EH programs to fast track them into REHS positions.

Executive Director’s Report – Lynette Tolson

- Go to NCALHD website to check all information for your particular health department. Individuals inquiring about departments are typically referred here.
- Social media...interested in tapping into county public health social media feeds so those can be shared with legislators and others. Please share that information.
- Retired public health staff are important to NC Alliance...creates future staffing capacity. Have them go to website if interested and register.
- Working on rescheduling cost settlement training session in Raleigh.

Government Relations Coordinator Report – Buck Wilson

- No report.

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report – Jerry Parks

- No report.

NCPHA Report – Lisa Harrison

- No report.

Committee Reports

Core Public Health – Denise Michaud (Sue Lynn Ledford)

Action:

Information:

- Report from Melissa on status of CIT (slide presentation).
- Larry Michael and Dr. Williams addressed mosquito management issues, another AA coming next month.
- PHHSBG, update, how funds are being utilized.
- Healthy Communities AA and proposed changes were addressed (Sharon Nelson presented).

- WIC update, declining caseloads, upcoming EBT cards.

Technology – Beth Lovette

Action:

Information:

- NC HIE, Darryl Meeks addressed some questions that had been shared (Q & A), patients can opt out of information being shared with HIE, but it takes about 14 days. Some uncertainties about compliance with connectivity if you're connecting to regional hospital HUB instead of direct with NC HIE.
- Pilot tests underway for connectivity with NCIR. Duke and UNC testing.
- Handouts for risk (breach) assessment worksheet (HIPAA). Ryan from Cabarrus did walk through of sample risk assessment for business associate arrangement. September 2015 to now is time period.
- Batch interface report update...error report submission is pending. Will share as soon as it is received.
- AA coming soon for counties making EHR transition from HIS.

Policy and Finance – Jim Bruckner

Action:

- Motion that any time Division of Public Health accumulates data from local health departments... that it should be shared with departments and specifically local health directors before it is disseminated or shared for other purposes. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve new legislative agenda. Motion approved.

Information:

- Peter Andersen addressed Dr. Bridger's pending question about formula used to allocate FP funds under new RFA. Combined state and local funding within the formula only had a minimal impact on potential funding awards. Women in need was the primary determinant. Scott Harrelson said some of the funding awards didn't align with women in need and patients served on a county by county basis. Counties with higher need and serving more women got funding cuts when counties doing less got increases. Beth Lovette acknowledged we can't affect this cycle, but health directors should be involved early with these decisions to create consensus on the methodology in the future.
- New committee structure moving forward was discussed.
- Lisa Harrison mentioned importance of negotiating rates with insurance companies if possible.

Planning and Innovation – Dennis Joyner

Action:

Information:

- Amy Belflower Thomas..update on accreditation trainings (want to continue annually)
- Board of Health orientation training slide presentation...will be shared with all health departments, can be done locally.
- HIPAA workgroup update from Bob Martin, capacity crowd at conference, posting links to materials and tools (which website?).
- Marshall Tyson, child health auditing process changes being implemented (reducing number of records audited per provider).
- How to better deal with issues created by hurricane....constructive conversation about improvement areas, conference call tomorrow being led by Casani.

Public Health Prevention and Promotion – Janet Clayton

Action:

Information:

- Regional tobacco funding decisions still pending (Sally Herndon not available).
- Wendy Holmes, possible changes with childcare center immunization reports in future, assessing current reports now.

Nomination and Bylaws – Buck Wilson (Colleen Bridger)

Action: None.

Information:

- Nomination of Janet Clayton as candidate for Secretary/Treasurer for 2017. Will vote on slate in November.

Education and Awards – David Jenkins

Action:

Information: Next Health Director's orientation coming up..information going out.

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

UNC School of Government -Jill Moore

- HIPAA training included breach assessments.

ANCBH – Barbara Ann Hughes

- Please submit nominations for awards sponsored by ANCBH.
- Working on revisions to bylaws.
- NALBOH has chosen to move their national conference from North Carolina to Ohio.

North Carolina Institute for Public Health – Anna Schenck

- Registration open for several training courses including Management and Supervision for Public Health Professionals
- Search for a full time NCIPH Director continues.
- NCIPH and Gillings School of Public Health are interested and dedicated to offering resources and assistance to Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting

November 17, 2016 9:30 a.m.

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