

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors**  
**Association Business Meeting**  
**January 18, 2017**  
**Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley, 4500 Marriott Drive, Raleigh, NC**  
**State Health Director's Conference**

**Minutes**

Note: 2017 NCALHD Officers sworn in by Mr. Staley, NC Division of Public Health at luncheon prior to business meeting. These include Jim Bruckner, President; Dennis Joyner, President Elect; Steve Smith, Vice President; Janet Clayton, Secretary/Treasurer; Buck Wilson, Past President.

**Meeting Called To Order – Jim Bruckner**

Mr. Bruckner convened the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Mr. Bruckner inquired if there were any new or retiring health directors. Ms. Hoffman introduced herself as the new health director for Rockingham County. Mr. LaVigne introduced himself as the new health director for Franklin County. Mr. Lenhart indicated he had now assumed the health director role in Pamlico County.

**Approval of Minutes – Janet Clayton**

Motion to approve minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

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

Positive performance for annual budget cycle (calendar year 2016) was noted with net income of \$5,939.76. Motion to approve the Treasurer's/Financial Report as of December 31, 2016 was made and seconded; motion approved. Mr. Smith followed up regarding the 6 months budget that had been approved by membership in December. Noted that revenues and expenditures had been modified to half of the typical annual values which represented a change from the previously approved version. Motion to approve the modified 6 months budget for January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 was made and seconded; motion approved. Mr. Smith referenced the draft 12 month budget proposal for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 that was included and indicated that Ms. Clayton would bring that back for consideration and approval at the June 2017 meeting. Mr. Bruckner emphasized that future invoices would mirror the adjusted budget cycles and that an explanatory letter would accompany the billing.

**President's Report – Jim Bruckner**

- Informed membership that with the departure of Ms. Bridger, another individual was needed to serve in the Past President position. Based on guidance in the bylaws, the Executive Committee met and voted to establish Buck Wilson as the Past President for 2017.
- Explained that some minor modifications had been made for the 2017 committee structure to enhance coordination with the Division of Public Health and to reduce ambiguity about placement of committee topics. Co-chairs for each committee have also been added back in.
- Highlighted that ACA had incorporated traditional public health funding and that \$931 million nationally for public health was at risk (\$29.6 million for NC) if comprehensive repeal took place. Talking points coming soon.
- Reminded membership about designated liaisons and representatives for NCALHD, need to update list.

### **State Health Director – Randall Williams**

- USA Today article today about ACA repeal, please review.
- Epi/CD grant is probably one of our oldest (over 40 years), this funding is critical.
- Still crafting Zika response, no federal funds going forward.
- Emphasized importance of leadership theme for conference, thanked health directors for their contributions to agenda planning.
- Go live tomorrow with Institute posting for leadership candidates.

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

- No report.

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

- Upcoming consultant training for billing and finance (handouts at back of room with additional information).
- Monthly webinars on coding and billing processes.
- List of recommended quarterly reports for all health directors and agencies being distributed.
- Aid to Counties monies AA – must have designated nurse leader in your organization (new)
- FY 18 consolidated agreement, no new requirements.
- Kathy Dail with Division will be new CHA coordinator.

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

- No report.

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

- 6 months invoices going out.
- DPH/NCALHD upcoming meeting in February for legislative goals discussion.
- February 21<sup>st</sup> safety net advocacy day at legislature – has 4 health departments signed up now, would like more.
- Thanks to Mardy Peal and Dr. Kramer for sponsoring meeting – history with DHHS and now Wellcare.
- News and Observer article this past Sunday (sent email with link),...preparedness efforts rated very highly except for funding, encourage letters to editor from boards of health, etc..

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

- Make sure you know how to identify your legislators, please reach out.
- Will be glad to assist if you want to meet legislators.

### **Partner Reports**

#### **NCAPHA Report – David Stanley/Buck Wilson**

- No report.

#### **NCPHA Report – Josh Swift, David Jenkins**

- Strategic planning retreat upcoming.
- Spring conference on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Raleigh, NC.
- Fall conference in Asheville, last part of September.
- In February, executive council voting on priorities

## **Committee Reports**

### **Technology – Beth Lovette**

**Action:**

**Information:**

- Did not meet.

### **Policy and Finance – Dennis Joyner**

**Action:**

**Information:**

- Did not meet.

### **Planning and Innovation – Steve Smith**

**Action:**

**Information:**

- Did not meet.

### **Preparedness/EPI – Lillian Koontz**

**Action:**

**Information:**

- Did not meet.

### **Maternal & Child Health, Care Management and WIC – Stacie Saunders**

**Action:**

**Information:**

- Did not meet.

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### **Environmental Health – Heath Cain**

**Action:**

**Information:**

- Did not meet.

### **Public Health Prevention & Promotion – Teresa Ellen**

**Action:**

**Information:**

- Ms. Ellen introduced Sally Herndon to discuss need for letter of support for pursuing resources to address asthma triggers with best practices.
- Emphasized importance of in home asthma interventions that result in reductions in doctor visits and hospitalizations
- EPA grant announcement, response due February 17<sup>th</sup>....ECU taking the lead for NC, Melinda Shuler from Mission, \$200k/year for 3 years...how do we want to participate?...has maps where highest needs are by county.
- Could create pathway to future efforts including utilization of social impact bonds.
- All were in favor for providing requested letter of support.

### **Nomination and Bylaws – Buck Wilson**

**Action:**

**Information:**

- Did not meet.

## **Education and Awards – Susan Wright**

### **Action:**

### **Information:**

- Did not meet.

### **Other Comments**

- \*Carolyn Moser – public health/DMA billing group...meeting monthly with state staff, Rocco and a few health directors....want to evaluate issues of concerns before deciding on possible actions...already discussed 4 issues....keep billing for denied claims to keep claim “alive”.
- Terrie Snowden (CHUBB) – Renewal process will be earlier due to changed legal conference date, have talked to underwriting, 6 pending claims right now, recommend 10% increase for preliminary budget number.

## **Public Health Regions**

No action items or information.

Region 1	Elaine Russell	Region 6	Robert Wittman
Region 2	Marianna Daly	Region 7	Lisa Harrison
Region 3	Ann Absher	Region 8	Cris Harrelson
Region 4	Dorothea Wyant	Region 9	TBD
Region 5	Merle Green	Region 10	Davin Madden

## **Liaison Reports**

### **ANCBH – Susan Ellmore**

- Barbara Ann Hughes taking on role of president for NALBOH.
- On Orange County Board of Health, thanked Colleen Bridger for her service.
- Annual meeting tomorrow, Dr. Haskell presenting information on new rabies compendium guidance, updated bylaws, involved with accreditation process (board members on accreditation board)
- Communication strategy with local boards of health, need your ongoing contact information (chair and co-chair)
- NALBOH meeting in Cleveland, Ohio this year...25<sup>th</sup> year for organization.

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

- Registration opens January 27<sup>th</sup> for next Principles and Practices of Public Health Nursing course.
- New year long leadership development program for NC public health professionals starting in March 2017.
- HDSAI and interpretive guidance updates were released January 1, 2017 (accreditation).

### **Partnering with Public Health Departments in Medicaid Managed Care –**

#### **Mardy Peal and Dr. Justin Cramer, WellCare Health Plans, Inc.**

- Provided an overview of Medicaid reform legislation in North Carolina and its likely implications for healthcare entities including health departments.
- Discussed strategies and options for health departments to engage in managed care.
- Reviewed history and credibility of WellCare in other managed care environments and offered assistance to promote partnerships.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting**

February 16, 2017 9:30 a.m.

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