

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
June 8, 2017
Knapp Sanders Building - UNC School of Government
400 South Road, Chapel Hill, NC
NC Local Health Directors' Legal Conference**

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Jim Bruckner

Mr. Bruckner convened the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Mr. Bruckner inquired if there were any new or retiring health directors. Mr. Bruckner acknowledged the retirement of Ms. Terrell Davis, director for the Martin-Tyrell-Washington District Health Department.

Approval of Minutes – Steve Smith

Motion to approve minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report & FY 18 Budget – Steve Smith

Motion to approve the Treasurer's/Financial Report as of May 31, 2017 was made and seconded; motion approved. Mr. Smith indicated that the proposed FY 18 budget that was presented in May needed to be approved. Motion to approve the FY 18 budget was made and seconded; motion approved.

President's Report – Jim Bruckner

- NCACC conference is upcoming in August. Public health presenters will focus on 3 topics (Medicaid reform, communicable disease and opioids). Mr. Bruckner thanked the health directors that will be leading these information sessions.
- An update was provided regarding pending cost settlement issues with DMA. Have achieved more guidance from CMS on FY 13 cost settlement that new methodology should have been applied. This will have implications for some of the prior payments, but DMA has signaled that they are willing to revisit the structure and specifics of any individual cost settlement in order to assure that the denominator utilized is not inflated. DMA's intent is to minimize any financial impacts to local health departments.
- Referenced the newly created Challenge award being advanced by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch in partnership with health directors to acknowledge local efforts that are making a difference for creating healthy tobacco free policies and environments. Additional decisions will need to be made for execution of this effort.
- Acknowledged Suzanne Wright and David Jenkins for health director orientation program that preceded the conference. Mr. Jenkins indicated that Ms. Wright made all the arrangements and handled the logistics.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Kelly Kimple, Interim State Health Director

- Counties may see increase of reports to DSS Child Protective Services and subsequently to CC4C staff due to the Cures Act substance use grant.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Danny Staley

- Expressed concerns about continuing trends with carve outs of MCH block grant (3 buckets of activities within grant). Mr. Staley stated that it is challenging to maintain intent of grant. Federal MCH Bureau will be coming onsite for first time ever to monitor MCH block grant in NC. There will be about \$800,000 less overall this year with additional carve outs and the other slated reduction.
- The Safer Syringe initiative is ongoing and gaining momentum. Please review supporting website and related information at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/north-carolina-safer-syringe-initiative>.
- County specific data reports related to opioids are developed and evolving. A statewide action plan is being sorted out.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Phyllis Rocco

- Consolidated Agreement clarification (authenticated time records)- A signed paper version is not required. However, a written policy and process must be in place.
- Drug testing in health departments (atypical practice). Be mindful of potential legal/court obligations, chain of custody measures, etc. Dare County has solid policy and process if interested.
- Follow up with abnormal labs including pap smears is a critical function for clinical services; there is work being done on a statewide policy to provide enhanced guidance to local health departments.
- Sports/camp physicals – Enhanced role nurses cannot accomplish these physicals, because these exams require medical decision making, which is outside of a nurse’s scope of practice.
- There are about 10 LHD surveys still pending (staffing levels); please respond.
- New accreditation model- The first round went through without problems, and the dates for next round will be announced soon.

State Environmental Health Report – Larry Michael

- No report.

Executive Director’s Report – Lynette Tolson

- Alliance has sent out invoices, MOU’s and BAA’s for next year; the Alliance must have before any work can proceed in FY 18.
- New NCALHD dues invoices for a full year are going out; remember, this is our transition year to align with the standard fiscal year calendar.
- Conference budget committee has just been appointed; additional communicable disease funding has not been included.
- MCH Block Grant- Both legislative bodies are taking more money out, about 27% in total carve outs now.
- Safety Net Health System-Tim Gallagher will be regular presenter at P & I committee...9 counties still have site report template pending.
- NC Public Health Foundation is ending...Alliance is taking on NC Quitline contracting to assist.

Government Relations Coordinator Report – Buck Wilson

- No report.

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report – David Stanley/Buck Wilson

- No report.

NCPHA Report – Josh Swift

- Reminder of Fall Conference upcoming in September – Asheville, NC.
- Leadership program, inductees will be announced soon (mid to lower level staff, partnership with Medical. Society).
- Thanks for support of spring conference and to Dave Jenkins.

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:

- Did not meet.

Nomination and Bylaws – Buck Wilson

Action:

Information:

- Did not meet.

Education and Awards – Suzanne Wright

Action:

Information:

- Did not meet.

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	Sheila Davies
Region 5	Layton Long	Region 10	Davin Madden

Liaison Reports

ANCBH – Susan Elmore

- Here on behalf of Barbara Ann Hughes.
- Invoices for dues going out July 1.
- 3 \$500 scholarships still available for NALBOH.
- Openings on NALBOH board, would like to have NC representatives.

North Carolina Institute for Public Health – Amy Belflower Thomas

- Online Board of Health training now on website.
- Next accreditation skills building workshop will be held July 24-25, 2017 in Durham.
- Accreditation coordinator training prior to fall conference.
- See handout for additional information.

Meeting Adjourned

1:30pm

Next Meeting

July 20, 2017 9:30 a.m.

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