

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
November 15, 2018
Division of Public Health Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road - Raleigh, NC

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Dennis Joyner

President Joyner convened the meeting at 9:32 am.

Approval of Minutes – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve the Treasurer's/Financial Report as of October 31, 2018, was made and seconded; motion approved.

President's Report – Dennis Joyner

President Joyner reminded membership to sign the roster indicating attendance at the meeting. President Joyner then proposed to amend the agenda to add a closed session to the end of the agenda. **Motion was made to amend the agenda to add a closed session and motion was seconded. Vote was called and motion passed.**

President Joyner then reminded membership that with the Transition of Care Management webinar presentation at 10:30 am, the meeting will be lengthy. He then stated that lunch would be provided due to the extended meeting.

On behalf of Jim Bruckner and the Nominating Committee, President Joyner reminded members that the following slate of officers was presented in September via email: President-Steve Smith, Past President- Dennis Joyner, President-Elect- Janet Clayton, Vice-President-Stacie Saunders, and Secretary/Treasurer- Phillip Tarte. **Motion was made to approve the slate of officers and motion was seconded. Vote was called and motion passed.**

NCDPH Division Acting Director Report- Beth Lovette-

Lovette informed membership that Agreement Addenda for mosquito counties will be released soon.

Lovette informed membership that Larry Michael is attending the Rules Review Commission this morning. She stated that Michael provided an update during the Environmental Health Committee. She reiterated the goal is for local health departments to not be impacted by the rule making challenges currently occurring.

Lovette also mentioned that there have been many questions regarding cost settlement and kick payments. She reported that in the transformed system, cost settlement will continue for services covered under the Fee-for-Service program. Under managed care, NC will also have what will be referred to as Additional Utilization-Based Payments in the PHP Requests for Proposals (RFP). Lovette recognized that this still leaves some unanswered questions and she is seeking answers to those questions. She reassured members that the anticipation is for health departments to be made whole from this current year until next year.

NC DHHS Chief Medical Officer/State Health Director Report- Dr. Betsey Tilson

Tilson stated that the 1115 Waiver was approved including the Regional Pilots. She stated that NC is the first state in the nation to be approved for this type of pilot by CMS. DHHS is working on a Fact Sheet about the pilots for stakeholders. She reiterated that there were several items that were not approved in the 1115 Waiver and that those were likely expected not to receive approval. She mentioned that in December, a presentation will occur about the NCCARE 360 Resource Platform. Tilson then set the stage for the Early Childhood Action Plan presentation and introduced Rebecca Planchard.

The State Early Childhood Action Plan- Rebecca Planchard, Senior Childhood Policy Advisor

Planchard shared the goals for the presentation including to provide a high-level overview and provide time for questions (see attached presentation and plan). She stated the plan was released publicly November 1. Planchard provided a draft of the Early Childhood Strategies Roadmap and the Action Plan. This is the State's Childhood Action Plan via Governor's Executive Order. The draft released details the goals, the Roadmap, which has not been release yet, and details the strategies in which to achieve the goals. Planchard stated the hope is for the Action Plan to serve as a rallying point for NC. The Action Plan tries to achieve a vision for all children ages 0-8 in NC and establishes 2025 Goals. Planchard then reviewed the framework of the plan. Targets are specific and measurable with multiple data sources setting this action plan apart from other plans nationwide. She stated that around February 2019, the State would be tracking publicly through an online dashboard. Planchard shared that the vision has been categorized into three different parts: (1) Healthy, (2) Safe and Nurtured, and (3) Learning and Ready to Succeed. Tilson reiterated that the three parts

of the vision while focused are interconnected with all areas affecting each other. Planchard stated that DHHS chose 0-8 years as the focus because nationally early childhood ends at age 8 years (or around the 3rd grade). Planchard began to discuss the plan. Planchard then discussed the timeline including the release of draft plan on November 1, public comments accepted through November 30 (with NCALHD comments accepted through Jan 1), and a final plan shared in early 2019. Member asked if there will be resource mapping in order to accomplish goals. Planchard stated that high level strategies will be released, DHHS will also release their department strategies, and then encourage others to share how they will focus on these goals as well. Member commented about the alignment of Action Plan to Partnership for Children. Member asked if there will be specific entities identified as lead on goals or strategies. Planchard stated at this time no leads have been assigned but rather hopefully that several organizations across the state would collectively work on the goals. Member suggested that there are natural fits for some goals with entities such as local Social Services or local Public Health and identifying those as leads may actually aid in reaching goals.

Webinar- Transition of Current Programs for High-Risk Pregnancy and At-Risk Children into Managed Care

Members participated in the Transition of Current Programs for High-Risk Pregnancy and At-Risk Children into Managed Care webinar. The link to webinar may be accessed on this page: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/care-management> (Slides attached). This webinar provided a high-level overview of the transition of current day Pregnancy Medical Home (PMH), Obstetric Care Management (OBCM) and Care Coordination for Children (CC4C) programs to managed care. It discussed the role of maternity and pediatric providers, Local Health Departments (LHDs), and PHPs in continuing to care for high-risk pregnant women and at-risk children ages 0-5 under managed care. The webinar discussed how management for these populations fits into the broader managed care transition, the key elements of each program, and the infrastructure for program oversight and accountability.

Members were urged to submit questions to the Medicaid Transformation email on the website. There will be additional trainings in the future.

Executive Director's Report – Lynette Tolson

Tolson stated the Community Health Center Grants application has been released. She urged members to review the application.

Tolson provided an update on NCAPHA staffer, Becky Hughes and shared that Hughes is doing well.

Tolson reported that she is working with DMA for follow-up webinars and trainings regarding

Lastly, Tolson reminded members that NCALHD Luncheon and Annual Meeting will be held on January 23, 2019 at North Raleigh Hilton.

Committee Reports

Technology – James Madson

Action: None

Information:

- Minor's Consent- Lovette discussed minor's consent issue with NC HIEA. The progression is slow going. There is a need for pilot counties.
- Web-based CHA presentation-Madson presented information regarding the web-based CHA which was utilized by 33 counties in Eastern NC. He provided examples of the data that is available.
- LHD Health Services Analysis- Phyllis Rocco provided updated rejection rate data. The rejection rates have significantly decreased. Cure MD rates have decreased from 25% to 7%, and Patagonia rates have decreased from 13% to 5%. A spreadsheet of information by county was shared. She reiterated the importance of the accuracy of this information, because this information is what the state reports to the Feds and grantors.

Policy and Finance – Steve Smith

Action: Sally Herndon presented a proposed addition to the Consolidated Agreement. The proposed language stated: "If the local county and municipal government buildings are not smoke free and e-cigarette free as of July 1, 2019, the local health department must coordinate with county and municipal leaders to submit a plan to address this policy requirement by March 1, 2020."

Motion was made to include above language in Consolidated Agreement and motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Vote called and motion failed.

Information:

- **2019 Legislative Agenda-** Smith provided an update regarding the 2019 Legislative Agenda. Topics include: Closing the Medicaid Coverage Gap, Communicable Disease Funding, Tobacco 21, and the restoration of WCH Block Grant funding. An updated proposed 2019 Legislative Agenda will be presented in December.

Alcohol Dashboard Presentation- Alan Dellapena: Discussion focused on the public health impact of excessive alcohol use in NC across Youth, Older Adults, Emergency Department Visits, and Alcohol Abuse. The group discussed how other states have connected the dots with liquor store density and commercial interests versus regulated work of governmental entities. We know there will be lots of discussion about local ABC Boards coming up in the next session. It's important to have data about how deregulation has affected other states and correlated with public health concerns. Speaker defined On-premises (restaurants) versus off-premises (liquor stores) consumption. It is important to put the tools and partners and public health data all together to help tell the story effectively.

Planning and Innovation – Janet Clayton

Action: Motion for the Association to approve the use of an online performance management system for accreditation purposes and to increase the Accreditation fee from \$2,750 to \$3,250 for the cost of the system. Vote called and motion passed with one member dissenting.

Amy Belflower Thomas provided a history of accreditation process changes. She shared some concerns of the current process-issues with the use of flash drives, and the need for solid tracking tools, Board of Health structure updates, and an improved question and answer process. There has been ongoing research for a system. The proposal is to use the VSMG Performance Management System. The system would be the HDSAI and would replace the Word documents. Documents uploaded into the system may be linked. Site visitors will use the same document/system. The system has a tracking feature. The AAC may assign activities to others within the system. The system cloud based not on a server and no flash drives. System allows for real-time throughout 4 years. This will allow for a more efficient review process, and health departments will be aware of issues prior to the site visit team's departure. The system will be locked three weeks prior to visit and unlocked a few days before the visit. Accreditation projects can be archived. System may be used of other projects too. The challenges are the reliance on internet connectivity at local health departments. LHDs will need to be extra diligent in scrubbing PHI. The increase in cost to \$273,000 from \$235,000. There is a \$50,400 cost of adding the system, and an approximate efficiency cost offset of \$12,400. The system will be implemented in FY20, fall 2019.

Information:

Rachel Wilfert provided information regarding a statewide training needs assessment. NCIPH, NCAHEC, and NCDHHS-DPH- LTAT are working together on this assessment. The last assessment in 2013. She requested the health directors support when the survey is launched in the spring. Stakeholders will be asked for their input.

Preparedness/EPI – Lillian Koontz

Action: None

Information:

- **Wayne Mixon, Operations Manager, Preparedness and Response Branch**
FY 18/19 AA 514 & AA 514CRI
 - * Updates include requiring PCs not only to attend 75% of Regional Meetings, but also be present for at least 75% of the meeting to be counted as present.
 - * The annual Medical Counter Measures plan will be due my May 31, 2019.
 - * Language to include that each county must maintain a trained PIO and backup.
- **John Peebles, Operations Manager DPH**
Vanessa Green, Nurse Supervisor DPH, CD Branch

Peebles: Presented several changes for CD Branch AAs. Additionally, provided a “cheat sheet” (attached) with each AA and the contact person for the AA if there are questions.

 - * AA 540: HIV/STD/SA historically funds for this AA have been derived from the SA Block Grant, however those funds will no longer be available. Will be exploring options for funding.
 - * AA 610: STD Prevention. While there are very little dollars associated with this AA, it is extremely important to participate as this AA is required to be eligible for 340B pricing. Additionally, this AA is used for surprise funding drops throughout the year.

Greene: AA 510 will include language to **suggest** policies defining animal control duties and include annual meetings between health department staff and animal control staff to ensure proper procedures are carried out.

 - * Last year the STD online survey had 100% participation, this process was much more efficient and successful—Thank you! It will be sent out again this year, to be completed between January 1 and January 31.

- **Dr. Scott Zimmerman, Director, DPH NCSLPH**

- * State Lab will continue to do well testing related to the Hurricane at no charge to health departments, post storm testing this year has yielded a higher rate of return than usual.

- * Gonorrhea and Chlamydia testing is occurring at the lab. The new lab forms have criteria listed at the bottom. NAAT testing is the gold standard for testing, and excited to offer.

- * State courier has had a few hiccups lately, but believe these are resolved (delivery of reports not making it to the LHDs). Additionally, reports are now sealed, clamped, and stamped confidential.

- * Would like to put to rest a rumor that the State Lab charges patients. The lab is authorized to bill hospitals for newborn screenings, bill local health departments for well water testing, and bill Medicaid. * There are four regional consultants who are available to assist at the local level, and while they typically visit counties on the CLIA contract, please do not hesitate to reach out for guidance or assistance. NC is among a small handful of states exploring electronic lab results, very much in the infancy but working on it.

- **Daniela Ingram, TB Program Supervisor** Daniela.Ingram@ddhhs.nc.gov

- An update was provided regarding the new TB Manual Guidance. IGRA's can now be used for children over 2 years of age rather than previous guidance of over 5 years of age. Concern has been raised regarding the cost for self-pay patients. PPD may still be used, so if the IGRA is cost-prohibitive, use the PPD. Also Civil Surgeons have the responsibility of following up with patients, not just referring to the local health department.

Maternal & Child Health, Care Management and WIC –

Action: None

Information:

- Kelly Kimple lead a discussion around declining utilization of maternal support services such as postpartum home visiting.
- The following AAs were discussed and will be voted on next month:
 - Family Planning and Maternal Health
 - Child Health
 - WIC
 - Immunizations

Environmental Health – Heath Cain

Action: None

Information:

- Shane Smith provided an update regarding the proposed QA requirement for the AA. He shared a spreadsheet that has been developed for this use. The spreadsheet should rollout in January. This will also help with authorization process as well. He also stated that the 41 degree campaign is ready to roll out. Establishments will not be penalized on the first inspection but will be on the next visit.
- Larry Michael spoke about the rules challenge. He stated 10/18 was due date for the 11/15 meeting; the extension request was not granted. He then provided a timeline of the flurry of activities to prevent the rules from expiring. This issue does not affect onsite or well rules. He will keep health directors informed of the progress and of any issues.

Public Health Promotion & Disease Prevention– Helene Edwards

Action: Sharon Boss-Nelson spoke again regarding the Healthy Communities AA. More strategies were added, and it requires work on two strategies. **Motion to approve the Healthy Communities Agreement Addendum; motion from committee required no second. Vote called and motion passed.**

Information:

- AA452- BCCCP was discussed. Risk assessments have been included in AA. Standing orders need to be in the NC BON format. The funding will start 7/1/19-5/31/2020 for 11 months of service for federal funds. The reimbursement rate is still \$255/woman.
- NCIR Onboarding- Dr. Kelly Kimple spoke regarding this. Both CureMD and Patagonia are working with NCIR staff on the interfacing. UNC has completed the interface with EPIC, and thirteen others have gone live as well.
- AA 451 -Tobacco Prevention and Control was discussed. There are no changes. No state funds included as of right now.
- The two agreement addendums will be voted on next month.

Nomination and Bylaws – Dennis Joyner

Action: None

Information: See President's report

Education and Awards – Suzanne Wright

Action: None

Information: Please submit nominees for awards

Public Health Regions- No Items

Partner Reports

NALBOH/ANCBH- No Report

NCAPHA Report – No Report

NACCHO- No Report

NCPHA Report – NCPHA will be held on 12/11-12/14 in Charlotte. David Jenkins thanked staff for dealing with the alternative date. Overnight rooms are full and conference rate expired; let Tolson know if you need a room.

NCSOPHE- Kristin Carroll of the Women's Health Branch will be the new liaison.

Liaison Reports

NCIPH/SPH Update- Amy Belflower Thomas-

• **Trainings & Conferences**

- Accepting applications for the *Child Health Training Program* through November 30th
- The Spring 2019 *Management and Supervision for Public Health Professionals* course is now open for registration.
- New one day workshops available in winter and spring: <https://sph.unc.edu/nciph/workshops/>
- Multiple courses for WIC staff are open for registration
- Do you have new members on your Board of Health/consolidated board who need orientation training? NCIPH can provide a trainer free of charge. Visit <https://sph.unc.edu/nciph/boh-train/> to learn more and schedule a training
- All current NCIPH course offerings are listed at <https://sph.unc.edu/nciph/nciph-catalog/>

• **Accreditation**

- *Accreditation 101: New Agency Accreditation Coordinator Training* will be held as part of the re-scheduled NCPHA Fall Educational Conference. Registration is open through NCPHA until November 30th.

• **Other news from NCIPH/SPH**

- UNC Gillings partners with the NC AHEC program to provide support to NC public health agencies. Learn more about this service at <https://sph.unc.edu/nciph/partnering-with-ahec/>.
- The 40th **Annual Minority Health Conference** will take place on February 22nd in Chapel Hill. The conference-- *Advocacy for Change: Celebrating Past Successes and Planning for the Future* is open for abstract submissions for posters. Abstracts are encouraged from public health practice and other sectors. Learn more at <http://minorityhealth.web.unc.edu/>.
- NCIPH will be at NCPHA in Charlotte – we look forward to sharing information about training programs and technical support with your staff.

A motion was made to enter into closed session with only members; motion was seconded. Vote called and motion passed.

Motion made affirming need for leadership change and support officers in exploring leadership change options and to bring those options back to the membership, motion was seconded. Vote called and motion passed with one dissenting vote. A motion was made to return to open session; motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Next Meeting – December 20, 2018, at 9:30 am at NC Division of Public Health – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC. The January meeting will be held on January 23, 2018, at 2:00 pm North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC