

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors**  
**Full Association Meeting**  
**Date: May 6, 2015**  
**New Bern, NC**  
**(In Conjunction with Eastern District NCPHA Conference)**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Called To Order:** 10:08 a.m.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting was made and seconded; motion carried.

**Approve Treasurer/Financial Report:** Motion to approve the Treasurer/Financial Report was made and seconded; motion carried.

**President's Report – Buck Wilson**

- Recognized Fred Michael, Deputy Director in Brunswick County, who will be retiring at the end of May 2015.
- Regarding current legislation that made the “cross-over” deadline, most are reasonably favorable toward public health or at least do not negatively impact public health. Several bills have had language edits that are favorable. Some of the bills that we were most concerned about did not make the “cross-over” deadline. Need to continue to monitor bill progress because language and funds can be adjusted throughout the process.
- Officers and Lisa Harrison (Policy and Finance) plan to meet again in the coming weeks with Jamal Jones, Senior Healthcare Analyst with NC DHHS, who is working on Medicaid reform plans. The House and Senate have differing plans/views on how they see Medicaid reform progressing. There is not a specific Medicaid reform bill introduced at present and could be linked to the Appropriations Bill.
- Would like to find ways to support health directors who operate in a human services model and may be in Raleigh monthly for social services director meetings. Indicated that the most likely arrangement will be to schedule a couple of meetings a year that coincided with the DSS Director meetings. President Wilson advised members to continue planning their future schedule as we have in the past.
- The Human Services Directors committee did not have a meeting/call in April but a meeting is planned for June 4 in Greensboro.
- Doug Urland is working on Association Policy & Procedures manual updates. One proposed change for next year is that the Vice President will chair the Policy and Finance committee.
- Reminded members to pay their Accreditation dues. If dues are not paid and your county is up for accreditation, your county would not be accredited. President Wilson and Lynette will be discussing this soon with Anna Schenk and Dorothy Cilenti to make sure the contract is amended accordingly.
- New Health Director Orientation is on May 20. Anyone can attend and registration information is on the Association's website.
- NC Association of County Commissioner's Conference is in Greenville Aug. 20-23 and President Wilson would like to have a booth/table with representation from the 3 public health associations. Let him know if interested.
- Thanks to MiMi Cooper for volunteering to serve on a panel that the Commissioner's Association is putting together for City Managers about communicable disease response.
- Executive committee will meet May 18 so if there are items you would like discussed please let President Wilson know.
- Congratulations to Craven County Health Department on their recent FQHC application funding.

- Noted that there had been some discussion about doing training for audits that occur on the local level. Danny Staley mentioned that it was not in place yet but may add it to “Public Health Finance 101” course. Logistics still need to be worked out.

### **NC Division of Public Health Report - Danny Staley:**

- Coal Ash Management Act – DPH Environmental Epidemiology is taking a proactive approach in reaching out to residents once the risk assessments have been conducted to call them directly to explain the results. Re-sampling will also begin soon. Some residents not covered under CAMA have asked about well water sampling and the State is looking into that capability.
- Exotic Animal Bill – DPH is trying to push increased attention to non-human primates such as Macaques. There is a significant amount of public health work and time involved with non-human primate bites.
- Highly infectious Avian Influenza – monitoring closely in NC. Extensive de-flocking in some other states to contain it.
- Hepatitis C – There’s been extensive increase in the cost of treating Hepatitis C and Medicaid has been significantly impacted by those costs. The epidemiology of the disease points to about 50% being linked to IV drug use. DPH is looking for additional legislative support and interest in legalizing needle exchange efforts. Secretary is supportive of these efforts. If not successful this session, they will likely seek support next legislative session.
- Anticipate the House budget being out by the end of May. Interest of the legislature has been the 0-5 age group.
- CDC Deputies meeting – Two things learned: major reductions anticipated to the aid programs (block grants, Medicaid, etc.). Significant shifting of funding streams. Service based programs of our traditional block grant programs will likely change in the future to more “systems impact” services (“wrap-around” services and enhancements we provide to primary care). Points out the struggle determining how and where we fit in Medicaid reform discussions. Important timing because NC’s maternal and child health block grant application is due this August and Women’s Health application has already been submitted.
- Single Audits occurring in the counties. Increased scrutiny. Concern from the State Auditor is that the single audits are not being done adequately. One area was poor documentation in a WIC program. Not a material finding but a noted managerial finding. Please be aware of this additional scrutiny. Another program of concern from the State Auditor was in the state’s AIDS Care program.
- Update on the Cost Settlement process. Working to finalize the 2011 cost report 10% hold-back. Division of Medical Assistance has changed their interpretation of certain data. Some letters have been sent to some counties regarding paybacks and DPH has intervened and they recalled the letters. DPH continues to discuss with DMA the differences in interpretation of definition of the Medicaid population. Until this is clarified, DPH is not proceeding with the current cost reporting process which will delay many counties getting their settlement this year.

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

- Reminded members that National Nurses Week runs until May 12.
- ICD-10 Trainings – Several emails have been sent out and encouraged providers to participate in the trainings that DPH or Office of Rural Health were sponsoring.
- A survey will be sent out in the next few weeks to find out how much our clinicians know about the Medicaid preferred drug list and how they are using the drug list and if there are barriers to care. Goal is trying to look at opportunities to reduce drug costs.
- Recent Board of Nursing Bulletin has a good article on nursing supervision and management.
- Applications for primary care and other services. There are about 43 LHDs providing primary care services. If you are planning to provide primary care services please complete an application that is under the Health Department tab on the DPH website. It will help provide DPH with needed information.

- Many consultants in the DPH programs are finding it difficult to locate adequate documentation in some EHRs to support the description of services that are being provided. When doing their reviews, consultants will be looking closely to see if adequate documentation is being collected so they can advise LHDs.

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

- No Report

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

- Encouraged members to complete a short survey she had sent out recently on staffing services and needs.
- Would like feedback on the Friday email that she typically sends out regarding public health related bills. Wants the process to be useful.
- Special thanks to Jill Moore and Chris Hoke for their assistance in helping new legislative staff better understand public health implications during the bill drafting and research process.
- Reminded members that they were invited to lunch today and a special presentation will be made concerning the use of local businesses/employers in helping address the County Health Rankings.
- Medicare ACO model presented last month by Bo Bobbitt – several counties have expressed interested and if there are others let Lynette know and she will connect them with Mr. Bobbitt. Danny Staley made a point of caution because in NC, LHDs are legally required to provide certain services and need to be careful that they don’t do things within an ACO model that could limit their abilities in meeting those requirements.
- Will forward by email a list of environmental health bills that made legislative crossover since Larry Michael could not attend today.
- NC Alliance of Health encourages support for HB 250 (Healthy Corner Store Initiative - \$1 mil) and HB450 (Tobacco use prevention programs - \$7 mil).
- Bill Smith noted that HB 460 made crossover and it would require animal bites to be reported to law enforcement and language has been added to also notify the local health director.
- Where policy bills are concerned, it appears public health has fared well so far. Still waiting on the appropriations bill (which can contain policy implications), Medicaid Reform and Regulatory Reform.

**Partner Reports**

**NCAPHA Report – Jerry Parks – no report**

**Action/Information Items - Committee Reports**

**Core Public Health –Denise Michaud:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Public Health Promotion & Prevention –Janet Clayton:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Technology – Beth Lovette:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Policy and Finance – Lisa Harrison**

**Action/Motion:**

**Information: None**

**Planning and Innovation – Colleen Bridger**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Education & Awards – Dave Jenkins:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Nominations & Bylaws – Doug Urland:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Action/Information Items - Public Health Regions**

**Region I – Janice Patterson:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region III - Ann Absher:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region V – Merle Green:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region VII – Chris Szwagiel:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region IX – Jerry Parks:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region II – Jimmy Hines:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region IV – Dorothea Wyant:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region VI – Tommy Jarrell:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region VIII – Carolyn Moser:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Region X – Davin Madden:**

**Action/Motion: None**

**Information: None**

**Liaison Reports**

**NC SOPHE – Julie Gooding Hasty:** Conference October 8-9 in Hickory.

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:18 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: June 18, 2015 9:30 am**

**Location: Raleigh – Cardinal Room, DPH, 5605 Six Forks Road**

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NCALHD Attendance Roster - Health Director Initial by County  
(Bold Indicates NCALHD Dues paid)

STP	Alamance	Stacie Turpin Saunders		Jackson	Paula Carden
	Albemarle District	Jerry Parks		Johnston	Marilyn Pearson
	Alexander	Leeanne Whisnant		Jones	Wesley Smith
	Anson	Fred Thompson		Lee	Terrell Jones
	Appalachian District	Beth Lovette		Lenoir	Joey Huff
	Beaufort	James Madson		Lincoln	Maggie Dollar
	Bladen	Cris Harrelson		Macon	Jim Bruckner
	Brunswick	David Stanley		Madison	John Graeter, Int.
	Buncombe	Jan Shepard		MTW District	Terrell Davis
	Burke	Rebecca McLeod		Mecklenburg	Marcus Plescia
	Cabarrus Health Alliance	William Pilkington		Montgomery	Mary Perez
	Caldwell	Denise Michaud		Moore	Robert Wittmann
	Carteret	David Jenkins		Nash	William Hill, Jr.
	Caswell	Fred Moore		New Hanover	David Rice
	Catawba	Doug Urland		Northampton	John White, Int
	Chatham	Layton Long		Onslow	Angela Lee
	Cherokee	Towanna Roberts		Orange	Colleen Bridger
	Clay	Janice Patterson		Pamlico	Dennis Harrington
	Cleveland	Dorothea Wyant		Pender	Carolyn Moser
	Columbus	Kim Smith		Person	Janet Clayton
	Craven	Scott Harrelson		Pitt	John Morrow
	Cumberland	Buck Wilson		Randolph	Mimi Cooper
	Dare	Sheila Davies		Richmond	Tommy Jarrell
	Davidson	Monecia Thomas		Robeson	William Smith
	Davie	Suzanne Wright		Rockingham	Glenn Martin
	Duplin	Ila Davis		Rowan	Nina Oliver
	Durham	Gayle B. Harris		RPM District	James Hines, Jr.
	Edgecombe	Karen Lachapelle		Sampson	Wanda Robinson
	Forsyth	Marlon Hunter		Scotland	Wayne Raynor, Int.
	Franklin	Chris M. Szwagiel		Stanly	Dennis Joyner
	Gaston	Chris Dobbins		Stokes	Wanda East, Int.
	Graham	Alicia Parham		Surry	Samantha Ange
	Granville-Vance District	Lisa Macon-Harrison		Swain	Alison Cochran
	Greene	Michael Rhodes		Toe River District	Lynda Kinnane
	Guilford	Merie Green		Transylvania	Elaine Russell
	Halifax	Cardra Burns		Union	Phillip Tarte
	Harnett	John Rouse		Wake	Sue Lynn Ledford
	Haywood	Carmine Rocco		Warren	Andy Smith
	Henderson	Steve Smith		Wayne	Davin Madden
	Hertford	Ramona Bowser		Wilkes	Ann Absher
	Hoke	Helene Edwards		Wilson	Teresa Ellen
	Hyde	David Howard		Yadkin	Kimberly Harrell
	Iredell	Jane Murray			

