

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
May 19, 2016
NC DPH – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Colleen Bridger

9:30 a.m. Dr. Bridger inquired if there were any retiring health directors. It was noted that Dave Rice's retirement would be next month. Dr. Bridger then introduced Ms. Lou Brewer of the North Carolina Healthcare Quality Alliance to discuss information and guidance for patients about antibiotic use and making wise choices in conjunction with their provider (NC Choosing Wisely campaign). Ms. Brewer indicated that she had posters for all health departments with this important information. Guidance includes 5 questions that patients should ask their provider related to the necessity of antibiotic prescriptions. More information can be found at www.ncquality.org.

Approval of Minutes – Steve Smith

Motion to approve minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Steve Smith

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

President's Report – Colleen Bridger

- Wake County going forward with administrative conference for 2011 & 2012 cost settlement.
- Emphasized importance of getting county report to Steven so he can finalize cost settlement submissions.
- Waiver application due to CMS on June 1st for Medicaid...have reached out to Secretary and Ms. Dee Jones to continue conversations about specifics. Linkage with DPH to ASTHO about best practices with Medicaid reform in other states that might be applicable to public health in NC. Critical period for next 6 months.
- Thank you to Dave Jenkins and speakers for new Health Director orientation.
- Thank you to Lisa Harrison, Dennis Williams and others for ideas related to DSRIP and other waiver components that will serve as important placeholders for public health in the Medicaid waiver.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Danny Staley

- Hep C...work in western region is going well. Premise of test, link and treatment being expanded. Treatment is \$80k plus over an 8 week period. Dr. Davies added that cost of not treating will likely exceed costs of treatment regimen. Must expand our efforts.
- Sue Lynn Ledford added that patients can develop resistance to HCV medications and that public health may need to consider directly observed therapy (DOT) model similar to TB.
- ADAP program...new flexibility to use funds to pay for related insurance costs (ACA premiums, policy deductibles, etc.).
- Mentioned ability to cross over preparedness funds for Zika into next fiscal year if desired.
- Significant concerns about increasing use of e-cigs and vapor products among youth, Sally Herndon offered to present information to boards of health about these issues.
- Moving ahead with support of legislation to improve access to naloxone.
- Pending announcement for new Section Chief for Women's and Children's Health.

- Ruth Petersen will be leaving DPH to be Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Division Director at CDC.
- Dr. Joy Reed provided information about “Accreditation 2.0” stakeholder group and their work. Focus is on eliminating elements that don’t have value and reviewing guidance to ensure it doesn’t exceed intent of benchmark. Work won’t be finished in time for May Accreditation board meeting and board isn’t expected to meet again until December. May request special meeting in order to get revised HDSA I out sooner.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Phyllis Rocco

- Accreditation...11 counties going through current cycle...using new consultation model which involves submitting evidence in advance to nurse consultant for review prior to submission.
- Some reviews identified unintentional inclusion of protected health information...please be mindful of this issue and redact this type of information.
- Joint monitoring venture has been completed in Duplin County, Sampson County now underway. Macon, Madison and Stokes are scheduled for June. Initial plan was to have at least 6 counties go through the process and then evaluate.
- Finance 101 webinar on June 14 and 15...information to be broadcast to all health departments.

State Environmental Health Report – Larry Michael

- \$355k ATC in bill to go to local health departments for Zika virus related activities.
- HB1074...all public and private schools would be required to test for lead at each drinking water outlet and report results by end of December. Massive amount of samples statewide. Must use certified laboratory. \$10 million earmarked for this...testing will consume \$6 million...some concerns that remaining \$4 million may not be enough for remediation where problems are identified.
- Engineered option temporary rules are drafted/posted. Going to rules review commission to finalize.
- 2nd draft of .1900 rules are coming out. Informal comments will be solicited through June.

Executive Director’s Report – Lynette Tolson

- Association collecting donations for Lovette family.
- Alliance and Association met with community college system...discussion around IT, internship program (billing, documentation, etc. in local health departments). Phyllis Rocco also participated. Identified 3 priorities of incorporating more students as interns at local health departments; creating apprenticeship program and planning effort to support program for different tiers of credentialing billing and IT/health technology staff
- Cost settlements...5 counties pending for 2014, should be finalized soon. 2015...have started 23 counties with some still working on finalizing statistical report.
- House version of budget, \$8.5 million included for harm associated with new cost settlement process (non-recurring)...will link to Senators as they finalize their budget version.
- Office of Minority Health...budget proposal takes funds from them and shifts to chronic disease section.
- Needle exchange legislation...thanks to Layton Long and communications with Senator Bingham.
- Senate bill 779...not sure if this will go anywhere this session.

Government Relations Coordinator Report – Buck Wilson

- Safe drug disposal...pursuing small amount of money for that, hope Bingham will include it.
- Stressed importance of talking to senators about monies to offset cost settlement impacts.
- Important to contact legislators now to advocate for public health issues.

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report – Jerry Parks

- Alliance meeting today. Many people don't know what the Alliance does...will be providing a monthly report. Also will highlight Alliance employees on periodic basis so health departments will become more familiar with them. Please remember to save their contact information.

NCPHA Report – Lisa Harrison

- Thanks for attendance and support of Spring Conference. 200 attendees for the event...initially thought they would only have 150.

Committee Reports

Core Public Health – Denise Michaud

Action: None.

Information:

- Dr. Marilyn Haskell and Dr. Carl Williams provided updates related to the new rabies compendium guidance, discussed how quarantine and observation standards would change. Webinar being developed to provide additional information.
- Oral Health Section...initiating efforts to expand dental screenings for pregnant women, kindergarten screenings being done by OHS dental hygienist staff.
- WIC (Jan Shepard)...variety of issues and concerns from locals, HD's to develop list for WIC and DPH staff to review.

Technology – Layton Long (did not meet)

Action: None.

Information: None.

Policy and Finance – Jim Bruckner

Action: None.

Information:

- Minutes will be posted on NCALHD website.
- PC medical homes and payments (PMH)...health departments can bill for serving in this capacity
- Medicaid reform...have handouts related to DSIRP initiatives
- Requested to pull together group to evaluate billing expertise and how to promulgate best practices and billing efficiency throughout the public health system

Planning and Innovation – Dennis Joyner

Action: None.

Information:

- Presentation from Suzanne Metcalf from Prevent Child Abuse NC (will send out)...some concerns around duplication of efforts between CFPT, CCPT, child advocacy centers, etc.. Want a public health focused community plan.
- Bob Martin update...evaluating HIPAA concerns with technology, etc....upcoming meeting on June 17th...Jill Moore helping with this effort.

Public Health Prevention and Promotion – Janet Clayton (did not meet)

Action: None.

Information: None.

Nomination and Bylaws – Buck Wilson (did not meet)

Action: None.

Information: None.

Education and Awards – David Jenkins (did not meet)

Action: None.

Information: None.

No action items or information.

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	David Madden

Liaison Reports

ANCBH – Barbara Ann Hughes

- Scholarship award went to student placed with Gaston County Health Department.
- Need new members for accreditation board....board of health members (3).
- Website now in public domain.
- ANCBH meeting in Guilford County in July.

North Carolina Institute for Public Health – Amy Thomas Belflower

- Upcoming accreditation trainings (see report).

NC Alliance for Health – Morgan Gramann

- Introduced as new director for Alliance, assumed position formerly held by Pamela Seaman
- Focus on obesity and tobacco prevention strategies
- Major initiative around healthy corner stores
- <http://www.ncallianceforhealth.org/>

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting

June 16, 2016 9:30 a.m.

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