

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors**  
**Association Business Meeting**  
**June 16, 2016**  
**NC DPH – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Called To Order – Colleen Bridger**

9:30 a.m. Dr. Bridger acknowledged Dave Rice for his exceptional service to public health since this was his last Association meeting. Dave indicated that in 19 years, he had only missed 2 meetings...one for vacation and one for surgery. Mr. Rice stressed the importance of health director relationships fostered through the Association and staying united for common causes and the collective good.

**Approval of Minutes – Steve Smith**

Motion to approve minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

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

Motion to approve the Treasurer's/Financial Report as of May 31, 2016 was made and seconded; motion approved.

**President's Report – Colleen Bridger**

- Ongoing conversations with multiple partners, including DHHS, NC Board of Pharmacy and others related to current public health priorities.
- Mentioned successful naloxone legislation as an example of our advocacy efforts.
- Referenced upcoming NCACC meeting in Winston-Salem (August) and requested that health directors and public health staff be available to staff the conference.

**NC Department of Health and Human Services – Randall Williams, MD**

- Reiterated incredible support from House and Senate on narcane/naloxone legislation (unanimous vote).
- Zika...remaining proactive with state efforts and support of local efforts including surveillance. ATC monies will be forwarded to local health departments in FY 17 to continue this initiative.
- Personal goal to visit all 85 health departments. Appreciative of the information that has been shared during visits that have already been accomplished.

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

- Recent national discussions identified past reliance on Medicaid for public health. Other states indicated that they had not done a good job of identifying their unique value-based capacities during Medicaid reform. Mr. Staley encouraged health departments to be thinking about their value and how that could contribute to the new reform environment. Ms. Ledford emphasized the importance of public health preparing business plans and proposals for these value based services including pregnancy care management and other similar care management elements. Mr. Staley offered to link local representatives with DPH staff evaluating the same kinds of issues.
- Cap on local health department fees for engagement with engineered option wastewater system permits (30% in statute).
- New rabies legislation still alive in NC General Assembly.
- Referenced proposed changes to Office of Minority Health and Division's proposal to restructure that operation and to expand its role with equity and other social determinants.

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

- Have completed joint monitoring with 5 counties. Will share feedback and preliminary results at the next meeting.
- Finance 101 webinars occurred this week. Strong participation with positive feedback from many.

### **State Environmental Health Report – Larry Michael (not available)**

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

- Introduced intern Michelle Jones from UNC-Charlotte.
- Cost settlement...Steven Garner has completed all of 2014. Has finished a handful of priority 2015 requests (these counties wanted to be paid in FY 16). Reminded health departments about Steven’s current email address...several individuals still trying to use the old one. Current email address for Mr. Garner is [sgarner@ncapha.org](mailto:sgarner@ncapha.org).
- Problematic language which placed “building inspection like” obligations on environmental health specialists appears to be out of Farm bill.
- Still hopeful that needed changes with rabies laws will advance within regulatory reform proposals.
- Additional discussion among group around CDC and DPH vulnerability assessments related to Hep C and high priority/risk areas in the state. DPH has centered their efforts with local health departments around “TLC”...test, link and cure.

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

- Syringe exchange still a complicated issue and we’re not certain if it will move forward. Important to contact your legislators about this initiative.

### **Partner Reports**

#### **NCAPHA Report – Jerry Parks**

- Participate with their initiative and review their updates and staff spotlights. Important for all of us to stand united for current public health priorities.

#### **NCPHA Report – Lisa Harrison**

- Registration now open for Fall Conference. Remember to register and get hotel room booked early in the process.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Core Public Health – Denise Michaud**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- Mary Ann Burkhardt (WIC) Director, shared presentation. No opportunities at the moment for additional offsite locations (challenging requirements for secure connections to CrossRoads). Also stated EBT rollout in other states has not improved participation.

- Dr. Tomlinson provided update for Oral Health (presentation). Shifting to screening model consistent with national standards (BSS).
- Dr. Casani spoke about status of 613 funds and cross over strategies along with a limited amount of additional money (\$1,100 per health department/district).
- Still unknown if lead testing in schools will go through.

### **Technology – Layton Long**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- Overview by Bob Martin of business associate agreements that need to be established between health departments and Alliance.
- Darryl Meeks...update on NC HIE. SAS now the contracted vendor to resolve problems.

### **Policy and Finance – Jim Bruckner**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- Reviewed legislative bills of interest and status of cost settlement (already covered).
- Desire to develop policy statement that addresses general erosion of public health authority and standing for multiple issues.

### **Planning and Innovation – Dennis Joyner**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- Update from HIPAA workgroup efforts including 3 subcommittees.
- Overview from NC Public Health Foundation Director, Chuck Bridger about their recent efforts linked in to multiple standing public health campaigns.
- Zika lab specimen processing...were there concerns about aerosolization or other bio hazards? Would sending whole blood be an option? (from John Rouse). Probably not. Zack Moore and Scott Zimmerman spoke to these issues. Dr. Pearson mentioned that LabCorps was also doing Zika testing now.

### **Public Health Prevention and Promotion – Janet Clayton**

**Action:** None.

**Information:**

- April Reese (DPH) provided an overview and update about the diabetes prevention program.
- Chronic Disease and Injury Section presented information on their “Live health to be there” ad campaign. Ads target ages 35-55.
- Update on community health worker initiative. Summit on November 10 in Greensboro.

### **Nomination and Bylaws – Buck Wilson (did not meet)**

**Action:** None.

**Information:** None.

### **Education and Awards – David Jenkins (did not meet)**

**Action:** None.

**Information:** None.

## **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 for Susan Elmore**

- Congratulations to Amy Belflower Thomas for successful accreditation training.
- Still recruiting Accreditation and ANCBH board members.
- Upcoming ANCBH meeting in Guilford County on July 16, 2016.
- Could use stories from health departments to put in their news briefs.
- Indicated that NALBOH intended to move their conference away from NC for 2017. Motion made and seconded to record these public health related economic losses associated with HB 2. Additional discussion about how that would be accomplished. Motion passed.

### **North Carolina Institute for Public Health – Anna Schenck**

- Provided overview of annual 2015-16 public health training related to NC Division of Public Health contracts.
- Ongoing accreditation site visitor training. NCLHDA board is re-forming their committee structure with work starting soon.
- NCIPH review acknowledged many of its successes including continuing education efforts, administration of accreditation program and promotion of scholarly engagement. Review affirmed primary focus of NCIPH was North Carolina.

### **UNC School of Government – Jill Moore**

- Upcoming HIPAA training session. Will provide critical updates for health department staff.
- Dates for 2017 Legal Conference have been set. April 5 and 6, 2017.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

### **Next Meeting**

July 21, 2016 9:30 a.m.

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