

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
April 20, 2017
NC DPH – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Jim Bruckner

Jim Bruckner called the meeting to order and welcomed Karen Powell the new health director from Rutherford Polk McDowell Health District.

Approval of Minutes – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve minutes of the March 16, 2017, was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve Treasurer's/Financial report as of March 31, 2017, was made and seconded; motion approved.

President's Report – Jim Bruckner

There were two handouts- County Health Rankings document and the Pocket Guide from the NC Health Statistics. Dennis Joyner and Jim Bruckner attended the NCACC Justice, Public Safety, and Health and Human Services meetings on Tuesday. The Stepping Up program of Forsyth County, Community Paramedicine program of Cabarrus County, and the Resilience project of NC Prevent Child Abuse were highlighted during the meetings. Sharon Hirsch is the contact person for the Resilience project.

DPH will be issuing a revision to the FY18 Consolidated Agreement due to NCAC, General Statute, and Federal rule changes that have either been changed, removed from law, or no longer apply. None of the changes will add any additional burden to the counties.

In follow up to the school nurse job description discussion, a memo from Ann Nichols and Phyllis Rocco will clarify the requirements and off assistance to local health department in developing a plan to have more school nurses certified.

Jim thanked everyone that has made calls to legislators and asked everyone to continue to connect with them.

NC Division of Public Health Report – Chris Hoke

Chris sent out yesterday the bill tracking report of substantive bills which contain law change recommendations that have been put forward and the status of these bills. The crossover deadline is Thursday, April 27. We are safe on the rabies bill, since it has passed the Senate.

State Environmental Health Report – Larry Michael

- HB250-Body Art Bill- DEH requested for subdermal implantation prohibited in North Carolina. Subdermal implantation does not belong in a tattoo establishment. DEH has asked for a later effective date due to the training and implementation requirements. The bill will allow lobe piercing but must be licensed to permit cartilage. The bill is currently in the House.
- HB598-Swimming Pool Electrical Safety- This bill will require all swimming pool pump motors to be connected to GFCI. The current language places it in 130A. DEH is advocating for Building Inspectors or licensed electrician to certify and not REHS. We are okay with Building Inspections using our annual permit to achieve this.
- SB131- Private Drinking Water Well- This bill originally required REHS to inspect the plumbing and electrical components of a well. The language has been amended, and Environmental Health has the exclusive authority for the permitting, and Building Inspections will need to inspect prior to the final approval by EH. He thanked local

health directors for their involvement in having the language amended. The bill is now in a conference committee.

- HB794-NC Permitting Efficiency Act of 2017- Any permit issued by a county including building permits and land use permits must have ordinances that outline requirements of permit. DEH has requested clarification.
- Recall- LaRancho Brand Mango flavored ice cream popsicles have been recalled due to potential salmonella contamination.
- This year the Aid to County funding that will be sent back to counties is about \$2.1 million, which is \$170,000 more than last year.

Executive Director's Report – Lynette Tolson

- Thanked everyone for being so responsive in contacting legislators. Please contact legislators regarding CD funding.
- Lynette is working with a national Medicaid contractor. If your department has issues with United Healthcare, contact Lynette.
- Cost Settlement Update- Steven Garner has completed almost all for 2015. There are a few remaining counties that need to submit data in order to complete 2015. Contact Lynette, if you do not receive payment within 30 days of filing with DMA. Steven is currently working on 2016. He still needs some data to complete these as well.
- Lynette now has a go to person for NCTracks issues. Please send issues to Lynette, and she will forward to the contact person.
- Leah Mayo is leading the NCPHA Young Professionals group. Visit their Facebook page. They are having networking opportunities regionally statewide. <https://www.facebook.com/ypncpha/>

Government Relations Coordinator Report – Buck Wilson

Buck will be contacting health directors to contact bill sponsors if they are from your area.

Safety Net Health System Update- Tim Gallagher

Tim Gallagher provided an update on the Safety Net Health System. (See presentation.) He distributed a template to be completed by local health directors; the document requested information regarding sites, site addresses, and services offered. This data will be used to update information.

Partner Reports

The Snowden Company, LLC- Terrie Snowden

- Terrie Snowden distributed the renewal proposals. There will be flat renewal rate.
- She reminded health directors that when contracting, require a Certificate of Insurance from the other party. This includes MOUs as well. Also, please remind staff to follow through with patient history reviews.
- Terrie shared concerns regarding a particular brand of IUD. Sue Lynn Ledford suggested having a collective conversation with the representative regarding product liability. Terrie will work with the committee. Lynette will reach out to the regions to obtain the regional sales representatives' contact information to coordinate a conversation.
- She included recommendations for contracts with physicians and medical directors in the handout. CHUBB will ask local health departments to participate in credentialing. She is currently working on a hiring policy with CHUBB. Terrie will send contracting language to Lynette.
- Terrie provided a review of closed and open claims.
- If you do not have cyber liability insurance coverage, get it now.
- Program does not cover a county pharmacy; program covers only the health department pharmacy.

A motion was made to accept the medical professional liability policy as presented; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NCAPHA Report – David Stanley

- David recognized the Alliance Board members and staff who were present.
- There was discussion regarding the cost settlement. The invoice, MOU, and BAA need to be executed by each county that will utilize the service by June 30th. There are two variables in the invoice amounts, the number of reports and actual costs. We need a plan to continue the cost settlement process as is. NCAPHA wants to continue with Steven for at least another year. The Policy and Finance committee was asked to follow-up on this discussion.

NCPHA Report – Josh Swift

- Spring conference is May 16th, in Raleigh, at the North Raleigh Midtown. The capacity is limited to 150 attendees. The focus is on advocacy.
- The Spring Newsletter will be released on April 18th.
- The fall conference will be September 27-29 at the Crown Plaza in Asheville.
- NCPHA is creating a PH Leadership training program for mid to lower level staff.
- NCPHA is moving forward with the public health history documentation.

EDNCPHA Report- Carolyn Moser

- EDNCPHA annual conference is April 26-28 at Atlantic Beach.

Committee Reports

Planning and Innovation – Steve Smith

Action: None

Information:

- Bob Martin provided a HIPAA Workgroup update to the committee. One element of concern centers around the HIE Minor's Consent, and the workgroup will be working with Jill Moore regarding this.
- Beth of Population Health Improvement Partners provided an updated on the opportunities that are available for local health departments. (See attached.)
- The County Health Rankings were briefly discussed. If your county had a tremendous swing in the data, and you engage in conversations with those folks and you unearth helpful information, please share this information with the other health departments.

Preparedness/EPI – Lillian Koontz

Action: None

Information:

- There have been questions regarding 610- STD Activity; health departments must participate to receive 340B pricing. If there are any questions, please direct those to Dr. Zack Moore.

Maternal & Child Health, Care Management and WIC – Stacie Saunders

Action: Motion was made for Technical Assistance staff of DPH to provide documentation that outlines the requirement of certification as it applies to the discipline of school nurses. Motion passed.

Information:

- Ann Nichols provided a brief history of the school nurse program. The certification requirement was discussed; certification is a requirement regardless of the funding agency. Additionally, certification is an accreditation requirement. - required to be National School Nurse certified regardless of funding source.
- Jamie Johnson and Wendy Holmes provided information regarding reporting immunizations by child care facilities and school age immunization rates. Currently, the school age immunization rates are about 97% with exemption rates of 2%. County specific data was provided to the health departments. A report will be available in about 2 months regarding the child care immunization rates. There was preliminary discussions

about strategies that support accountability of the child care facilities to comply with the immunization standard.

- Maryanne Burghardt provided a WIC Update. There is not a federal budget for WIC yet. Health Directors should have received an email regarding unspent BFPC funds. They are proceeding with caution since BFPC are expected to be about half of the previous year. She also stated that using health educators with a nutrition background would not meet federal requirements.

Environmental Health –

Action: None

Information:

There were two presentations:

- 1) HB250 Body Art Regulations and Subdermal Implantation by Phil Thompson of DEH.
- 2) Survey of Private Wells Program and Related Sources- OEEB/Lee-Pow Jackson

Public Health Prevention & Promotion – Teresa Ellen

Action: None

Information:

Pam Diggs from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch presented on where we are today in regarding to cities, counties, and towns who have adopted tobacco free of policies. Please continue to encourage adoption of tobacco free policies. The Branch will assist in anyway if needed. (Presentation attached) NCALHD and the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch would like to become more connected with our municipalities. If anyone has connections with the mayoral association, please let the Branch know. Please share success stories around implementing tobacco free policies in your community; please share those with the group.

Nomination and Bylaws – Buck Wilson

Action: None

Information:

- Did not meet.

Education and Awards – Suzanne Wright

Action: None

Information:

- Did not meet.

Technology – Nina Oliver

Action: Motion for NCALHD to work with Phyllis Rocco and the LTAT Branch to consider the logistics of the possibility of video-conferencing committee and NCALHD meetings and try a pilot. Discussion was held. Concerns regarding bylaws, lowering the quality of this meeting due to dealing with technology, Motion passed with 22 for and 8 voting against.

Information:

- Alice Miller of NCHIEA provided an update to committee. All Medicaid providers must be connected by February 1, 2018 and exchange data through the NCHIEA. State funded agencies and State Health Plan have a June 1, 2018 deadline. NCHIEA is recommending changes to the February 1, 2018 deadline for some entities. (See attached.) CureMD and NCHIEA will be piloting an interface within the EHR. Patagonia Health and Chronicles via NCHIEA; this pilot project is still in early stages. NCHIEA is working to learn more about the NCIR pilot with UNC providers.
- Ryan McGee with Cabarrus County inquired as to the possibility to have video conferencing available to local health directors. Pros and cons were discussed. LTAT Branch has a 100 seat webinar capacity. Phyllis Rocco presented the timeline for the new catcher's mitt for local data reporting to the state. The timeline is May 2017 Interview and hire (or contract with) a SAS programmer, June – August Confirm the data elements needed, meet with private EHR vendors and develop SAS program for data extraction and analysis and reports. September pilot the new process with Cabarrus Health Alliance, meet with private vendors, assess any training

needs of LHD staff, develop any training with vendors for LHD staff. January 2018 roll-out to all counties to begin use for 2018 clinical data submission, provide business rules and reporting schedule for LHD staff.

- Terence Tumenta Shendeh reported concerns regarding missing data elements missing from BCCCP records that are required to be reported to the CDC. There was discussion regarding the particular data elements such as zip codes and ethnicity that are missing. Terence noted that the decision to get local data directly rests with DPH and possibly Danny Staley. Beth noted that other programs have already had to ask LHDs for local data reports, such as Family Planning and Child Health in order to submit accurate data on our behalf. Terence also noted that a BCCCP conference/update is planned for May 1 – 2.

Policy and Finance – Dennis Joyner

Action:

- A motion was made for NCALHD support the bill given that it proposes to increase health care access for more people in NC. Motion passed.
- A motion was made for NCALHD oppose changes that would weaken the current Graduated License current law. Motion passed.

Information:

- April 27 is the crossover deadline for bills.

2017 Legislative Agenda-

- o SB74-Update Current Rabies Control Laws in North Carolina- This bill is moving along and has passed the Senate and is now in the House.
- o HB250-Body Art Regulations- The wording has been changed to address the concerns and problems regarding the Environmental Health duties. The bill has passed the House and is now in Senate.
- o Communicable and Emerging Infections Disease funding (\$7.5million) is on the legislative funding priority list. Please advocate with your legislators.
- o HB662- CarolinaCares- There was discussion among members and inquiry as to whether NCALHD should take a position.
- o HB336- Graduated License Bill- There was a question raised. Data supports the effectiveness of the GDL and the NCCFPTF is working to address concerns regarding the bill.
- o SB598- DSS Regionalization- There has been no official stance by DSS Association and NCACC. By 2022, total DSS regionalization. Bill is now in appropriations and directs working group to study the effects on consolidation agencies.
- o Jim Martin presented an update of various tobacco legislation. HB276 (Strengthen Youth Prevention Funds) seeks to get funding back to the \$17 million once provided. There is a companion bill in the Senate but uncertain as to how much support there will be for the bill. Tobacco 21 (HB435) has good intentions but needs strengthening and additional work particularly regarding enforcement concerns, funding and retailer education. This bill may not make crossover. HB757 (Regulating Retail Display of Tobacco Products) will likely not make crossover.
- o SB325- \$1million tax cut plan- There was discussion regarding SB325 (Billion Dollar Middle Class Tax Cut), and if it proceeds, they would likely take much of the funding we are seeking (i.e. Com Dis Funding expansion). Bill will likely be heavily negotiated between House and Senate due to disagreements about the level of cut.

Other Comments

Public Health Regions

No action items.

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	Shelia Davies
Region 5	Layton Long	Region 10	Davin Madden

Information:None

Liaison Reports

North Carolina Institute for Public Health – Anna Schenck

- The Institute is now scheduling orientation trainings for new BOH members for June and beyond. Please contact rachel.wilfert@unc.edu if you need to schedule training for your board.
- Registration opens May 1st for the July 24 & 25 accreditation skills building workshop in Durham.
- There will be a new AAC training with NCPHA in the fall.
- NCIPH is continuing the director search. Dr. Rachel Wilfert will serve as the interim director of NCIPH effective May 1st.
- Council of Education for Public Health has completed a 3-day reaccreditation site visit at UNC Gillings SPH.

UNC- School of Government- Jill Moore

- The Health Directors’ Legal Conference will be June 7&8 at the UNC-SOG. Registration is open.
- Jill is working with the HIPAA Alliance on the minor’s consent issue. She is working on guidance. She will reach out to NCHIEA.
- She is continuing to work with NCPH HIPAA Alliance on training, etc.

ANCBH- Barbara Ann Hughes

- Susan Elmore has asked members for feedback on moving the annual face to face meeting and awards ceremony. Right now, they have a few options and will decide by majority vote.
- The Vaughn Upshaw award will be presented to the same recipient as in 2016, Steven Eaton, Assistant Health Director of Gaston County.
- ANCBH is working on a common job description for a local health director; they have a deadline of December 31, 2017.
- ANCBH has donated \$500 to NALBOH as a sponsor this year.
- The membership committee is beginning to focus on increasing membership and will begin communicating directly with local boards of health through the listserv with assistance from Lynette. They will collect current contact information for Board chairs and co-chair when renewals are received this year.
- Check out the ANCBH website for photos taken during the awards ceremony.
- NALBOH-
 - o Look for an electronic copy of *News Brief* mid-May.
 - o Received 12 requests, 2 from NC, for first time attendees. NALBOH is giving 5-\$500 scholarships to attend the conference with 1 from NC.
 - o NALBOH has paid Badger Bay for the first time since they became our managers.
 - o The number of members in all categories: 4,012 active, life, sponsor, and emeritus; 68 new members; NC has the most members, 47 counties. Only 50 members have not paid dues this year.
 - o Citizens for Public Health has won the Howell Award from SHA. This will be presented a NCPHA in Asheville.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting

May 18, 2017 9:30 a.m.

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