

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
August 17, 2017
NC DPH – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Jim Bruckner

Mr. Bruckner convened the meeting at 9:32 am. Mr. Bruckner inquired if there were any new or retiring health directors. Mr. Bruckner recognized Rod Jenkins, Interim Health Director in Cumberland County. He then introduced Dr. Betsey Tilson, DHHS Chief Medical Officer & State Health Director.

Dr. Tilson is a physician in pediatrics and general preventive medicine. She has a MPH. She has been in North Carolina for 20 years and practiced primary care with Wake County Human Services and will continue this. For the past 14 years, she has also served as the medical director of Community Care of North Carolina and worked with primary care, quality improvement, OBCM, and CC4C programs. She enjoys the multisector collaboration. She has also served as interim health director at Wake County Human Services. She has two titles- State Health Director and Chief Medical Officer to better connect the pieces of DHHS- DMA, DSS, and PH, etc. Danny will remain the Division Director, and she wants to be a value added to DPH. Dr. Tilson was invited to join us on a monthly basis.

Approval of Minutes – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve minutes of the July 20, 2017, meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Janet Clayton

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

President's Report – Jim Bruckner

Jim Bruckner thanked David Jenkins, Sue Lynn Ledford, Lisa Harrison, and Lillian Koontz for presenting at the NCACC conference. He announced that Joy Reed is working on State Accreditation. There will be a customer service survey sent to all health directors for feedback.

State Environmental Health Report – Larry Michael

- Thanked health directors for their participation at the EH Symposium in Asheville.
- S16- There is a provision which extends septic permits for 20 years; it has been vetoed by the Governor. Cris Harrelson will forward the Brunswick County communication regarding this. DEH talking points have been sent out. Language is also in H374, but H374 is in committee. Discussions will resume in September.
- Lodging rules are proposed to be effective October 1.
- Onsite Water Protection rules- Fiscal note has been approved by the Commission of Public Health. Public hearing will be in Raleigh, and two additional town hall meetings will be held. If all goes well, rules could be effective Jan 1st or more realistically in the spring.
- The Attorney General's Office has received large budget reductions. Three positions have historically handled environmental health issues. One person has retired, and this leaves two- John Barkley and a vacant position remain.
- Dare County- Physician diagnosed two cases of cellulitis due to a traveling tattoo artist; the artist was arrested and equipment confiscated.
- Durham County- Forty-three people at a YMCA were transported to the hospital due to a chemical gas exposure of a chlorine-like gas due to an extreme back draft. Corrective actions were to increase ventilation in the equipment room and to install P traps.

Executive Director's Report – Lynette Tolson

- Please pay NCALHD and Accreditation Dues.
- Lynette reviewed the Community Health Center grants. There were 56 grants to review and only 38 from health departments. All health departments that applied will receive some funding. Funds should be available September 1st. She will be involved in the Strategic Planning process in September with the Office of Rural Health. There is \$15 million available this coming year.
- Lynette has a list of Carolina Access providers from Beth Lovette. She has reviewed the list, and there are a few that are not listed. She will send out a survey to determine why you are not listed and if your department is still providing primary care.

Cost Settlement Update- Steven Garner

- 2013 cost settlement- HDs should have file with added tabs and names. He will work with those who have not received because of their complexity. Hopefully, this will help streamline 2017. Steven spoke with Cathy Cardenas, and some things have changed from the original directions. Send the letter and the scrubbed 2013 charge report to Cathy Cardenas via encrypted email. There will be payment options.
- 2016- Vicky is working on the remaining 2016 cost settlement reports.
- 2017-Start sending info to Steven even though paid claims report will not be available until October.
- He will be speaking at NCPHA on Wednesday afternoon.
- Lynette will look into a webinar regarding the cost settlement process.

NC Office of State Human Resources- Dominick D’Erasmus, Susan Adams

Dominick D’Erasmus is the only person left. Management is seeking additional assistance. James Harris has been hired as a consultant. Rosalind McNair is helping with screening applications. Susan Adams is assisting with training. In 2016, OSHR provided training in a pilot program with DSS. A handout of Training Options for Local Government was distributed. Please complete the survey and return to OSHR as soon as possible. Susan is focused on HR skills and provided highlights of training.

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report – David Stanley

- Alliance Board is meeting right after this meeting.

NCPHA Report – David Jenkins

- Reminder of Fall Conference is September 27-29 – Asheville, NC. Door prizes needed.

Committee Reports

Environmental Health – Heath Cain/Andy Smith

Action: None

Information:

- Michael Doyle, State PH Entomologist, presented a “DHHS – Mosquito and Tick Programs Update.”
 - o Teresa Fisher-new employee (Vector-borne Nurse Consultant)
 - o Different than PHPM-Now under DPH and EPI Section
 - o Public Health Surveillance-wants to turn surveillance into action
 - o Mosquitonet web application users guide-new
 - o Encourage counties they need mosquito data to support funding from CDC if event occurs
 - o Integrated Mosquito Management-outbreak response-see presentation
- Linda Culpepper, Deputy Director, DWR, provided information regarding the GenX water contamination issues. The presentation included:
 - o Emerging Water Contaminants and Designing Sampling Plans for GenX
 - o EPA-Chemicals we need to be paying attention to- 97 chemicals on their list
 - o POFA’s-DuPont-Found in NC-what can PH do?
 - o Also, reviewing compound 1,4 Dioxane- no certifiable test method for wastewater; next step set standards by permits
 - o How do we prioritize? Best use of funding resources
 - o GenX-2009-closed loop process WV (incinerating); NC-not closed loop process
 - o June 12th of this year-found out GenX is self-contained but has been producing as byproduct in another line since 1980.
 - o Started monitoring June 14th –levels not trending off like felt as they had expected.
 - o Website-Updates on GenX sampling results-levels are at ppt (parts per trillion)
 - o GenX has negative impact on metabolism, liver, and thyroid impacts.

Public Health Prevention & Promotion – Teresa Ellen

Action: Motion from committee that the NC Association of Local Health Directors accepts Youth Tobacco funding from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch and the corresponding Agreement Addenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Information:

- Sally Herndon shared with the group a video from the press conference for the youth tobacco funding.
- Also, Sally asked that all who will, to attend North Carolina’s Tobacco Control Successes and Plan for the Future workshop on August 29th from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the American Cancer Society building in Raleigh.
- Dr. Susan Kansagra provided a Chronic Disease and Injury Section Update.

- Dr. Kansagra stated the Chronic Disease and Injury Section is participating in the CDC's 618 Collaborative. This consists of 6 health issues and 18 initiatives to address those 6 issues. NC has chosen the following three health issues as their focus: Tobacco Use, Pre-Diabetes, and Unintended Pregnancy.
- The section is working on the Medicaid transition and assisting the Secretary as they decide what population health measures will be required.
- The section is also focused on providing Community Health worker training and certification.
- In addition, they are also working on the Opioid crisis, and she reminded us about the packets sent out from the NC Association of County Commissioners for a call to action in each county around opioid use. The question was asked: Can we use our PC coordinators to work on the Opioid crisis. Dr. Kansagra stated that if the state declares a state of emergency, we might be able to draw down some funds.
- Beth Lovette asked about the Chronic Disease and Injury Section helping out with linking health departments to the Social Determinants of Health as we move forward in our attempts to negotiate with Managed Care Organizations. She suggested we look at a potential consultant for some guidance such as Health Leads, which is the organization assisting the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Nomination and Bylaws – Doug Urland

Action: None

Information:

- Did not meet.

Education and Awards – Suzanne Wright

Action: None

Information:

- Did not meet.

Technology – Nina Oliver/Beth Lovette

Action: None.

Information:

- HIEA UPDATE- Most health departments are connected to the HIEA; deadline is June 1, 2018, for mid-level hospitals and dentistry and June 1, 2019, for specialists and for agencies that do not have an EMR; all health departments need a participation agreement. There are several that don't have one in place yet; a dental work group is going to start at the end of September. Contact is Alice Miller, alice.miller@nc.gov.
 - Minor consent issue - State is in contact with vendors, and they are actively pursuing options; working on a tech solution - CureMD has a flag that will block the entire record, but they still need to work out a solution with minor consent with all genders.
 - Bob Martin stated that they have secured funds from CMS to help counties connect, and the funds can be used as a resource and help counties get through the phases; contact Bob for more information.
- BATCH UPDATE- Kathy Dail reported that all required data at elements are done; a handout was provided; working on reporting structure; there are 2 types: 1 static reports – numbers will be available 3 months after the calendar year ends. 2-dynamic reports. Kathy asked the group to think about whether we want the ability to display all counties data or keep it private; group will need to vote on this next meeting; reports will be in an excel spreadsheet; Dr. Morrow asked to see program level reports. These will be sent out next week. For those piloting, Kathy stated it would not be dual entry, but Ryan from CHA and Kelly from Wake both strongly disagreed. Both said they must double enter data, and counties will end up with bad / additional data that is created just from submitting report to then state.

Policy and Finance – Lisa Harrison

Action: Motion to create a work team to determine our direction regarding the Medicaid transition and if we desire to hire a consultant and provide a response within 60 days.

Information:

- Dennis Williams provided a summary of the Medicaid Transformation report. Discussed response of NCALHD.
- Questions will be in the Notes- Notes- Notes Handout.

Planning and Innovation – John Morrow

Action: None

Information:

- Statewide Telepsychiatry Program presentation by Dr. Saeed of ECU Psychiatry. We have many counties without psychiatry resources. There are 62 hospitals in the network and six clinical hubs statewide. This program has saved \$500,000 in transportation costs statewide. The program is pursuing additional sites.

- Tim Gallagher provided an update of the Safety Net System. LHDs are essential providers. (see presentation)

Preparedness/EPI – Lillian Koontz

Action: None

Information:

Lillian reported an update from action item last month. The letter was written, signed by Jim Bruckner, and sent out to support updating the HIV Control Measures.

- Dr. Zack Moore:
 - o Substantive changes to HIV control measures since the last meeting: individuals engaging in unprotected sex must be virally suppressed for no less than 6 months. The position has been submitted and has good movement. If it passes, it will go into effect January, 2018.
 - o Preparedness: working with DEQ and DPH to clarify roles during hazardous events/spills
 - o Communicable Disease: several cases of Legionella in long-term care facilities.
- Vanessa Greene:
 - o AA 536 deliverable change this year that providers working in STD clinics are required to attend training in Greensboro within first 3 months of employment as well as online training. There is no charge for the course.
- BILCORE-PRO survey. If 5 people from your agency complete the survey, staff will come to your department to assist you with billing for STD services. Additionally, you will receive \$75 credit for one staff member to attend the CD Conference next year. Contact Susan Bynum with ECU if you have questions: bynumsu17@ecu.edu
- Jennifer MacFarquhar and Heather Dubendris:
 - o SHARPPS Program studying Multi-drug resistant organisms (MDROs)
 - o Reporting needed for MDROs specifically C. Auris and CRE.
 - o C. Auris first identified in 2009; found in USA in 2013. 60% morbidity.
 - o CRE urgent public health threat, 50% morbidity when it goes into the blood stream, and there are approximately 9,000 cases/year.
 - o Surveillance for these will reduce infection rate.
 - o Currently providing training via monthly webinar series; on 8/17/17 there will be Strep. A training.
 - o Getting CRE and C. Auris on the reportable list for NC will be a lengthy process. Working with Bob Martin and Chris Hoke to get to rules committee.
 - o Currently, 13 states have CRE on reportable list.

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

Action: None

Information:

- Stacie Saunders provided an update about the letter to representatives regarding the MCH block grant reduction. Letter was drafted, signed by Jim, and sent to select representatives and NCACC.
- Case Management Impact Outcomes - Dr. Tom Wroth (Slides attached)
 - o Dr. Wroth presented evaluation data for the case management programs.
 - o All LHDs and DPH have access to the process data through the IC reports site.
 - o For OBCM, there is a clear outcome variable which is Preterm Birth.
 - o For CC4C, the outcome variable has not been clearly defined. A formal evaluation has not been performed for this program. Preliminary data suggests an impact on EPSDT rate: WCC 3-6 yo and 2-3 yo dental visits.
 - o OBCM looked as a model nationally, yet data suggests that it has not moved the needle as the LBW rates has remained the about the same.
 - o Found that the metrics used was flagging about 70% of pregnancy as priority. Realized it was time to rethink the metrics so that higher intensity case management given to women with truly the most need.
 - o Previously, the bulk of CM was occurring via phone, which the data suggest is not that impactful. So now looking at focusing on a highest risk population with the highest intensity care services. Further found that the greatest impact was when face-to-face was used, particularly in the highest impactable women. The effect was seen in the moderate impactable population but to a lesser degree.
 - o Could use this data to project how many LBW births we prevented by these programs. This could be helpful when we begin to make our case for our relevance in transformation.
 - o Discussion around how to do this with a budget that is stretched and how do we staff-up to provide this higher intensity type of approach.

- Bottom line: Looking toward less women but more intense resources, and CCNC will be addressing and modifying the scope of work and deliverables to reflect those findings.
- Childcare facilities immunization final report - Wendy Holmes
 - Total # of child cares eligible to report: 6152
 - Total # of child cares that did report: 4606
 - Total # of child cares that did not report: 1546*

*Some childcare centers closed and did not report. This number represents centers that may have closed, and centers that have failed to report.

ALL Counties Cumulative Totals-

 - Total # of children enrolled in all counties: 160,180
 - Total # of UTD: 147,075
 - Total # of Not UTD: 11,161
 - Total # of ME: 104
 - Total # of RE: 878
 - Total # of children with No Record: 962
 - Summary: Approximately 25% of child care centers did not submit a report and exemption levels remain less than 1%.
 - Discussion about what is the penalty for a facility not reporting. Chatham BOH is adopting a policy that states they will do these things regardless of what other state agencies. Holmes stated that if found not to report, then DPH notifies LHD of facility's failure to report but it relies on the counties to do so.
 - Immunization reporting is not tied to the DCD permitting. Group discussed ways that could make the noncompliance issue more directly tied to the permitting of facilities.
 - Enforcement is done at the local level.
 - Holmes is asking that when we get the letters of deficiency then follow up with the facility utilizing our CCHC.
- WIC Update - Maryanne Burghardt
 - Testing out the EBT card reader, and Maryanne provided an example, eWIC is on schedule, a few bumps, but proceeding. Having a meeting of the pilot counties in Wilmington. Limited to 2 staff people and as if right now, yes. Two methods at the grocery store including a point of sale (POS) and the VARs.
 - Received notification of a \$0.25 increase per participant
 - BFPC program was funded at 100%
 - NC WIC has been strongly encouraged to implement a policy around reallocating funds from USDA audit

Public Health Regions

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	Sheila Davies
Region 5	Layton Long	Region 10	Davin Madden

Region 3- Ann Absher- Motion-Investigate the possibility of retaining Health Leads to navigate the Medicaid transformation process and explore the option of amending the contract of DHHS with Health LEADS to include local health departments. Motion passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

ANCBH/NALBOH – Barbara Ann Hughes

ANCBH

- The next face to face meeting will be in October in Greensboro.
- Dr. Calvert Jeffers, Jr., DVM, Vice President will present ANCBH awards during the NCPHA awards banquet.
- Citizens for Public Health will be receiving the Howell Special Meritorious Service Award from the Southern Health Association during the NCPHA banquet.
- Please submit dues payments.
- Need award nominations by September 5th. Will be meeting with NCPHA in September, not in January.

- A committee has drafted a Local Health Director's job description and evaluation suggestions. A list of duties and performance standards are included and are available on the website.

NALBOH

- Thank you for the many articles submitted for the *Newsbrief*.
- The 25th Anniversary Conference was held in Cleveland, OH, August 2-4, 2017. Twelve people, mostly local board of health members from North Carolina attended. Belinda Jones-Hill, RN, of Halifax County received a NALBOH scholarship. Other counties that were represented were: Cumberland, Durham, Orange, Hertford, Guilford, and Wake. North Carolina speakers were Dr. Vaughn Upshaw and Dr. Edie Alfano-Sobsey. Delegates elected new officers. Barbara Ann Hughes will become Past President, January 1, 2018. A few bylaw changes were made.
- NALBOH has 440 health department and individual members in 32 states.
- The next conference will be held August 7-10, 2018 at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree. Submit abstracts for conference presentations by October.

NCSOPHE- Annual meeting is October 26-27. Please submit abstracts for innovative programs.

NCIPH/SPH Update- Amy Belflower-Thomas

- **Training**
 - o **Principles and Practices of Public Health Nursing**
 - o September 18 – October 18, 2017 (onsite Oct 2-4, Chapel Hill); Registration closes August 30, 2017
 - o **Child Health Enhanced Role Nurse Training Program**
 - o September 19, 2017 – March 2, 2018; Applications accepted through September 4, 2017
 - o **34th Annual North Carolina School Nurse Conference**
 - o December 6-8, 2017, Greensboro; Registration now open
 - o **NC Public Health Leadership Institute 2018**
 - o Registration opens in November
- **Accreditation**
 - o Thank you for sending staff to the First Annual 2017 NCLHD Accreditation Skills Building Workshop- 132 local staff attended and great information and best practices were shared. Congratulations to Hoke County Health Department, Davidson County Health Department, Jones County Health Department, Albemarle Regional Health Services, Appalachian District Health Department, and Durham County Department of Public Health for receiving awards.
 - o Registration is still open for the **Accreditation 101: AAC Training**. The training will be held on September 26, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Golf Resort, Asheville NC. This training is designed specifically for new AAC's and back-up AAC's. Registration is \$60.00 and can be accessed through the NCPHA website.
- **SPH Other**
 - o As in past years, UNC Gillings will be sponsoring the Friday morning breakfast at the NCPHA Fall Educational Conference. NCIPH will also have an exhibit booth- please visit us there or chat with us between sessions.
 - o UNC Gillings will be co-sponsoring the 23rd National Health Equity Research Webcast on September 29th from 1:30 -4 pm. The theme for this year's event is The Courage to Lead: Scholar-Activism and Health Equity in Turbulent Times with a panel of speakers including the immediate past president of APHA, Dr. Camara Jones. The presentation will be live on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus and also available online. Register at: go.unc.edu/nherw.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made to adjourn; seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Next Meeting

September 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Location: Crown Plaza Hotel & Golf Resort, Blue Ridge Room (1 Resort Drive, Asheville)