

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
October 19, 2017
NC DPH – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Jim Bruckner

Mr. Bruckner convened the meeting at 9:30 am. Mr. Bruckner recognized Wes Gray, new Health Director of Martin-Tyrell-Washington District Health; Beth Lovette introduced Jennifer Green, who will be the Interim Health Director of the Appalachian District Health Department.

Approval of Minutes – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve minutes of the September 19, 2017, meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve the Treasurer's/Financial Report as of September 30, 2017, was made and seconded; motion approved.

President's Report – Jim Bruckner

- Nominations are open for the position of Secretary/Treasurer; Stacie Saunders has been nominated. Vote will be in November.
- There was a meeting with DMA on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Jay Ludlam, NCDHHS-Assistant Secretary for Medicaid Transformation, and Roger Barnes- NCDHHS-DMA- Chief Financial Officer, were present and answered questions. We are requesting a follow-up meeting with a presentation similar to the one provided to the FQHCs. Please send any questions specific to Medicaid transformation to Lynette. She will compile and submit the questions.
- DPH staff and NCAHLD Officers met on October 18 regarding Medicaid transformation. Meeting went well. Officers are having many of conversations around Medicaid reform led by Steve Smith and Lisa Harrison.

NCMS Foundation Community Practitioner Program- Franklin Walker

Franklin Walker of NCMS shared information regarding educational loan repayment up to \$70,000 over 5 years. Website and contact information are on handout. Providers must be in an area that does not qualify for Federal and State assistance.

NCDPH Division Director Report- Danny Staley

- The eWIC pilot rollout is in full swing in Southeastern NC and is going well. This change will help with destigmatizing the use of WIC by not using food instruments. There have been over 1,000 cards issued. Consumers seem to love the mobile app. He thanked the counties who are participating in the pilot.
- From Cumberland to New Hanover, DPH staff continue to respond to the GenX issue along the Cape Fear River.
- The Public Health Leaders Conference, formerly State Health Director's Conference, will be January 18 and 19. Registration is through the NCPHA website. Mr. Staley thanked LHDs who are on the planning committee, Teresa Ellen and Helene Edwards.
- DPH Accreditation Process- He thanked LHDs for the valuable feedback. The information reinforces things that work well and provided feedback on things that need improvement such as communication.
- Early brain development is one focal point for transformation. Secretary Cohen is challenging staff in developing the performance measures and using best practices.
- Lodging rules effective October 1.
- S16 and HB56 veto has been overridden. There are 5 provisions that affect EH; the largest being the extension of the permit expiration dates.

Dr. Betsey Tilson shared that the Division is working on cross cutting initiatives, such as opioid initiatives and early childhood development; staff are exploring whether or not there is a statewide framework or benchmark that may be used to address determinants of health. They are also looking at Medicaid today and Medicaid Transformation and how to weave 6|18 into this process.

NCDPH Technical Training and Assistance Branch Report- Phyllis Rocco

- LHD section on the DPH website has been reorganized and updated.
- Practice Management Program is still going on. If you are interested, please go to the website, complete the Readiness Assessment Tool, and then times will be set-up for consultants to visit.
- Billing and Coding document was updated and posted on the website in September 2017. Memo was sent out last week to DONs and Financial Officers regarding the billing of STD injectable medications and administration code.
- There will be a Community Health Assessment Institute will be on January 11 and 12 in Raleigh. There will be two national speakers. Information will be sent out soon. Paul Kuehnert of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Aliana Hairlla of County Health Rankings, and Al Delia of the ECU Brody School of Medicine, will be speaking.

- Principles and Practices of PH Nursing Classes- All RNs employed by a public health department must successfully complete within 1 year of employment in public health no matter what their duties are. This course is offered twice a year.
- There are no changes in AA110- General Aid to County for next year. The Essential Services Report is attached to the AA, but do not submit with the signed AA; submit this by June 30th of the year of the AA. There are a few still outstanding from LHDs for FY17. Please submit these as soon as possible.
- LHD Health Services Analysis Process is in the testing phase. Each county will be offered an opportunity to test the system in December prior to going live in January. There has been positive feedback from pilot counties and vendors.

LHD Customer Satisfaction Survey Feedback- Joy Reed

- There was an 87% response rate! Joy thanked everyone for their support and feedback.
- There were a lot of helpful comments. Many of the suggested improvements do not require an investment of funds; less than 1% of the suggested improvements require funding.
- Confidentiality has been maintained. The name of the health department was removed prior to reviewing the responses.
- #1 need is simple communication improvements and consistency of answers within and across programs and within the Division.
- Other feedback was regarding the website and the inconsistency of the website.

Executive Director's Report – Lynette Tolson

- Pay NCALHD dues need to be paid.
- Pay Accreditation dues and Cost Settlement dues need to be paid.
- There has been a request submitted to DMA for a follow-up meeting with the PowerPoint presentation. The meeting will consist of the educational presentation, questions, and have a conversation with DMA. Lynette will work with Danny regarding logistics of the meeting.

Committee Reports

Nomination and Bylaws – Doug Urland

Action: None

Information: Nominations are open for the Secretary/Treasurer position.

Education and Awards – Suzanne Wright

Action: None

Information: Please submit nominees for awards.

Technology – Beth Lovette

Action: None

Information: The committee spent about the whole hour discussing the NCHIEA and Minor's Consent. Chris Hoke and Jill Moore were in attendance as well as Anna Szamosi (NC Assistant Attorney General), Vanessa Green (NC Department of IT- NCIHEA Health Analytics Lead), and Alice Miller (NC Department of IT- NCIHEA Communications Specialist). Counties need to enroll with NCHIEA, but have the EHR vendor hold on exchanging the data until the minor's consent issue has been resolved; this is not a public health department issue.

Policy and Finance – Lisa Harrison

Action: None

Information:

- Sally Herndon & Jim Martin shared tobacco policy background and the successes. Legislators listen to local health directors. The Alliance for Public Health requested \$7million for tobacco prevention for youth interventions and received \$500,000 for two years and is seeking partners. Sally requested to work together more to fill the need for tobacco cessation. Health Departments can integrate "You Quit, Two Quit" into clinics.
- Quitline- There is a little more funding, but not as much capacity as in previous years.
Question- Does the Quitline drawdown federal participation funds based on % of Medicaid enrollees? 27-37% calls are from Medicaid enrollees, and the reimbursement only pays 50% of the cost of services. There are options for counties that want to provide these services to their residents. Since 2016, insured individuals receive only 1 call and no NRT.
- Master Settlement funds should be used as originally intended for health related projects. There is a suggestion to invite the Alliance to an upcoming meeting for discussion.
- NCALHD Legislative Agenda- The request of \$7.5 million for Communicable Disease funding was confusing for legislators, because of the various requests of the same amount. This year we need to focus more on this request which is \$75,000 per county. We need more strategy and more visits to legislators. A subcommittee will work on this policy priority.

- Medicaid spends in NC \$12-13 billion annually.

Planning and Innovation – Steve Smith

Action: None

Information:

- DMA presentation was not what was intended. We are trying to coordinate a follow-up meeting; please pose questions to Lynette for compilation and submission to DMA.
- We are contracted with Tim Gallagher is a resource regarding contracting as a system with MCOs. In September 2017, the Association approved the contract for \$15,000 initially. We need to utilize his time wisely. Send contracts and questions for Tim to Lynette. Tim will provided feedback on the various contracts and supplements. Tim is putting together a communications plan for LHD use.
- There was a general managed care discussion, when the officers met with DPH on Wednesday. Steve will share his BOH presentation around managed care. During conversations, instead using of Medicaid expansion use Medicaid transformation. Also, no longer use the terminology, social determinants of health; use determinants of health or the drivers of health.

Preparedness/EPI – Lillian Koontz

Action: None

Information:

- Amanda Fuller Moore
 - o **340B:** 340B Recertification occurs annually; notification is sent to the authorizing official, which is usually the Health Director. Changes within the program may be made quarterly; please check and double check information before submitting. If you make a significant change (location, etc.), the change will not be eligible for 340B with HRSA until the changes take effect (quarterly). Local Health Departments have strict 340B applications: STD, FP, and TB. LHDs may not apply 340B pricing towards HEP-C medications. An example of the importance of 340B- a single IUD at 340B pricing is \$250-300, and without, the same IUD is \$600.
 - o **Nursing Consultants/Monitoring Visits:** Historically, various consultants will ask pharmacy questions during monitoring visits; often times the same questions are asked by different consultants. DPH is working on a single pharmacy survey to be completed once a year.
 - o **Dispensing/Distributing/Administering:** The opioid epidemic continues to be a major issue in NC, and public health. Please be mindful of the difference between **dispensing** Naloxone (giving to an individual) where individually labeled packages leave the pharmacy and are dispensed to a patient. **Distributing** Naloxone applies to the services provided by Harm Reduction or Syringe Exchange Programs. **Administering** is when you actually administer a dose of Naloxone to a person. The state is working on policies and guidance for nurses to dispense Naloxone, so that they will not have to practice outside the scope of their license (giving medication without labeling). Hopefully, this will be released in 3 to 4 weeks. This should also apply to crash carts and shelters during an emergency.
- Dr. Zack Moore
 - o **AA 610:** Although this AA provides only a small amount of funding, it is required to be eligible for 340B pricing.
 - o **Legionella:** There is a rise in cases in long-term care facilities. However, the cooler weather should slow/stop these outbreaks. A toolkit for LHDs regarding responding to Legionella outbreaks is available online with the CD Manual. Also, online is resources/tool-kit for HAI multi-drug resistant and CRE.
 - o **HIV Control Measures:** The comment period for proposed changes is open until the end of the month. On November 8, the public health commission will vote.
 - o **Epi Team Training:** There have been some requests for state provided Epi Team training. The State is working on this and is seeking input from local Epi Team Members; contact Dr. Moore, if you or someone from your agency is interested in participating.
 - o **CDC Funding:** There is an opportunity to apply for phantom funds (\$5 million) for PH Emergency/Crisis. While the money is not available, an application for this should clear the path for the CDC to provide funding in the event of a crisis.
 - o **Hep C:** Eight western counties have been selected for RTI project, which is investigating the correlation between injectable drugs, Hep C, and HIV. There are four years of funding allocated for this project. Local Health Directors in the counties are being contacted regarding the study. There is a regional summit (WV, TN,

- GA, SC, and NC) in Asheville; Elaine Russell and Marianna Daly are collecting best practice ideas to be shared during the conference.
- **Hep A:** While the outbreak in San Diego is significant, at this time no resources are being put forth specifically for prevention of a similar outbreak in NC.

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

Action: None

Information: The presentation by John Graham and representatives of the UNC School of Public Health was the committee meeting. LHDs will receive a calculator for ROI for prenatal care, WIC services, and the effects on low birthrate.

Environmental Health – Heath Cain

Action: None

Information:

- Dr. Mina Shehee and Pierre Lauffer, Ind. Hygienist Supervisor provided an update regarding Opioid and Meth Awareness Training that is available for Public Health Workers. This training includes Hazard Recognition Training, clean-up, policies and procedures. Additionally, there are occupational health needs due to potential situations that both public health and social services employees face daily. To date, there have been over 750 public employees in 19 counties trained on consequences of opioids and meth-dependence, increased tolerance, and progression of increased tolerance. Each day 650,000 opioid prescriptions are written. Every 24 hours, 142 people die from overdose. Carfentanil is 10,000 more times deadly than heroin; it is used as elephant tranquilizer. Narcan reverses overdose if used properly. Sometimes takes 5-7 doses to reverse an overdose. If school book bags smell of urine, this is a sign of meth usage in the home. The approximate cleanup cost of a meth lab is \$7,600. Demand is high for the training. Currently, trainings are being scheduled into April 2018. Consider having training for employees who conduct home visits such as social workers, nurses, and environmental health specialist. Training takes approximately 1.5 hours.
- Sally Herndon and Ed Norman provided information regarding Childhood Lead & Environmental Case Management and the Healthy Homes program for at-risk Medicaid eligible children. The Asthma Program would provide in-home asthma services locally by focusing on at-risk populations, in order to mitigate cost from hospital visits and treatment. DPH staff request input on how to structure a budget and the distribution of funds. This may be an opportunity to pilot some community health worker programs. It would be assumed to have the availability state wide if the infrastructure can be built. School health nurses could be a referral source due to knowledge of asthma.

Public Health Prevention & Promotion – Teresa Ellen

Action:

- Motion from Committee to approve agreement addenda #451 for Tobacco Prevention and Control; motion approved.
- Motion from Committee to have NCALHD appropriate \$250.00 within the budget to cover the cost of a wall or stand up plaque for the Tobacco Free Communities Challenge Award; motion approved.

Information:

- Agreement Addenda Review – Sally Herndon
Sally Herndon reviewed #451 Tobacco Prevention and Control agreement addenda for fiscal year 2017-2018. The only change from last fiscal year is the addition of the youth tobacco prevention funds approved by the legislature in 2017. Bill Smith made the motion that the agreement addenda be approved as presented and it was seconded by Kristen Patterson. The motioned passed unanimously.
- Quitline Utilization Second Quarter Report- Sally Herndon
Stephanie Gans from the Tobacco Prevention and Control branch presented the second quarter utilization report for the Quitline. (See Attached).
- Challenge Award of NCALHD – Sally Herndon
Sally reported that she identified \$500.00 within her budget to cover the cost of a large trophy that would allow for the names of the challenge award winners to be engraved. She stated that each winner could keep the large trophy for a month. In addition to the large trophy, she stated she thought it would be nice to have a wall or desk plaque that we could leave with the winners. Bill Smith made the motion that the NCALHD appropriate \$250.00 to cover the cost of the plaques. The motion was seconded by Sue Lynn Ledford and passed unanimously.

Public Health Regions- No action or information items

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report – Lynette Tolson

The annual meeting was held yesterday.

NCPHA Report – David Jenkins

There were almost 600 in attendance. Please provide feedback. Fifteen attendees participated in the Emerging Leaders training.

NCSOPHE- Conference will be October 26 & 27 at UNC-Wilmington.

EDNCPHA – Conference will be April 25-27 at Atlantic Beach.

Liaison Reports

ANCBH/NALBOH – Submitted by Barbara Ann Hughes

- **ANCBH:** Board met October 7 at the Guilford Co. Human Services building, Greensboro. Sarah Franz, MPH, CHES was a guest speaker. She is a health educator from the Forsyth County Health Department, and she presented on “Tattoo Education: Presenting Unsafe Body Art Practices.” Two new board members were introduced: Eva Brown (Warren Co) and Robin Lane. Each board member gave brief summaries of priorities for their boards of health/consolidated boards. All departments are accredited and 79 have been reaccredited. Citizens for Public Health has 150 members in 54 counties. A number of creative recommendations were discussed. Board meetings in 2018: Jan. 12, April 13, July 13 and Oct. 6 (Annual in person). Calvert Jeffers, Jr. DVM is the 2017-18 President. Susan Elmore is now Past President.
- **NALBOH:** The 2018 conference will be held August 8–10 at the Marriott Raleigh Crabtree. President Hughes appointed a program planning committee, which has met twice and joined staff in planning the conference. One of your members, Meryl Green is local arrangements chair. Please budget so some of your BOH members can attend. Five \$500 scholarships are available. You may pay dues any time, so NALBOH can continue to serve boards of health nationwide. We had 450 members in 2017 in 35 states; of which 44 members are in NC. We also need sponsors and vendors. Please provide some names. We are updating our strategic plan. The Fall *NEWSBRIEF* should reach us by Oct. 20. Look for it in your email. You will not want to miss Samantha Ange’s MPH, RD, LDN great article. Thanks for your support.

NCIPH/SPH Update- Amy Belflower Thomas

- Training
 - o Reminder: Orientation training for new Boards of Health members that fulfills NC accreditation requirements is available in-person or online at <http://sph.unc.edu/nciph/boh-train/>. Contact rachel.wilfert@unc.edu if you need a training for new BOH members. There are still training
 - o slots available for 2017-18.
 - o 34th Annual North Carolina School Nurse Conference is December 6-8, 2017 in Greensboro; Registration now open
 - o The archive of the National Health Equity Research Webcast held on September 26 is now online at <http://sph.unc.edu/mhp/nat-health-equity-research-webcast/>. It contains a great presentation by Camara Jones (immediate past president of APHA) and others.
- Accreditation
 - o The October 2017 *Accreditation Update* and 2016-2017 *NCLHDA Annual Report* have been recently released and are available at <https://nciph.sph.unc.edu/accred/>.
 - o Save the Date:
 - 2018 NCLHDA Program Update Webinar: January 22, 2018 from 9:30-11:30
 - New AAC Training: TBD in April in Eastern NC
 - 2018 NCLHD Accreditation Skills Building Workshop: August 14-15, 2018 in Durham

UNC-School of Government- Jill Moore

- The 2018 Health Directors’ Legal Conference will be April 24 & 25.
- The Legal Basics Course, which is recommended for new health directors, will be in March 5-6. This is a two-day basic course with an optional third day.
- NCPHLaw.unc.edu has materials from past trainings and other posting from the UNC-SOG.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.

Next Meeting -November 16, 2017, at 9:30 am Location: DPH, Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC