

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors**  
**Association Business Meeting**  
**December 21, 2017**  
**NC DPH – Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road Raleigh, NC**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Called To Order – Dennis Joyner**

Mr. Joyner convened the meeting at 8:00 am. Mr. Joyner recognized Quintana Stewart, Health Director of Orange County.

**Approval of Minutes – Janet Clayton**

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

**Treasurer's/Financial Report – Janet Clayton**

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

**President's Report – Dennis Joyner for Jim Bruckner**

- The officers participated in a call with Denise Thomas, Fiscal Research of the NC Legislature. She wanted to know more about local PH and the activities and processes including the request for additional communicable disease funds. She offered a few suggestions for the presentation of our request. She also would like for us to provide a presentation to the HHS oversight committee in either February or March.

**NCDPH Division Director Report- Danny Staley**

- Trust for America's Health Scorecard has been released. NC scored 8 out of 10 and is a top 5 state in emergency preparedness; he encouraged health directors take a moment to review the various national reports.
- United Health Foundation's Report card has been released, and we are 35<sup>th</sup>. One factor is excessive drinking.
- The Division's Opioid workgroup has been training emergency responders regarding safety measures and fentanyl safety. There have been over 1,400 trained thus far. Fact sheet has been emailed.
- Infant mortality reports
- Office of Rural Health Supplemental Funding- There was an okay level of response, but the response was disappointing.
- The Division has received requests for 36-38 legislative reports.
- Two of the reports are related to Environmental Health- One is the EOP quarterly report, and the second is the transfer of well permitting to DEQ.
- CHIP funding- Danny will confirm the status of the State funding.
- Opioid Funding-
  - Looking into funding for treatment and logistics/oversight of this funding to increase access for ongoing treatment for those who are not Medicaid eligible; there is funding for some public health initiatives.
  - Division is working on the multi-state registry, and in late winter early spring, NC will be rolling out a new version of the CSRS.
- This year will be extremely difficult for expansion in the budget due to a hole of approximately \$91 million.
- The number of new HIV cases has increased the past two years with over 1,400 new cases last year alone.
- Peter Andersen is retiring from WCH.

**NC DHHS Chief Medical Officer/State Health Director Report- Dr. Betsey Tilson**

- Opioid funding distribution this year should be more deliberate. There should be more funding for secondary prevention including community education and for primary prevention.
- Work is continuing on the multi-pronged approach of social determinants of health. The statewide map should be ready in February. There will be some refinement. Funding from AHEC will be used to fund UNC-SPH efforts to assist SCHS to research better metrics for social determinants indicators.
- Statewide resource database is still being constructed. The goal is for it to be statewide and current.
- Standardized screening and screening tool- The first technical advisory group meeting was held on Tuesday regarding the concept of routinely screening for SDH.
- There are workforce trainings being explored and hope to have those developed soon. These will include trainings for Community Health Workers.
- We are including these details into Medicaid Transformation and the quality metrics and funding for non-traditional services.
- There is an assessment of why individuals who should be eligible and could access various programs but are not doing so.
- There will be a request for 3 regional public-private pilots with geographic variations to infuse resources into communities.

### **NCDPH Technical Training and Assistance Branch Report- Phyllis Rocco**

- DMA will begin Medicaid recoupment will occur in April 2018 for \$756,704, which is 7% of total recoupment across all providers. The total recoupment across all of providers is \$10,598,292. You will receive a letter 30 days in advance of recoupment for FY14. The recoupment will be for the time period of the first 16 months after NC Tracks went live. Originally, the recoupment of public health has decreased \$1.6 million due to the change in vaccination billing, which have been removed therefore the decrease.
- The Community Health Assessment Winter Institute will be held January 11 & 12. They would like representatives from all counties for CHA Institute, so far 62 counties have registered.
- DPH is continuing to test the Health System Analysis system and is working with one slower vendor; other pilots are going fine. Those with issues have been contacted, and DPH is working on an alternative for the January 1 deadline for those counties.
- There was a “Lunch and Learn” with nursing directors and pharmacists yesterday, December 20. The training was regarding “Opioids and Naloxone- Clarifying Dispensing vs Distribution”. These lunch and learns are held every other month. This training was recorded and will be posted.
- There are no changes to the AA110- General Aid to County funding.

### **NCIPH Leadership & Management Training- Amy Belflower Thomas**

#### **• Training**

- Enrollment is open for the *NC Public Health Leadership Institute 2018*. Applications are due by January 5, 2018 and the program begins in March. Information can be found at: <https://sph.unc.edu/nciph/ncphi/>.
- The **Spring 2018 Management and Supervision** course is now enrolling. Information can be found at: <https://sphnunc.edu/nciph/nciph-mgmt-supervision/#reg>.

### **NCDPH Environmental Health Report- Larry Michael**

- The funding for the vector surveillance is getting ready to be distributed \$177,500 to the 10 counties. Albemarle Region,
- Michael Doyle of the EPI Section is the subject matter expert regarding vectors. They are continuing to work with WCU, NCSU, and ECU regarding data collection. He will have Michael Doyle will present the surveillance report at the next EH Committee meeting.
- Food and lodging guidance documents have been rescinded and others distributed. Cindy Callahan has sent out a memo regarding this.
- A shared use kitchen memo was distributed this week as well.
- There has been a new Hand Wash Sign designed and distributed. English and Spanish is on the same sign.
- Jackie Glenn sent out the year end compliance summary for establishments on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check the report because funding is based on compliance. Response is due to Jackie by December 22.
- REHS Board reviewed data on the number of applications received, and there has been a 59% increase in the number of applications. In 2011, there were 9 applications, and in 2017, the REHS Board has received 92.
- There has been a recall for Aldi apples due to *Listeria monocytogenes* in 4 varieties.
- Interviews for the lead investigation staff positions have been completed for the six staff. He is hopeful to have them on board in January. Two of the six have all trainings, and the remaining ones have to go through trainings. The revised guidance will be forthcoming from Ed Norman.
- Danny Staley commented that about 6 months ago there was a Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI) expansion plan that would go into the CHIP program; There is a State Plan Amendment is ready to go includes tobacco, asthma, and lead. It is possible that there may be HHI pilots. DPH has various strategies to implement expansion of this program.

### **NC Office of Rural Health- Maggie Sauer**

- Community Health Grants due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to apply with community partners.

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

- In January, the next NCALHD meeting is Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. The meeting will follow the annual awards luncheon, which will begin at noon at the Marriott Crabtree. The Public Health Leaders Conference begins on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Office is closed next week. Contact Lynette Tolson by email and cellphone if needed.

### **Committee Reports**

Technology – Nina Oliver

**Action: None**

**Information:** Joy Reed provided an update on the Network of Care demo. Demo did not go well. Software is expensive and cost \$38,000 to start. There was a discussion regarding the history of HealthSTATS. NCSCCHS has used HealthSTATS previously, but due to a CDC funding cut, it was no longer available. Wake County is researching using LiveStories, which uses real-time data. HealthSTATS data software is free; the expense is the hiring of staff. Currently, the SCHS collects the vital statistics. Eleanor Howell asks that you contact her if you have data needs and questions. The new chief data officer is Aaron McKethan.

**Planning and Innovation – Rebecca McLeod**

**Action: Motion for the Association to create a committee, who will collectively develop a unified method for a standardized platform for verbiage for an addendum to list the core elements for basic services, tiered levels for all additional services; motion passed.**

**Information:**

- Beth Lovette went over a Case Management PowerPoint on Case Management, and its role in public health in Medicaid's transformation. The information presented is embargoed to health directors due to the nature of the content as it relates to the RFP not being released yet.
- Tim Gallagher presented a short PowerPoint; he gave his summary of the MCO Industry Day earlier this month. He stated that public health should be proud, because 5 MCOs showed up to present and to listen to what public health had to say. They were impressed by the services provided by public health and the questions asked. He discussed how they will want to come and make presentations to multiple stakeholders both within your department and also the community. Tim discussed that we should help patients find value in what we do. Since we are safety net providers and cannot turn anyone away, see more of the vulnerable populations, use interpreters, etc., our overall costs will be higher, and that needs to be figured into the overall process. Each department is different. Tim talked about the engagement with all 5 groups and how public health needed to approach them, as a collective body for a collective plan. Public health financial data is solid. He gave examples from the Medicaid cost reports done by Stephen Garner.  
The group discussed if we want to be united and form a collective plan, then verbiage needs to be written about the core elements and additional services added as tiered levels of coverage.  
He explained that we should not have to write the template for the MCOs. Their template is a 30 page document of boilerplate items, and the real differences come in the addendum of "Things and Stuff".  
Their templates have nothing to do with services.
- Beth Lovette also presented information about the Aid to County WIRM reporting system. Kurt Martin and Sandy Tanner were also present. They have identified areas where Medicaid dollars should not be as high as they are appearing. They will get back to us, because they want us to have accurate data.
- Bob Martin reported that the HIPPA workgroup had met and are working on finalizing walk through of peer counties. Jill Moore has received grant money to put on workshops in 3 locations- Boone, Greenville, and somewhere between Greensboro and Raleigh, More information to come. Still working on minors consent with vendors and NCHIE.

**Preparedness/EPI – Lillian Koontz**

**Action:**

- **There were minimal changes to AA 536; motion to approve AA 536; motion passed.**
- **A motion to approve AA 610; motion passed.**
- **The change is that preparedness coordinators may meet the 75% attendance requirement by virtual attendance. If counties contract for preparedness activities; counties must name a local contact. After Action Reports will have an extended due date. Motion to approve AA 514; motion passed.**

**Information:**

- Dr. Zack Moore provided an update on the new HIV Control Measures. Information and training will be provided after the effective date, which is January 1, 2018.
- Dr. Moore commended Henderson County for their response to the recent pertussis outbreak.
- Dr. Moore presented information regarding the Opioid Epidemic in NC, and the increase in Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV.
- State is tracking local Hepatitis C testing and the percent positive. This data will be shared at a later date.
- The Opioid Task Group is being led by Cris Harrelson; expect a survey from this group soon,

## Public Health Prevention & Promotion – Teresa Ellen

### Action:

**Motion to accept the proposed changes to the Consolidated Agreement with the exception of the due date for the CHA and SOTCH will remain the first Monday in March and “and other evidence based health status indicators” will be added to the requirements of the long term CHIP; motion passed.**

**Motion for NCALHDs to work with the Tobacco Control and Prevention Branch to kick off a campaign about the adverse health effects of secondhand smoke prior to the March 4<sup>th</sup> corrective statements “March 4<sup>th</sup>”**

### Information:

- Phyllis Rocco presented the proposed changes to the Consolidated Agreement. The proposed changes were as follows:
  - Action Plans will now be called Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP).
  - The number of CHIP’s required will decrease from three to two.
  - One long term CHIP and one short term CHIP will be required.
  - The long term CHIP will have a focus of 5-10 years and can last for several CHA cycles. It must be represented in either the CDC 6/18 initiative, HI-5 intervention, the 13 Healthy North Carolina 2020 focus areas, or other evidenced based health status indicators.
  - The short term CHIP will have a 1-3 year focus and must use evidence based interventions targeting health behaviors, the physical environment, social and economic factors and or clinical care.
  - A decrease in the reimbursement time frame for Environmental Health CIT from one year to 60 days.

It was originally proposed the due date for the CHA and SOTCH be backed up to January 15<sup>th</sup>, however after much discussion the Public Health Prevention and Promotion Committee decided the due date should remain the first Monday in March. In addition it was decided that we should add “and other evidence based health status indicators” to the requirements of the long term CHIP.
- Sally Herndon of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch followed up on Danny Staley’s announcement last month on the Department of Justice (DOJ) Racketeering Case that found Tobacco Companies guilty of civil racketeering laws. The DOJ has recently ordered Tobacco Companies to publish “Corrective statements”. The federal court held that tobacco companies deceived the public, and were reasonably likely to do it again. Since remedies for civil racketeering must be forward looking, and we cannot really correct the harms of the past, our tobacco control attorneys are urging us to use this permanent injunction as “Orders to Prevent and Restrain”. Some local health departments have already completed some earned media with this campaign. Congratulations to Merle Greene who got out the first news release! If you want to do more with earned or paid media, Sally suggests you contact your Regional Manager and Ann Staples on her team who can assist. The NCALHDs Committee’s Action Item was to kick off a campaign about the adverse health effects of secondhand smoke prior to the March 4<sup>th</sup> corrective statements. This will help accelerate the adoption of local smoke-free and tobacco-free regulations. Sally stated “We can have a lot of fun with this campaign, as March 4<sup>th</sup> is the only day of the year that tells us what to do!” “March Forth” (Quote with thanks to our friend Steve Sherman). If any of you would like to be on a brief and efficient planning committee to plan this March 4<sup>th</sup> campaign, let Sally and your Regional Tobacco Control Manager know. Sally’s full presentation will be posted on the NCALHD website.
- Shamika Howell from the Cancer Prevention and Control Branch presented their “Go Red” planned media campaign for Heart Health Month which is February. They have submitted a request to the Governor to declare February as Heart Health Month. DPH has planned several activities and they would like to encourage health departments to do the same. They are planning to post images all in red on the DPH website and through social media regarding the importance of heart health and welcome you to use any of those images. They will also be working with Faithful Families to provide bulletin inserts, tips, and challenges such as Eat Smart Move More and Know Your Numbers. In addition they will be sponsoring a weekly walk while wearing red and will have a week where therapy dogs will be on campus to aid in stress relief. For any further information please contact Shamika Howell. Her email address is [shamika.howell@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:shamika.howell@dhhs.nc.gov).
- Eleanor Howell provided an update from the State Center for Health Statistics. She gave a brief presentation that will be posted to the NCALHD website. She presented the following new resources available on the State Center for Health Statistics website:
  - The 2018 County Health Data Book
  - Local Health Department staffing and services summary for FY 2017
  - NC population and health data by race and ethnicity 2012-2016
  - GIS mapping

- More current provisional vital statistics

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

#### **Action:**

- Motion to approve AA351- Child Health; motion passed.
- Motion to approve AA715- Immunization; motion passed.
- Motion to approve AA403- WIC; motion passed.
- Motion to approve AA415- Breast Feeding Peer Counselor; motion passed.
- Motion to approve AA101- Maternal Health; motion passed.
- Motion to approve AA151- Family Planning; motion passed.

#### **Information:**

- Mary Anne Burghardt provided update on the eWIC rollout. There have been approximately 10,000 cards issued, and rollout is going well. The per participant rate is being increased to \$16.50 per participant in FY19. There will also be some one time funding for programs.

### **Environmental Health – Heath Cain**

#### **Action: None**

#### **Information: Did not meet**

### **Nomination and Bylaws – Doug Urland**

#### **Action: None**

#### **Information: None**

### **Education and Awards – Suzanne Wright**

#### **Action: None**

#### **Information: Please submit nominees for awards**

### **DMA Report- Dave Richard and Roger Barnes**

- Dave Richard provided a summary of the historical changes of Medicaid.
- DMA is now at the place of tough decisions. RFI process going out. CMS has to approve the waiver. Required to go live 18 months from approval of waiver by CMS. They are planning on July 1, 2019. CMS signaling to states that the cost settlement process is not something CMS wants to continue. DMA is pushing back strongly, but is still waiting on the verdict. We believe there is a way to adjust and manage to the least amount impact on local public health departments. OBCM and CC4C Over the next 3-4 weeks, they will be defining a plan in mid-January and in a smaller meeting with association reps and DMA to discuss the plan.
- Cost Settlement Question- What do you see as the avenue for LHDs if cost settlement is not approved? The other possibilities are 1) take the value of cost settlement and put in the fee schedule, which is tricky due the 85 different fee schedules. 2) However, in other states, 438.16-kick payment is being used. DMA would figure what the cost settlement would be for each county; mimics cost settlement but not one. DMA is not looking at this for FQHC due to the federal law which allows for cost settlement. CMS has not said no. There is another state in review proposing the kick payment.
- Dentistry will remain a carve out as a FFS.
- Enhanced fee schedule of LHDs is another important part of LHD compensation. The waiver application has a FFS floor; DMA plans to work with health plans regarding the enhanced fee schedule. DMA intends to look at LHD and hospital FFS; there will be a transition period of 2-3 years, and there will be a floor in place. Payments will be similar but not exact.
- A concern was voiced by a health director regarding the lack of access to our data in CMIS of CCNC.
- The law says there will be 3 statewide health plans and up to 12 regional plans.
- There will be things in the RFP to help address concerns.
- It is important to articulate what only LHD can offer. Public Health has the ability to draw down other funding sources.
- Can you refuse to sign a MCO contract as LHD? DMA will get back with NCALHD with an answer.
- There have been issues with the LME/MCO model in mental health and safeguards to prevent these issues that mental health is experiencing are being put into place.
- What can NCALHD do to advance LHD in the process? Continue to have these meetings and smaller group meetings, stay on DMA, communicate, and don't let DMA off the hook; hold DMA accountable for real answers.
- MCAC- Dr. Marilyn Pearson is on MCAC, and they are in search of members for subcommittees and need LHD membership. There was an email that was sent out earlier this week.
- Enhanced Role Registered Nurse payments- Those are not forgotten and are planning to continue to fund those positions.
- Mental Health receives IPRS money. DMA is recommending three regions to keep state funding in tack.
- Department of Insurance will license the health plans. DMA will work with the DOI on its roll.

- There is a group of people who will remain on FFS.
- Nutrition services are not carved out.

## Policy and Finance – Dennis Joyner

**Action: None**

### Information:

- Dennis Joyner and Lynette Tolson reported that Denise Thomas, with the Fiscal Research Office met by conference call with the officers to get an update on current focus areas and concerns of local health directors. Key points shared with Ms. Thomas included the concern about the impact of Medicaid Managed Care transformation on revenue streams for local health departments and that the association was actively communicating the potential roles and benefits of health departments as providers with prospective MCO who may be “players” in the upcoming Medicaid MCO RFP. The fact that LHDs have been historically underfunded by the State for core public health services was reiterated to Ms. Thomas and that Medicaid funding has historically provide a buffer to support the local public health infrastructure. She was also advised of the legislative goal to increase State funding for emerging infectious diseases/Communicable Disease in local health department. Ms. Thomas stated that she would like for the Association to present at a future meeting in Feb. or March of the Joint DHHS Appropriations Committee.
- Beth Lovette reported that staff at DPH were preparing a report of various communicable disease data elements that could be beneficial in characterizing and supporting the Association’s legislative push for increased CD funding in this legislative session. Staff are still working on the information and hope to be able to present the information at the January full Association meeting. A point was raised that it would be extremely valuable if we had specific data that demonstrated our (LHDs) effectiveness in intervening in CD.
- Dennis Joyner reported that the Association had received a request from the national Coalition for CLIA Waiver Reform to support their efforts to enhance and expedite approval/waivers for point-of-care diagnostic lab tests. After discussion, it was recommended that this request be reviewed by State Lab officials and a report made back to the association at a future meeting as to whether support of the request was advisable. No further action was recommended at present.
- Given the current high attention to Gen X, Bill Smith recommended that it would be good for the Association to adopt a “position statement” supporting increased legislative funding for DEQ and DHHS in monitoring environmental health threats. Consensus of the committee was to explore such wording and consider at a future meeting. **Motion to support additional funding for DEQ and DHHS to address emerging issues was made from the floor; seconded; motion passed.**
- Dennis announced that he had finalized the Association committee chairs and co-chairs for 2018 and thanked those who had served in those capacities presently and those serving in 2018. He pointed out that the committee time slots were being adjusted to allow for some committees that have been scheduled early or late in day during the past two years to move to more mid-day time slots. Motion and second to

## Public Health Regions-

Region 4, Chris Dobbins of Gaston County stated that anyone in a payback cost settlement situation is subject to paying interest and penalties and not deducted from future settlements; NCALHD needs to be better informed about payback process.

## Partner Reports

**NCAPHA Report – No Report**

**NCPHA Report – No Report**

**NCSOPHE- No Report**

## Liaison Reports

**ANCBH/NALBOH – Barbara Ann Hughes**

- Bob Blackburn and his daughter have written a book, *Advocacy from A to Z*; it may ordered from Amazon.
- Barbara Ann introduced Dr. Calvert Jeffries, ANCBH President.

**ANCBH:** Three board members are serving on the state Accreditation Board and participated in committee and board meetings this past Tuesday. The board will meet via conference on January 12 at 8:00 am. The nominating committee will provide a report about those willing to serve in leadership positions.

**NALBOH:** I presided over the last executive board on this past Wednesday. Our membership continues to increase. Met with the Emeritus Comm. yesterday, wrote more articles. Annual conference will be held at the Marriott, Crabtree Valley, August 7-10, 2018. The excellent program committee has been diligent in recommend key-note speakers and session speakers which the staff is contacting. ABSTRACTS are being accepted through January 30. Please submit topics you or someone you know should talk about. Every time I attend an accreditation board meeting I am impressed by the unique and courageous work local departments render with so little funds.

We have been successful in obtaining tickets and the use of the owners' box at the Durham Bulls stadium for those wishing to see the Bulls and Columbus play on August 8. (Thanks Merle, Regina, and Jim Goodman.) Please, please budget for board members to attend the conference. We will have some fabulous speakers. You and your board members will learn new information to use back home.

There will be a webinar on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm "Collaborative Government- New Tools to Form Partnerships"; James Rice will be the presenter.

#### **NCIPH/SPH Update- Amy Belflower Thomas-**

- **Accreditation**

- **Update on December 19 NCLHDA Board Meeting:**

- Congratulations to Craven, Harnett, Lenoir, Nash, and Stanly counties on being reaccredited on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Special recognition goes to the inaugural class of agencies *Reaccredited with Honors*, including Anson, Catawba, Granville-Vance, and Macon.
- Also addressed at the meeting were the approval of minor revisions to the HDSAI Interpretation and an overhaul and approval of program Operational Guidelines, including revision of the Conditional Accreditation protocol. All revised documents will be effective January 1, 2018 and will be available on the NCLHDA website and discussed on the upcoming Update Webinar.
- Congratulations to NCALHD representatives Chris Dobbins (Chair) and Teresa Ellen (Vice Chair) on being selected to lead the NCLHDA Board.

- **Save the Date for these upcoming accreditation events:**

- **2018 NCLHDA Program Update Webinar:** January 22, 2018 from 9:30-11:30 am. Registration will be required, but will be free and coming out in early January.
- **Accreditation 101: New Agency Accreditation Coordinator Training:** April 17, 2018 from 9-4 at the Lida Blalock Hall next to the Wilson County Health Department. Registration details will be coming soon.

- **NCIPH/SPH Other**

- Check out the **NCIPH 2017 Annual Report- Transforming Public Health through Collaboration** at <https://nciph.sph.unc.edu/2017-annual-report/>.
- Save the Date: **free webinar *Impacts on Local Public Health: Lessons Learned from (Medicaid) Transformation Across the U.S.*** hosted by NCIPH at 11:00 on January 25<sup>th</sup>. UNC Gillings Health Policy and Management student Ruchir Karmali will present her research review. Registration details will be available in early January and the webinar will be archived and available on the NCIPH Training Website.
- Save the Date: ***Going Viral: Impact and Implications of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic.*** This interdisciplinary symposium will take place April 4-6, 2018 in Chapel Hill and will include a keynote address by Gina Kolata, New York Times journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner, author of the best seller "Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus that Caused It." More information at: <http://sph.unc.edu/nciph/1918-flu-symposium/>. Registration will open in January 2018.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

**Next Meeting** –January 17, 2018, at 2:00 pm Location: Marriott Crabtree, Raleigh, NC