

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
January 23, 2019
North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC**

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order – Steve Smith

President Smith recognized and welcomed Representative Dobson as the Legislator of the Year Award recipient inviting him to say a few words to the membership. He spoke of his expectations for the upcoming legislative session stating that Carolina Cares was his primary focus to close the coverage gap.

Approval of Minutes – Phillip Tarte

Motion to approve minutes of the December 20, 2018 meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Phillip Tarte

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

President's Report – Steve Smith

President Smith mentioned that LHD's are due the 10% holdback for FY15, 16, 17. He encouraged health departments to start the conversation to reserve these funds in anticipation of Medicaid shortfalls, understanding that many agencies budget this as part of annual submissions.

Committee chairs have been assigned with many new faces to lead these efforts. He encouraged directors to reach out to these chairs with ideas about strengthening the discussions as well as items to consider.

He spoke of the new performance benchmarks for DSS agencies and asked if that was an area that PH should be undertaking. No decision was made but discussion will follow as he stressed the importance of our ability to highlight public health successes.

Safety net day is Thursday February 29. There will be a number of directors in attendance and that list is being finalized.

Executive Director's Report – Lynette Tolson

Lynette mentioned she has an upcoming meeting with the Primary Care Advisory Committee.

The Community Health Center Grant Program closes February 1, 2019.

NCPHA spring conference is slated for May 14. The focus will be on social media and its impact on Public Health.

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

Dr Tilson presented an overview of the Healthy Opportunity Pilot program to include expectations and requirements. The program will focus on areas such as the social determinants of health specifically housing, transportation, interpersonal balance and toxic stress. The following link details the program.

<https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/SDOH-HealthyOpptys-FactSheet-FINAL-20181114.pdf>

She also discussed the next steps for NC Care 360 and the expectation to link individuals to services.

NCDPH Acting Division Director Report- Beth Lovette

Mrs. Lovette spoke to the Utilization Based Payments within the Medicaid reform plan adding that these 'kick' payments were being explored and further detail would be forthcoming.

Kevin Leonard – Executive Director of the NC Association of County Commissioners

Mr. Leonard spoke to the legislative agenda of the NCACC. This agenda, set every two years is a culmination of local and state needs from the entire membership of the NCACC. Of those, he highlighted one specific goal that reads, 'Support provision of state resources to ensure county ability to provide essential public health, behavioral health and social services, with specific consideration to the challenges of incarcerated persons, the continued county role in behavioral health governance, and programs addressing substance use disorder, throughout Medicaid transformation. This priority is to ensure the coverage gap for Medicaid is supported. He also asked that we work

with our local BOCC's speaking to federal goals such as Federal Block grants to NC. President Smith added that it's imperative to fund those mandated services at a level sufficient to meet the goals for public health.

Committee Reports: Committees did not meet

Public Health Regions- No action or information items

Partner Reports

IOG – Jill Moore

Reported that the NC Health Directors legal conference is scheduled for April 17-18 in chapel Hill. The final agenda is forthcoming. She, is also working a new project with the UNC Policy Collaborative, creating a tool kit for counties working on water quality issues. This kit will include immediate respond and practical tools. Bill Smith is serving as the local health director member of this collaborative group. A short survey is forthcoming from Jill that will ask for input on the final documents.

NCAPHA Report – No report

NCPHA Report –David Jenkins

Reported that they are working on a legislative agenda and that will be released in March.

NACCHO – No report

Liaison Reports

ANCBH/NALBOH – Barbara Ann F. Hughes

ANCBH had a meeting on January 11th. She reported that the association was looking for additional retired health directors to serve as Board of Health trainers. The website for the association was now up to date and is located at <https://www.ancbh.org/>

The National conference is in Denver, CO, August 14-16.

Also, NALBOH is partnering with NACCHO for a March advocacy day in Washington DC to work with Congress on Public Health priorities.

NCIPH/SPH Update- Amy Belflower-Thomas

New trainings on the website.

Working with NCPHA and DOH for a Leaders Institute Conference.

Reminder of a training assessment survey regarding workforce in NC. Coming soon by email.

There will be an AAC training workshop in April. (TBD).

Dr. Steve Marshall is the new interim director to the Institute.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 315.

Next Meeting –February 21, 2019, 2018, @ 9:30 am, Division of Public Health, Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC