

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
September 24, 2019
Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC**

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Steve Smith

A change in venue welcomed members just as a change in the season had welcomed the day. Transformation seemed to be abundant amongst the discussions of the day. As President Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00pm, the words of a physicist lingered about the air...The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking and it cannot be changed without changing our thinking.

Approval of Minutes – Stacie Saunders

Motion to approve made and seconded. Vote called, no discussion and vote passed.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Stacie Saunders

Motion to approve made and seconded. Vote called, no discussion, and vote passed.

President's Report – Steve Smith

President Smith inquired if any new, interim or retiring health directors were present. At that time, the representative from Cabarrus Health Alliance announced that Phred Pilkington would be retiring from his position on October 1.

President Smith recognized Catawba County Health Director Doug Urand on his recent appointment as the Director of the Institute of Public Health at UNC. Urand has served as the Health Director in Catawba for more than 20 years.

Division of Public Health - Beth Lovette

Lovette expressed appreciation to Health Departments that sent their Distinguished Nurses to the luncheon.

Lovette stated that DHHS is conducting weekly Medicaid Transformation leadership meetings to move the work further.

President Smith inquired about any movement regarding Medicaid Expansion, particularly regarding a version that may include a work requirement. Lovette stated that DHHS is supportive of any level of expansion. President Smith echoed support of an incremental step toward expansion as Medicaid Expansion is one of the NCALHD Legislative Priorities.

Executive Director - Lynette Tolson

Tolson provided appreciation to members who have paid their Association and Accreditation dues.

Tolson provided information regarding a grant opportunity through the NC DPH Injury and Prevention Branch focusing on linkages to care in opioid prevention and response.

Committee Reports

Nominating and By-laws: Dennis Joyner

Joyner (Union) presented the nominations for slate of officers in 2020. Joyner stated that Lillian Koontz (Davidson) has been put forth as the Secretary/Treasurer nominee for 2020.

No other committees met in September

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report- David Stanley, President of NCAPHA Board of Directors, provided an update on the work happening at the Board level at NCAPHA. Stanley recognized past and present Alliance Board members. Stanley stated that the Board created a Governance Committee to review the Article of Incorporation and the By-Laws for alignment. Additionally, through consultation with the Alliance attorney, the Alliance is working through how to support NCALHD particularly as it relates to the Executive Director position. President Smith added that through this process, NCALHD has also started to evaluate its current 501 c 6 status as compared to a more fitting 501 c 3 status. Stanley stated that hopefully by November Alliance meeting, guidance will be provided.

NCPHA Report – No report

NCSOPHE- Leah Mayo reminded members that NC SOPHE Annual Conference is scheduled for November 7-8.

NACCHO – No report

ANCBH/NALBOH – Calvert Jeffers reported that he attended the NALBOH Conference in Denver.

NCIPH/SPH Update-

News from NCIPH/SPH

- NCIPH looks forward to welcoming Doug Urand as the new Director for NCIPH starting November 4th, formal announcement from Gillings is posted at <https://sph.unc.edu/sph-news/urand-to-lead-nc-institute-of-public-health/>
- Sep. 13th National Health Equity Research Webcast on Structural Racism was a great presentation. It's archived at https://sph.unc.edu/sph-webcast/2019-09-13_nherw/.

Workforce Development

- Boards of Health – NEW training topic - Public Health 3.0. Contact rachel.wilfert@unc.edu if you would like a training scheduled.
- Upcoming 'Grantwriting 101' Workshops offered in collaboration with the NC AHEC Program for members of NCPHA in Spring 2020. Contact your local AHEC for dates.

Accreditation

- Bi-Annual NCLHDA Dashboard Overview Webinar (presented once in the fall and once in the spring each year) has been rescheduled for October 1 from 9:00am – 10:00am. This webinar provides an overview of the NCLHDA Dashboard for all users. There is no registration fee; however, registration is required at go.unc.edu/Oct19.
- Save the Date: Annual NCLHDA Program Update Webinar will be January 21, 2020 from 9:30am – 10:30am. This webinar is held to share NCLHDA Program updates for the coming year and all health departments are encouraged to have at least one accreditation team member join the webinar. There is no fee; however, registration is required and will open in December.
- Accreditation 101: New Agency Accreditation Coordinator (AAC) Training: fall session on-going today here in Greensboro. The spring session will be held in April in Chapel Hill- more details to come.
- Accreditation 101: Team-based Training: on-site "accreditation team" trainings offered through local AHEC request are still available. Contact NCLHDAccreditation@unc.edu for more information.

UNC-School of Government – No update

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

Next Meeting –October 17, 2019 at 9:30 am Location: DPH, Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC