

**North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
November 21, 2019
Cardinal Room. NC Division of Public Health, Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, NC**

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Steve Smith

The lively and thankful lot of public health warriors entered the room on Six Forks Road. Reflecting upon [their] present blessings, of which every [one] has many, and not on [their] past misfortunes, of which all have some. With that, a Dickens of a meeting began at 0933.

Approval of Minutes – Stacie Saunders

Motion to approve the October minutes made by Lillian Koontz (Davidson) and seconded by John Rouse (Harnett). No further discussion and motion passed.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Stacie Saunders

Motion to approve Financial Report made by Rouse and seconded by Layton Long (Chatham). No further discussion and motion passed.

By-laws and Nominations – Dennis Joyner

Dennis Joyner (Union) stated that the Slate of Officers was discussed at the previous meeting. No other nominations were made. Joyner stated that the Slate of Officers for vote of approval are as follows: President – Janet Clayton (Person), President Elect – Stacie Saunders (Alamance), Vice President – Phillip Tarte (New Hanover), Secretary/Treasurer – Lillian Koontz (Davidson), and Past President – Steve Smith (Henderson). **Chris Dobbins (Gaston) made the motion to approve the slate as presented. Marilyn Pearson (Johnson) seconded the motion. No further discussion and motion passed.**

President's Report – Steve Smith

President Smith inquired if there were any new or retiring health directors. At this time, Jennifer Greene introduced herself as the newly appointed health director in Cumberland County. (NOTE: NCALHD now has two Jennifer Greenes, one in Appalachian Health District and now in Cumberland).

President Smith then informed members the full association agenda now includes a new standing item for Division of Health Benefits (DHB) Update. Representatives from DHB could not join the meeting in November but would be attending in the future in order to strengthen the relationship between the DHB and local health departments.

President Smith stated that he had inquired about HIE connectivity and the crossover linkage with NCIR. Currently, there are several local health departments piloting one or both of these processes. Lovette stated she has a written update from NC HealthConnex regarding minor consent and she will release via email. Lovette stated the biggest reminder is NCHIE deadlines are not affected by the suspension of Medicaid Transformation. Lovette stated that Kelly Kimple and Wendy Holmes will be getting a written update to local health departments regarding NCIR interoperability progress and will be presenting to December MCH Committee with a more robust presentation.

President Smith stated that Medicaid Transformation suspension presents an opportunity to revisit local public health's position in the Transformation particularly as it relates to care management. Committee discussions were indicative of the members desire to embrace that opportunity to further negotiations regarding public health role.

President Smith recognized Sally Herndon who announced it is the Great American Smoke Out.

NC DHHS Assistant Secretary for Public Health: Mark Benton

Not present

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

Not Present

Director of Division of Health Benefits – Jay Ludlam

Not present

NC DPH Deputy Director Section Chief for Administrative, Local, and Community Support – Beth Lovette

Beth Lovette announced that Cardra Burns will be joining the Division in December as Senior Deputy Director. Lovette shared the historical leadership structure and the evolved structure with members.

Lovette addressed the recent suspension of Medicaid Transformation. She stated DHHS has been told to stop work toward transformation. Some partners, such as CCNC, have changed their model in anticipation of Transformation. Given the suspension, local health departments will continue to get one “check” for care management until Transformation continues. CCNC is not likely to put the old network back in place.

Lovette stated that DPH is currently working on Strategic Planning. Tarte joined DPH for recent retreat. One piece of the plan is to work with local public health and public health infrastructure.

At this time, Lovette remembered Eleanor Howell, Director of the State Center for Health Statistics. Howell passed away unexpectedly and Lovette asked for a moment of remembrance for Howell.

Lovette then introduced Delton Atkinson as the Interim Director of State Center for Health Statistics.

Lovette then introduced Scott Shone, Director of State Laboratory for Public Health. Shone provided details of his background and experience. He then shared his vision for the State Laboratory. Lastly, he shared that State Laboratory has received approval to begin using Electronic Test Ordering & Reporting (ETOR) system. This system will allow the lab to receive orders more efficiently and allow the lab to result to providers quicker. This is a two-year project and in need of pilot counties. Shone stated that if counties are interested in participating as a pilot to connect him. He also encouraged members to share other ideas they have to improve or enhance the services of the State Lab.

Executive Director - Lynnette Tolson

Lynnette Tolson thanked Pearson and the Johnston County Health Department for hosting the Fiscal Research staff. Fiscal Research staff is looking to visit other health departments within the state in the future.

Tolson encouraged members to apply for the Office of Rural Health grants.

Tolson then announced that Jacob Holdaway from NACCHO Academy of Science will be attending in December to inform membership about data collection and collaborative tool to support public health.

She then reminded members that the Public Health Leaders Conference registration is filling up and encouraged members to make hotel reservations quickly.

Tolson shared a message from Steven Garner. He would like members to share with staff that Medicaid Transformation does not immediately affect cost settlement process.

Lastly, Tolson announced the November Kendra Scott event raised about \$200 for the NCPHA scholarship fund.

Committee Reports

Technology – Wes Gray

Action: None

Information: Did not meet

Planning and Innovation – Stacie Saunders

Action: Samantha Ange (Surry), representing Region III, addressed the community regarding discussion that their region has been having regarding the future of care management. There was interest from the Region and committee to create a survey to obtain data from counties. Questions would include: identifying those who plan to retain care management, those contemplating removing care management from their services, gauge interest in alternative models for implementation (regional, etc), interest in CIN for data and outcomes, quantify amount of local dollars going to support care management programs, current use of metric, desired metrics etc. Data would then inform an ad hoc committee to explore future action steps for local health departments regarding care management. It was noted, that with Medicaid Transformation suspension, this may be the most opportune time to gather this data, form collective response, and better inform the transition to Medicaid Managed Care. **Motion from committee for Planning & Innovation chair to create care management survey and create an ad hoc committee to evaluate care management at the local health department level and provide recommendations for a collective response to the transition of care management. Motion from committee needs no second. No further discussion. Motion passed.**

Information: None

Policy and Finance – Janet Clayton

Action: Motion from committee to approve accreditation document as presented to membership and submit document to Accreditation Board for review. Motion needs no second. No further discussion. Vote passed. Dobbins informed membership that Accreditation Board will be discussing the need for travel to Raleigh to receive Reaccreditation status. Curious as to the membership thoughts. Possibly add it to the existing NCALHD meeting.

Information: Jill Moore presented about SB 199. A provision was added that was not expected including provisions for mandatory reporting to law enforcement of crime involving juvenile. Right now, the law requires the reporting of gunshot wounds, nonaccidental injuries of children and Kaylee’s Law. New requirements include juvenile victims of crime. It requires anyone 18 years and older that is aware of a juvenile as the victim of a violent offense, sexual offense, or misdemeanor child abuse must immediately make a report to law enforcement. Presentation attached. HIPAA allows this reporting but only information pertaining to the incident can be shared. Parent/Caregiver and/or juvenile (as it applies to Minor Consent) must be notified of the report to law enforcement. This is a different approach compared to previous mandatory reporting requirements. Moore explained that Title X does allow for these reports to exist. The current Title X webinar will be out of date as of December 1 and will be removed. Bill Smith stated that reporter will not be held liability if no crime at the state level but that is not guaranteed at federal level. Joshua Swift (Forsyth) asked if private practices have been notified of the changes. President Smith will follow-up.

Began discussing 2020 Legislative Agenda items including Tobacco 21, water quality issues, MAT, and mental health.

Preparedness/EPI – Lillian Koontz

Action: None

Information: Dr. Moore provided the group with several updates:

- The Hepatitis A outbreak is ongoing. There are to date close to 125 cases of Hep A in North Carolina, approximately 28,000 nationally, and it is now present in Georgia.
- Southern Health Partners, private company who provides jail health in many counties, plans to send a letter to all staff members urging local teams to work with local health departments to provide vaccinations in the jail setting. No expected date given.
- Karen Lachapelle is working hard with ending the HIV epidemic steering committee. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of this work, please contact Karen.
- The Legionnaires outbreak at the Mountain State Fair garnered national attention for NC and guidance on hot tub displays. Since the outbreak in NC, Texas has experienced something similar.
- The Molecular Epidemiology of Infectious Disease and Public Health Applications event went very well. Thank you for allowing staff members to attend.
- Local preparedness coordinators are working hard on Ebola plans and possibly taking part in state-wide or regional exercises.
- Bill Smith, Health Director Robeson County, commented to Dr. Moore his appreciation for the state’s assistance with mosquito funding.

Stephanie Johnson, Clay County Health Director, joined the group via phone and provided a Powerpoint presentation for best practices with providing Hepatitis A assistance in detention centers. The presentation is attached. This presentation led to discussion in the Cardinal Room about best practices for jail health plans. Beth Lovette shared her experience at the local level with receiving a packet to be signed quickly to meet the requirement of the health plan being “signed off” by the local health director. Ms. Lovette suggested all local health departments send their jail health plans to Susan Little so the state may review the plans and check for accuracy with state requirements in a “cross-walk” process. Please send your jail health plans to Susan Little: susan.little@dhhs.nc.gov as soon as possible. Dr. Marianna Daly with Madison County made a request to include the legal details of a local health director signing off on a jail health plan during the upcoming public health legal conference. The group agreed, and the committee chair agreed to make the request.

Maternal & Child Health – Teresa Ellen

Action: Motion to approve the Family Planning, Maternity, WIC, Child Health, Immunizations, CC4C, Breastfeeding Peer Counseling, and Triple P AAs by committee. Motion by committee needs no second. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Information: CCNC presentation on Virtual Health. Provided performance data on resolution status. Please see attached presentation.

Environmental Health – Battle Betts

Action: None

Information: Legislative updates: As of October 31, there were 21 bills that could have affected Environmental Health and 11 of them became law. The task force formed to look at waste water rules, must meet four times and has met two of those times. They have 97 rules that shall be reviewed and readopted by March of 2024. The rules will be reviewed in three phases due to the sheer quantity. The update to the 2017 Food Code will be in the initial phase. The section pertaining to public swimming pools are to be revised to

include artificial swimming lagoons. Temporary rules have been put in place for the lagoons and will be effective for 270 days. A Legionnaire's update was provided at committee. (Note: An unnamed iPad went rogue at this point and a lapse into temporary chaos ensued). President Smith asked if BETS discussed at committee and it was not. Lovette will ask Larry Michael to address at next committee meeting. President Smith stated that he will follow-up with Michael regarding the issue.

Public Health Prevention & Promotion – Joshua Swift

Action: None

Information: Fritz LaBarge presented on the amendments to the Administration Code regarding alcohol breath testing instruments. There is a public comment period for these amendments from December 2-January 31.

Sally Herndon presented on AA 751 and the document will be brought back to committee in December for vote. The only noted change at this time prohibits regional collaborative membership for those that receive funding or donations from tobacco industry. Susan Kansagra provided information on national efforts to raise the age for tobacco purchase to 21 and banning flavored e-cigarette and vaping flavors.

Amanda Fuller Moore presented on Naloxone distribution orders. Currently, approximately 30 local health departments have distribution vs dispensing orders. She also provided information regarding expired naloxone. If counties have expired naloxone, they can contact the state and the naloxone can be reused by Harm Reduction Coalition. The current cost for a naloxone kit is \$75 but Direct Relief will offer free kits if organizations apply. Finally, reported that the CLC opioid grants that were just awarded and about 20 counties received funding.

Nominations and Bylaw –Dennis Joyner

Action: See above for Slate of Officers vote.

Information: None

Education and Awards: Tommy Jarrell

Action: None

Information: Tommy Jarrell (Richmond) informed members that the final orientation session for new Health Directors is scheduled for December 17 and there is still time to register. He also encouraged members to review the four awards being presented at the Public Health Leaders Conference and submit nominations.

Public Health Regions- See Planning and Innovation for Region III request.

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report- Board meeting immediately after NCALHD. David Stanley has resigned his position as President and as a member of the board as of December 1. The Board is currently reviewing articles of incorporation and by-laws.

NCPHA Report – Spring Conference planning committee is meeting. Spring conference is planned for May 19.

NCSOPHE- Annual conference occurred in November. Almost 100 attended. Planning has begun for 2020 conference.

NACCHO – Dobbins provided information on the Finance committee. NACCHO will be providing financial report including ROI. Currently, for every dollar given to NACCHO, \$3 dollars goes back to local public health support.

ANCBH/NALBOH – Provided health update on Bob Blackburn. NCALHD has sent Bob a card. Annual NALBOH Conference in Michigan, August 19. New ANCBH president will be taking position.

NCIPH/SPH Update- Doug Urland provided the following update:

Workforce Development

- Upcoming 'Grantwriting 101' Workshops offered in collaboration with the NC AHEC Program for NCPHA members in Spring 2020. Contact your local AHEC for dates.
- Registration for the Spring 2020 Management and Supervision course now open.
- Registration for the Spring 2020 PAA/STD Enhanced Role Nurse course closes on Nov. 22nd.
- Spring 2020 R for Epi workshop registration now open.

Course descriptions and registration for all NCIPH courses is at <https://sph.unc.edu/nciph/nciph-catalog/>.

Accreditation

- Save the Date: Annual NCLHDA Program Update Webinar will be January 21, 2020 from 9:30am – 11:30am. 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. The webinar will be archived and posted on the NCLHDA website for later viewing.
- Accreditation 101: Team-based Training: on-site "accreditation team" trainings offered through local AHEC request are still available. This training is for staff serving on an agency accreditation team who need basic knowledge of the accreditation process. Contact NCLHDAccreditation@unc.edu for more information.

- Accreditation 101: New AAC Training will be offered on April 23, 2020 from 9-4 in Chapel Hill. The New AAC training provides a basic overview of the accreditation process and the role of the AAC. The training is for new AACs, co-AACs and back-up AACs. The training is offered bi-annually, each spring and fall. Registration will open January 21, 2020.

News from NCIPH/SPH

- Annual Minority Health Conference “Truth to Power: Exercising Political Voice to Achieve Health Equity” is now open for registration. Conference will be February 28, 2020 @ the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

UNC-School of Government – No update

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1103 am.

Next Meeting – December 19 at 9:30 am Location: DPH, Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC