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# **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES** May 2, 2018

# MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. J. Phil Seats Dr. Keith Cash Dr. Calvert Jeffers Dr. Charles Massler Ms. Heather Parker Dr. Peter Robie Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. John Davenport Ms. Amanda Kistler Dr. Scott Schroeder Dr. Ricky Sides

# STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter Ms. Lorrie Christie Ms. Glenda Dancy Ms. Sarah Isom Mr. Daniel Lemons Mr. Tony Lo Giudice Ms. Denise Price Ms. Marie Stephens Ms. Ethel Evans Mr. Ryan Harrison Dr. Lovette Miller Ms. Amanda Pone Ms. Nancy Schuh Ms. Frances Williams

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Ms. Shontell Robinson, Director, County Human Resources

Ms. Phyllis Russell, County Budget Office

Ms. Ronda Tatum, Deputy County Manager

#### Call to Order:

On Wednesday, May 2, 2018, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Boardroom at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Mr. J. Phil Seats called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

# **Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes of the April 4, 2018 Board of Health (BOH) meeting were reviewed by the Board. Mr. Seats asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Charles Massler made a motion to approve and Ms. Heather Parker seconded. The minutes were approved.

#### **Public Comment Section:**

No comments

### **Health Director's Comments** – Mr. Marlon Hunter reported the following:

- ➤ Greeted and thanked the Board and everyone for their thoughtfulness and support for him and his family during their time of loss.
- We received a model practice award from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for our Tattoo and Body Art Program. Ms. Sarah Isom, who is now the Preparedness Coordinator and Mr. Daniel Lemons, Director of Environmental Health will be going with me to receive that award. I am proud of that work.
- ➤ Update on Lead exposure gave owner/operator a call this week about lead over exposure over the past two years. We are preparing an order to abate the nuisance. Mr. Hunter explained that there are two types of orders to abate (eminent health hazard we have to clean it up or nuisance under Public Health Statute they will have to clean it up). Abatement under the Public Health Rule made childhood lead more stringent. We will talk about potential timelines. I will keep all of you posted. Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt asked Mr. Hunter to talk with our County Attorney to protect himself and the department. Mr. Hunter responded Mr. Gordon Watkins has been on calls with us and we will continue to include him.
- ➤ On May 18th we will travel to Raleigh to accept our Accreditation award and talk about our process. Ms. Denise Price has accepted the responsibility as our Site Coordinator. For consolidation purposes, we will add one more team member to be the liaison with the Board for Accreditation purposes only. That person will be Ms. Mayte Grundseth.
- ➤ In June I will give a presentation about our Community Health Assessment (CHA) community exercise.
- ➤ Invited to speak at a Medical Society meeting on May 17th, along with Davie and Stokes Counties to talk about the CHA process.
- > Speaking at the Benton Convention Center at the State of Black NC Conference on May 11th. Will give a local perspective on what we are working on.

**Swearing-in of Dr. Massler** - Mr. Seats swore in Dr. Massler, who was reappointed to the Board, by the Board of Commissioners.

#### **New Business:**

**Flu Season Update** - Ms. Amanda Pone, Nursing Program Supervisor, gave the following flu season update: 2017-2018 (5,339 shots given; 1,487 to children; 3,852 to adults). North Carolina had 375 flu related deaths (14 were in Forsyth County as of the end of April - all over the age of 50). Ms. Pone reported that the department has less than 200 doses left and they have already ordered 5,000 for next season, in comparison to 5,230 ordered last year. Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt asked if we had a breakdown by county and Ms. Pone responded she was unable to get that data but Mr. Hunter added that when he spoke on the Government Channel earlier on, they were able to get a breakdown and he would get that information to her. Dr. Peter Robie asked if we had to order more during the season from the manufacturer and Ms. Pone responded yes, but we never ran out, but there was a delay in getting it.

Mosquito Season Update - Mr. Ryan Harrison, Vector Control Specialist with Environmental Health gave an update on the mosquito season. Mr. Harrison noted that last season it was a lot of work trying to keep up with what species was on the flood plain. He collected 21,963 mosquitoes and was able to speciate most of them. The State recognized Forsyth County as a county of regional expertise. Mr. Harrison reported they caught around 250 mosquitoes per night last year. According to CDC data, so many cases were coming up the coast - it became so overwhelming that they had to stop trapping and start treating/spraying. The piece of equipment he used last year was a called a mister, that had a blower fan. He added, the piece of equipment

has cut the spraying time, drastically (what used to take him hours to spray, now takes about 45 minutes). This year he is focusing on trapping Culex species downtown, more accurate turnaround time with results and to create more maps to track ticks. Mr. Harrison predicts we will probably see more lyme disease in the area but hopes it will not be a bad year. Dr. Robie asked if there will be press releases and Mr. Harrison responded the media will probably start calling him in a few weeks.

#### **Old Business:**

Ms. Ronda Tatum is still seeking surveys from three more Board members. She indicated they are moving on the projectory that we will have a consolidated Health and Human Services.

## **Committee Reports:**

# Adjourn:

Mr. Seats asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Massler made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Parker seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Marlon B. Hunter Secretary to the Board

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