



Macon County
Public Health

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
12/19/2017

- Members** Dr. Nathan Brenner, Dentist and Chair; Teresa Murray, General Public and Vice-Chair; Emily Porter-Bowers, Nurse; Dr. Melissa Bell, Pharmacist; Dr. Jeff Todd, Veterinarian; James Tate, County Commissioner; Julie Farrow, Physician; Mitchell Bishop, Engineer; Gena Futral and Molly Phillips, General Public.
- Members Absent** Julie Farrow, Gena Futral,
- Staff Present** Jim Bruckner, Darice Davis,
- Guests** Sarah Tennyson, Regional Coordinator for MountainWise
- Media** Ms. Kristen Karcher; WNCC Radio
- Public Comment** None
- Call to Order** Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Dr. Brenner
- Approve Agenda** Melissa Bell made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Teresa Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Welcome/Intro./Departures/Recognition** Mr. Bruckner welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Sarah Tennyson to the board. Mr. Bruckner informed the board that Ms. Keezer and Ms. McGaha were in Raleigh to attend the Health Department reaccreditation meeting. Macon County Public Health was reaccredited with honors.
- Closed Session** None
- Presentations** None
- Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting** Teresa Murray made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Melissa Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Old Business**
None
- New Business**
A. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations – Mr. Bruckner said that Dr. Brenner has been nominated to remain as board chair and Ms. Murray and Dr. Bell both have been nominated for vice-chair. Ms. Murray did not

accept the nomination. Dr. Bell did accept the nomination. Ms. Phillips made a motion to accept the nominations as presented and to elect Dr. Brenner as chair and Dr. Bell as vice-chair. Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. USDA Food and Nutrition Incentive Grant – Ms. Tennyson referred everyone to the handout in their packets. She explained that MountainWise works with the far eight most western counties in NC. She said that they focus on healthy living and tobacco free living and currently have three chronic disease grants; 1422, Tobacco Prevention and the MDPP recurring funding grants. We are here today because we have applied for the USDA grant which is a food and security incentive grant. This grant is focused on people receiving SNAP. It is to encourage people to choose healthier items. At participating vendors a person will be able to get two times as much food if they choose the healthy items vs. the other food choices. This is an \$18,000 grant for three years that will be divided between all eight far western counties. Mr. Bruckner explained that we have already submitted the grant because it was due by early December, but we need board approval to accept the money if we are approved for the grant. If we receive the grant it will then go to the County Commissioners for approval. Ms. Phillips asked how much of the grant will go directly to the consumer. Ms. Tennyson said that in the first year 30% will go to the consumers and by the third year 50% will go to the consumer. This grant will require one full time staff member with a salary of \$38,000. She said we currently have three people that are staffed full time in the 1422 grant, one of those people could easily move over to this grant. Mr. Bruckner further explained that not all of the eight counties will use the grant in the same manner. It all depends on how each individual county responds to the grant and that there are no county dollars involved with these grants. Ms. Tennyson said that regional projects are becoming the norm and Macon County will have more in the future. Ms. Phillips made a motion to accept the grant funds. Dr. Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Training and Information

A. **Monthly Budget Update** – Quarterly update next month

Announcements Dr. Brenner reminded all Board members to please bring your BOH books to the January meeting for updates. Mr. Bruckner said the January meeting will be a big meeting regarding Medicaid reform and Public Health infrastructure. Derek Roland and Ronnie Beale are invited to attend.

Next Meeting Date 1/23/2018

Adjourn Ms. Murray made a motion to recess the meeting until January 23, 2018. Dr. Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 6:30 pm.

These minutes were approved on January 23, 2018 with a motion by Commissioner Jim Tate and seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Darice Davis