



**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
October 25, 2011**

Members Present: Roberta Swank - Chair, Russell Stevenson - Vice Chair, David Silverstein DDS, Tammy Dills RN, Roy Lenzo DVM, Paul Higdon, Frank Killian MD and Ron Winecoff

Staff Present: Jim Bruckner, Jimmy Villiard, Becky Barr, Tammy Keezer, Barry Patterson, Tonya Hodgins, Kathy McGaha, Melanie Batchelor & Charlene Bellavance

Media: None

Guests: None

Public Comment Session: Ms. Swank, Board Chair asked if anyone wished to address the Board. There were no comments.

Call to Order: Ms. Swank called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Approve Agenda: Mr. Bruckner asked if Sliding Fee Scale for Dental could be added under new business. A motion was made by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Winecoff to accept the agenda as amended.

Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition

Mr. Bruckner recognized Ms. Batchelor for her community service and in receiving the Bertlyn Bosley Award for Excellence in Public Health Nutrition. Ms. Swank presented Ms. Batchelor with a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Health.

Mr. Bruckner recognized Mr. Patterson for his community service and receiving an award for service as the President of the NCPHA Environmental Health Section – MTN. District. Ms. Swank presented Mr. Patterson with a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Health.

Presentation

Ms. Hodgins reported that the revenues were close to the projected totals at 30.3%. The expenditures were very close to the projected figures but slightly under the projected figure at 24.9%.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Dr. Killian and seconded by Dr. Silverstein to approve the minutes of **September 27, 2011** as presented.

Old Business

Mr. Bruckner reported that the Ad Hoc committee created for Adult Dental met on October 19 with several members of the board of commissioners to discuss the alternatives available for the dental program. The commissioners realize that both the adult and child dental programs are needed in the community. The estimated amount projected to be needed to continue to the end of the year would be approximately \$53,000. They discussed the implementation of a sliding fee scale due to the increases in fees to the dental fee plan made recently.

New Business

Sliding Fee Scale – Dental - Mr. Bruckner referred the board members to the handout in their packets regarding the proposed sliding fee scale for both the child and adult dental programs. The scale is based on Federal Poverty Guidelines. The new fee scale is primarily to benefit the self pay patients. A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Mr. Stevenson to approve the sliding fee scale as presented.

Rabies Clinic Numbers - Mr. Patterson reported that the fall rabies clinics were performed at five sites. He referred the Board members to the handout in their packets with the total rabies shots given by each clinic. A total of 894 rabies vaccinations were given.

Mr. Stevenson asked how many bite cases they have had so far this year. Mr. Patterson said they would probably have about 100 bites by the end of the year.

Flu Season Clinic Numbers - Mr. Villiard reported that we have been tracking the number of flu shots that we have given by site this year so we will have a better idea of which sites gave the largest number of shots. We are on schedule to meet our revenue that was projected for the year. Mr. Villiard reported we only gave six shots at Nantahala this year so we may want to reconsider visiting this location next year. There is much more competition for flu shots in the county than there has been in the past. The high dose vaccine was a good decision. Mr. Villiard reported we ordered 50 doses and used all of them and we are still getting requests for more.

Mr. Bruckner has spoken with Tim Hubbs at Angel Medical and he agreed that the hospital and health department should partner on next year's flu shot efforts.

November & December Meetings - Ms. Swank advised that the November and December meetings are close to the holidays and a suggestion was made to skip November and have a meeting the first week in December. A motion was made by Mr. Stevenson that Tuesday, December 6th be scheduled as the date for the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Winecoff. All members present were in agreement.

Public Health 501c3 - Mr. Bruckner reported that the Healthy Carolinians board is being disband; however the steering committee will still function. There is a 501c3 in place that could be of benefit to the community that we don't want to lose. Jim suggested that one way to maintain this fund would be to have the Board of Health become the Board for the 501c3. If the Board decides to take this on the County Attorney would have to check into protection for the Board members and it would also need to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. A motion was made by Dr. Silverstein and seconded by Mr. Stevenson that before the Board makes a final decision on the matter Mr. Bruckner have a conversation with the County Attorney to further investigate any potential liability issue for the Board. All members present were in agreement.

Board Training and Information

Jim Bruckner referred board members to the handout in their packets NACCHO (Research Brief) & NALBOH (Newsbrief)

Announcements

Macon County Public Health - Healthy Carolinians Annual Partnership meeting will be on November 30th at the Macon Bank Corporate Building at 9:00 am. All Board members are invited to attend.

Ms. Swank stated that she needed to appoint two volunteers as the nominating committee to solicit members for nomination of officers for next year. Ms. Swank asked Ms. Dills and Dr. Killian to serve on this committee and they both accepted.

Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2011

There being no further business Ms. Swank adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bellavance, Administrative Assistant to Jim Bruckner, MSHS, Health Director
Macon County Public Health

Minutes approved December 6, 2011 with a motion from Mr. Winecoff and a second by Dr. Silverstein. All members present were in agreement.