



Macon County
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
December 6, 2011**

Members Present: Roberta Swank - 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, Barry Patterson, Tonya Hodgins, Kathy McGaha, Melissa Leatherman, Paula Rodgers, Kyle Jennings, Harold Faircloth & 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 6:17.

Approve Agenda: Mrs. Swank asked to have fund raiser for Ladies Night Out added under new business as well as additions under recognitions by Mr. Bruckner for Barry Patterson and Ms. Swank. The agenda was approved with the preceding changes with a motion from Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Dr. Silverstein.

Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition

Mr. Bruckner recognized Ms. Rodgers for achieving her Public Health Nurse Certification. Ms. Swank presented Ms. Rodgers with a certificate of appreciation for her service to the community.

Mr. Bruckner recognized Ms. Leatherman & Ms. McGaha for recently receiving training for L.E.A.N 200.

Mr. Bruckner indicated that Ms. Keener was asked and accepted the position as the Secretary for the Western Region HUG group.

Mr. Bruckner recognized Mr. Patterson for his appointment and acceptance as a member of the NCPHA Legislative Advisory Committee.

Mr. Winecoff recognized Ms. Swank for her service as Board chair and presented her with a plaque.

Presentations

Kyle Jennings presented information regarding a new waste water treatment prototype that is based on water reuse which has never been allowed before. This system does not require soil filtering and does not require a lot of area. The system contains membrane filters that are so fine that even fine pathogens can not get through. The finer the membrane filters the more uses there could be for the reused water. The drip tubing used in this prototype allows properties that had previously been turned down for septic tanks could now be approved using this new system. The cost of this system is approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 which is still less than an engineered drip system.

Harold Faircloth gave a presentation of a water quality explanation tool that was recently developed by Penn State University as a reporting tool for well testing. Mr. Faircloth indicated that there are primary standards and secondary standards that some consumers may not be aware of. Maximum Contamination Levels are established by the EPA. Mr. Faircloth said the explanation tool is on the internet and is public domain. Mr. Faircloth recommended that this link be placed on our website and also recommended that a computer be placed in their lobby so if a customer gets results and has questions they can ask them while they are in the Environmental Health Department. Dr. Lenzo asked how he could have his water tested? Mr. Faircloth informed the Board that for a nominal fee the client can come to environmental health to obtain a container to collect the sample themselves, or staff would come out to the client's property and take the sample if the client wished.

Ms. McGaha reported the final CHA findings which were presented at a public meeting last week. The assessment was mailed off to the state which met our obligation to do the report every four years. The report can be accessed at <http://www.maconnc.org/images/healthy-carolinians/2011MaconCountyCommunityHealthAssessmentReport.pdf>. It was estimated that over 60 community partners attended last week's meeting.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of October 25, 2011 were approved with a motion from Mr. Winecoff and a second by Dr. Silverstein. All present were in agreement.

Old Business

Budget Report: Ms. Hodgins indicated we are still on track for our Revenues. We were a little under for the month but our yearly revenues are very close to what was predicted. Our expenditures are still under what was projected by approximately 2%.

Adult Dental Update: Mr. Villiard reported that Ms. Leanne Shirley has joined our Adult Dental Clinic team as a dental assistant. We currently have three clinic days covered by a dentist. Mr. Bruckner and Mr. Villiard are actively working on a locum tenants provider contract that has been reviewed by County attorney Chester Jones. There are still a few changes that need to be made. In addition, because the contract contains a payment clause (\$25,000 if we were to hire the contract dentist into a permanent the position) it will have to go back to the Board of Commissioners for approval as these funds were not previously appropriated in the Health FY 12 budget. Tammy Keezer is also still running ads in Asheville and Charlotte newspapers, various websites and dental schools.

Nominations Committee Report: Tammy Dills reported that she and Dr. Killian were asked to be officers of the Nominations Committee for Next Year's Officers. She indicated that Russell Stevenson had agreed to accept the nomination as Board Chair and Dr. Killian agreed to accept the nomination as Vice Chairman.

New Business

Ladies Night Out Fundraiser: Ms. Swank advised that Ladies Night Out is holding a fund raiser – raffle to benefit the fight against breast cancer. Mr. Villiard indicated that BCCCP had diagnosed 3-4 women this month with breast cancer. The program helps women who do not have enough insurance or have no insurance.

2012 Board Meeting Schedule: Ms. Swank advised members that the 2012 BOH Meeting Date Schedule was in their packets and asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Mr. Higdon and seconded by Dr. Silverstein to accept the 2012 BOH Meeting Date Schedule as provided.

Legislative Update: Senate Bill 433 is being brought back for a vote sometime between now and May.

Community Transformation Grant Proposal: Mr. Bruckner indicated that we are considering pursuing a grant for Regional health promotion dollars of \$400,000 for four years. Mr. Bruckner asked the Board to consider allowing him to become one of the two lead counties on the grant. He would need Board of County Commissioners approval to pursue it because Macon County would be the fiduciary control over the grant money. A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Dr. Silverstein to allow Mr. Bruckner to become one of the lead Counties for the Regional Health promotion grant.

Board Training and Information

Board of Health Notebooks. Board members were asked to bring their Notebooks to the meeting so they could be updated. These will be updated and given back to Board members at the next regular meeting.

Smoke Free Policy Guidelines for Boards of Health (handout)

CHA Report (handout)

NABOH – How to be an effective BOH member (handout)

Announcements

Thanksmas Lunch Invitation – Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Next Meeting Date: January 24, 2012

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm with a motion by Mr. Higdon and seconded by Mr. Winecoff. All members were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Minutes were approved January 24, 2012 with a motion from Ms. Swank and a seconded by Dr. Egge. All present were in agreement.