

Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Mr. J. Phil Seats, R.Ph., MBA
- Dr. Ricky Sides, DC
- Ms. Gloria D. Whisenhunt, County Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES November 4, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Dr. Charles Massler
Dr. Willard McCloud
Dr. Scott Schroeder
Mr. J. Phil Seats
Dr. Ricky Sides
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Carrie Fernald

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Sherita Freeman, Community Member

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, November 4, 2015, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Boardroom at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 7, 2015 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt made a motion to approve and Dr. Willard McCloud seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Board.

Public Comment Section:

Board Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. Ms. Sherita Freeman introduced herself as a Healthcare Project Manager and a member of the community and said she came to the meeting to find out what the Board was about and to find out what was going on in the community.

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Glenda Dancy
Ms. Yalonda Galloway
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Marie Moukdarath
Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Edwin Stott
Ms. Sheila Bogan
Ms. Sheryl Emory
Ms. Holley Hooks
Mr. Daniel Lemons
Ms. Tracey Semcer
Ms. Hope Tranberg

Health Director's Comments – Mr. Marlon Hunter started out by thanking the Board for his evaluation. He introduced the three new Public Health Associates (Ms. Holley Hooks, Ms. Tracey Semcer and Ms. Hope Tranberg) and said he was excited to have an extra set of eyes and hands for the department. Mr. Hunter thanked Ms. Sheila Bogan for her work with the associates.

Mr. Hunter reported the following:

- he will be participating at a Novant speaking engagement Thursday night entitled State of Our Health in Forsyth County, where he will talk about the 100-Year Anniversary of public health
- we have the lowest infant mortality rate since data began in 1994 – he thanked CC4C and other programs for doing a great job
- staff will be attending Customer Service Training a couple of days in December
- sexually transmitted rates are starting to creep back up in the community (chlamydia and gonorrhea)
- there are some regulatory topics in legislature he will talk about next month

Mr. Hunter addressed the issue of debt write-off, a discussion that Ms. Quintana Stewart had brought up with the Board at the previous meeting but more clarification was requested by Board members. Mr. Hunter talked about several options to recoup money on past due client accounts including using a credit collections agency or using the process that is already in place through the Debt Setoff Program. Mr. Hunter recommended the Board go with the NC Debt Setoff Program. After further discussion and clarification, Mr. John Davenport made a motion to use the NC Debt Setoff Program and report back in six months to see where we are with it, before using a collection agency and Dr. Charles Massler seconded. The motion was accepted by the Board to use the NC Debt Setoff Program.

New Business:

Chamber Discussion Update – Mr. Edwin Stott reported that he and Mr. Hunter met with the Chamber of Commerce and restaurant owners to answer questions and address their concerns. In his presentation, he talked about areas of concern in the Food, Lodging and Institution (FLI) section of Environmental Health, including:

- consistency and education,
- new food code and County/State inspection trends,
- staff recruitment/retention/backlog, and
- perception

Mr. Stott showed a chart outlining by risk category 1, 2, 3 and 4, the inspection scores and times for restaurants and food stands only for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2015. He stated that in 2012 they began distributing on CD, the 2009 Food Code, State Rules and a PowerPoint presentation to establishments. Mr. Stott showed a chart comparing County/State inspection trends for Forsyth County and four other surrounding counties whose inspection frequencies were also below State requirements. They are currently working with Human Resources on salary, a factor in attracting qualified candidates and they are implementing inspection goals for each Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) in the FLI section. Mr. Stott is working with media and providing them with transparent data and looking to hire a PH Educator to promote Environmental Health and assist the EHS in educating establishment owners and is also working on a reorganization of Environmental Health to better capitalize on their strengths (copy of presentation on file in the Administrative Binder).

Operating Procedures – Ms. Quintana Stewart spoke briefly about the Forsyth County Board of Health Operating Procedures, which have to be updated and approved annually for accreditation. There were no changes to the Operating Procedures so Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Davenport moved to approve and Dr. Ricky Sides seconded. The Operating Procedures were approved by the Board and signed by Dr. Petrou, Chair and Mr. Hunter, Secretary (copy of handout on file in the Administrative Binder).

Old Business:

An Executive Session was called at the end of the October 7, 2015 Board meeting so Board members could conduct the Health Director's yearly evaluation. Dr. James Doub reported that the Board completed the evaluation and submitted it to the Human Resources Department for processing.

Committee Reports:

None

Adjourn:

Dr. Petrou requested a motion to adjourn. Dr. Sides made a motion and the rest of the members seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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