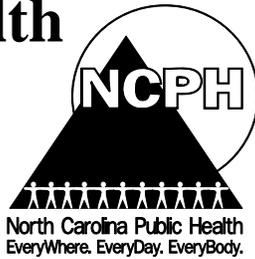


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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES June 2, 2010

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Ms. Quintana Stewart
Mr. Robert Whitwam
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Mary Anne Blackwell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Beaufort Bailey
Ms. Nancy R. Hardie
Mr. Randall Kale
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko
Dr. Paul (Lee) Salisbury

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Dr. Linda Petrou, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Oath of Office for Newly Appointed and Re-appointed Members

Dr. James Doub swore in Dr. Linda Petrou, who was re-appointed for a 2nd term and Dr. Ricky Sides, who sat on the board previously, was sworn in for a 1st term.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 5, 2010, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written, seconded, and approved.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Old Business

Enforcement of Restaurant Smoking Regulations:

Mr. Robert Whitwam presented his report. He noted that of the 61 complaints that have been reported since January 2, 2010, five of the complaints were reported against five different establishments in May 2010. The complaints all came directly to the health department. Two of the five complaints were repeat violators and three had their 1st complaint filed.

He reported that they have a complaint on a second bingo establishment, but that the establishment has no Food Service permit and no ABC permit. Environmental Health Specialists are continuing to investigate because they feel that the establishment may be selling food without a permit that actually requires a permit. Because there was no ABC permit or food permit required there are no longer issues but because they are potentially preparing and selling food that requires a permit, we are looking at the possibility of criminal misdemeanor as opposed to a civil case where there is selling, where there shouldn't be selling. This is an ongoing investigation. Bob stated that one of his staff would be there on Wednesday and Friday nights to observe the situation.

They are about to hand deliver a 1st educational letter to another establishment that just changed ownership and about to hand deliver a 2nd educational letter to another establishment that received a complaint in May. That letter will be delivered before the end of the week.

Staff also made a visit to one establishment that was sent two educational letters and will be going out to that establishment by the end of the week to verify if they are in compliance or not. If they're not in compliance, they will receive their 1st written warning notice violation. As a reminder our process is they get a 1st written notice of violation, 2nd written notice of violation, 3rd one, and after the 3rd written notice we would issue a penalty. Bob stated that they do continue to follow the State's protocol and noted the table at the bottom of the last page of his handout enumerates how many educational letters and notice of violations they have sent out so far (see Attachment).

Dr. Hudspeth remarked "I would assume that all the people you examine have these rules and regulations readily, they should know, it's not a matter of them being ignorant to what they need to do..." Bob responded "they are all fully aware". They have received signs and they have received coasters. They have received many, many things educating the owners and staff about the rules.

Dr. Koub asked "so are the people complaining, patrons...they go in and they're smoking and like most places they shouldn't be". He stated, "so if you don't serve food at a bingo parlor, you can smoke, but if you serve food you can't. If you serve packaged food, you can smoke. Bob responded, "that's correct". If you have a food service permit issued by the Health Department, that's what we require or if you have an ABC permit for on premise consumption of alcohol.

Dr. Hudspeth asked if people could bring their own food and beverage. Are they allowed to smoke? Bob stated they could bring their own food and Dr. Monroe added that as long as there is no food being served. He said it has to do with the facility and the way the law is written and if that's a regulated facility, by the health department they can't. Nobody can smoke there. It's not a matter of the individual or what they eat, it has to do with the facility.

The meeting was taken back to the beginning for the swearing in of Dr. Petrou and Dr. Sides.

Retreat Date & Content:

Dr. Petrou talked about the BOH retreat and asked which weekend should be considered. It had been decided at the May meeting not to have a July or August meeting and to have the retreat sometime in August. Dr. Doub said that Nancy Hardie called him and said she was available any weekend in August. Dr. Monroe stated that Dr. Salisbury called to say he would not be there for the BOH meeting but did not say anything regarding his availability for the retreat. Dr. Jeffers added he would not be available the first weekend in August. Dr. Monroe asked staff if there was anything/event going on during that time and staff confirmed there was not. It was finally agreed that the retreat would be on Saturday, July 31, 2010, from 9:00 am to no later than 3:00 pm.

Dr. Petrou added that there should be a short discussion on what should be done at the July 31st meeting. She stated that she and Dr. Monroe talked about a few things that could be discussed. Dr. Monroe mentioned that we would be viewing the first episode of Unnatural Causes that night, which was an hour long and the subsequent episodes are 30 minutes each. He mentioned that they had looked at a few of those in previous meetings and that they were also being viewed by senior management and expanded staff. He asked if the group wanted to include some of the other episodes or wait to decide after they viewed the one that night. He added there are always things that are useful to review, like rule making authority and the history of the Board of Health.

He stated that he and Dr. Petrou also talked about the public health improvement plan, which is something that we could spend some time looking at in detail. There's a lot of interesting history when you look at those issues in terms of how public health is organized in NC and how it was done in the past and thoughts about doing it other ways or other things that the Board would like to talk about. Dr. Petrou recommended that they take a look at the video and think about exactly what they want to talk about. She stated there may be some aspects of the video that they may want to spend some time on. They may want to think about reviewing the by-laws, seeing if there are any changes they want to make on the by-laws. Also, think about what we want the public health department to do in the next 10-20 years. Some of the major issues that have been focused on are lead, health and smoking. There are probably some new issues out here that we might need to focus on a little more.

Dr. Petrou and Dr. Monroe will poll the Board in a couple of weeks to see what their thoughts are and put together a tentative agenda.

Medicaid Coverage of Adult Dental Services Follow-up:

Dr. Monroe gave an update on the Medicaid coverage situation. He stated that at the last meeting there was great concern that in the Governor's Budget they were proposing to remove the coverage of adult non-emergency dental services in Medicaid. Fortunately, that has been removed from the budget consideration. He stated that if it not been eliminated for consideration, it could have been a major disruption to the functioning in the dental clinic. A discussion was held about the functioning of the Dental Center and how it was a legislative decision to consider changing Medicaid funding.

The question was asked about pediatric emergency services for a child outside Forsyth County. The response was that the child would be directed to the ER but that we do not check residency as a condition of service.

Dr. Petrou moved to the Committee reports.

Committee Reports:

Director Evaluation Committee Report

Dr. Doub reported that the committee did an evaluation of Dr. Monroe for the year and everyone filled out surveys and everything looked real good. Dr. Doub and Dr. Monroe met on last Friday. They discussed different aspects and thought he was doing a good job keeping up and providing his reports. The scores on everything from the year before have risen higher than before and they were good last year. They discussed things they could do. The surveys had four different sections, one was directly related to the Board and everybody felt good about that. The very last section, everybody kind of struggled, you couldn't really answer or said I don't feel comfortable so we discussed those aspects of the evaluation and I talked to Dr. Monroe about the ways that we could maybe find out more what's really going on in the clinics and other areas, and then everybody's happy. It's mostly obvious that there's different feedback from the different departments that come but seem to be well pleased.

Dr. Monroe added that he and Dr. Doub talked about some of the mechanisms that could give the Board a little better sense of understanding of the general state of mind or satisfaction level of staff in the organization. He stated that he didn't know if he had any solution to that. At the time of the meeting, Dr. Monroe had not had a chance to meet with senior management team. When he does, he will bounce the idea off of them, what are ways you can do that in terms of doing satisfaction surveys.

Dr. Monroe announced we would be having a presenter to speak to expanded staff and others on Cultural Trauma, June 7th and June 14th at 10:00 am in MR2. He invited the Board members to attend.

New Business

Viewing and Discussion of “Unnatural Causes; Is Equality Making Us Sick” Episode One: “In Health and in Wealth”:

Dr. Monroe introduced the video with a story that he and the management team wanted to convey to the Board as to why they thought the series is so important. He said it was a true story although it may have had elements of myth. John Snow was a public health legend. He continued to tell the story about John Snow, who was a surgeon in London in the 19th century. London was being ravaged by an outbreak of cholera. Snow believed the outbreak was coming from a specific water pump but when he reported it to authorities, they ignored him. He went and took the handle off the pump. The cholera outbreak went away. John Snow is called the father of epidemiology because of the study of looking at patterns of disease, patterns of death in the population, to help him understand the cause of the disease and, therefore, help to understand a remedy.

One of our jobs is to understand looking at the patterns of death and preventable death in our community. By looking at those patterns, to try to understand fundamental causes of preventable death and disease and by understanding that, then recommend to the political process, powers to be a way to do something about it. That's what we do in public health. It's still an extremely important part of what we do. It gets more difficult today when we look at an issue like infant mortality rate among African American babies in this community is about 3 times the rate among white babies. We see these kinds of patterns of racial disparity and patterns of preventable disease and death associated with poverty in general. It's not as easy and simple as an organism that we can identify, treat or block transmission

The group proceeded to watch the video – “In Sickness and in Wealth”.

After the video, Dr. Monroe asked if people had any thoughts or reactions. He mentioned some points in the video and discussion of the video ensued. There were some very critical points and opinions/reactions brought out among the group.

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. By majority vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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