

Buncombe County Department of Health
Board Minutes
March 10, 2011

The Buncombe County Board of Health held its monthly meeting at the Hughes Building, March 10, 2011.

Department of Health Board Members Present: Dr. Richard Oliver, Mike Goodson, Linda Morgan, Dr. Bart Martin, Bill McElrath, L.C. Ray, Susanne Swanger, Winnie Zeigler, Dr. David McClain and Gibbie Harris.

Staff Present: Julie Montanea, Lisa Eby, Jim Holland, Karan Smith, Rich Munger, Nelle Gregory, Cynthia Yancey, Erin Henderlight and Terri Rogers

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Chair, Dr. Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

DISCUSSION & REVISION OF PROPOSED AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Oliver inquired if there were any discussion or revisions of the agenda. Resolution supporting Public Health Funding through State Local Aid to County will be placed under the New Business category. A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McElrath to accept the revised agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 10, 2011 Integrated Meeting were presented. Ms. Ziegler made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Swanger.

QUESTION and ANSWER MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial Report

The expenditure report shows that we are at 66.67% of the way into the budget year.

The revenue report shows additional revenues due to BCCCP, Aid to County and Debt set off.

HR Report

There were only 2 positions exiting the agency. With the amount of changes coming due to budget cuts, Lisa recognized Gibbie Harris and the Senior Leadership Team Staff by showing great leadership with staff at the Dept. of Health.

Performance Analysis Review

The PAR for the Department of Health is in the packets.

Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health PAR is in the packets.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Program Plan Presentation

Ms. Harris shared with staff the Service Delivery Proposal that went to the County Manager last month. She has accepted this plan. The Purpose is to align Department of Health work with core services and strategic focus areas of public health.

Our Public Health Core Services are Immunizations, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Communicable Disease, including Tuberculosis, Food and Lodging, On-Site Wastewater, On-Site Water Supply, Vital Records, Public Health.

Our Strategic Focus Areas are Obesity, Tobacco Use, STD/STI (especially among young adults and teens), Maternal/Infant/Child Health; Infant and fetal mortality disparity, Unintentional pregnancies (especially adolescents), Immunization rates. Environmental Health Issues; Clean & sufficient drinking water, Air quality and Community planning processes.

The Buncombe County Department of Health will Promote and Protect the Public's Health by assuring a community system of Prenatal clinical services for the indigent and uninsured, with WNCCHS, MAHEC Family, MAHEC Women's, and Community Care of WNC (formerly Access II Care).

Integrate Family Planning and STD services (once co-located at Coxe Ave.) Explore a partnership with WNCCHS to provide BCCCP/Wise Woman services on-site at WNCCHS for their uninsured Primary Care clients.

Enhance community outreach and prevention education in core service area of Communicable Diseases.

Reallocate 1 Environmental Health Onsite inspector to Food & Lodging team; cross train and certify additional 2 Onsite inspectors in Food & Lodging inspections. Close PHRST, as State reorganizes regional structure of the program.

The Dept of Health in Buncombe County will Ensure Opportunities for Healthy Choices within a Healthy Environment by the; Elimination of School-based Health Centers (SBHCs), redirecting resources to enhance School Nursing program.

Partner with Eblen Charities for coordination of dental sealant program, Partner with community agency for provision of Child Care Health Consultant program, Eliminate Community Health Nursing (home-visiting) program; continue support of evidence-based NFP Program, Partner with CCWNC to work towards integration of care coordination programs (MCC/CSC) and Reorganize Health Promotions to increase support to core focus areas.

The Core Infrastructure will look different in some ways by Converting the Preparedness Coordinator to individual contractor, Contract with P² for medical records support; eliminate Medical Records unit; reorganize internal chart access management. Integrate Health front desk staff with DSS front desk staff at Coxe Building; continue integration of front desk at Valley Street Utilize 1 Interpreter position both to interpret and to work across Human Services to assure accuracy and appropriateness of interpreter services and bilingual staff and lease remaining Interpreter positions through the County non-profit.

Budget Expenditures reflect a reduction of 11 percent. Our total Expenditures are currently \$14,174,068. The reduction meets the County Manager's request of a 10% reduction. Current Revenues, \$6,571,498, will be reduced to \$1,730,849. The Net Cost Reduction is \$12,842. Total reduction in county FTEs will be 41.1.

Mr. McElrath asked if we are comfortable with WNCCHS taking on more patients for Prenatal Care. Mr. Holland expressed that they have done a great job with the numbers they have with Primary Care and feels sure they will do well with the Prenatal numbers also.

Dr. McClain asked if WNCCHS will also be contracting any others like Interpreters, Community Health Consultants. Mr. Ray shared that he is pleased with the confidence that the County has in WNCCHS. Ms. Morgan asked if there was a way that the Board Members could take a tour of WNCCHS and will WNCCHS be providing a monthly report of the additional clinical care they will be providing. She also inquired if other Counties Health Departments are going through the same situation. Ms. Harris shared that most are feeling the budget crisis as we are.

Ms. Eby said that she will have a report in April on staff reductions.

B. FY12 Proposed Budget

Jim Holland shared the Proposed Budget with the Board Members. There will be many changes in the next year with the budget reduction of 11%. There will be Accounting Units consisting of Administration, Community Health Promotions, Clinical Services, Practice and Standards, Community Protection & Preparedness, Regional Public Health (State Lab) and School Nurses.

Expenditures over the past few years have ranged greatly, back in 2009 the highest expenditure was in Primary Care at 34% and now down to 16% and changed to Clinic Services in the FY12 proposed budget.

The overall Net County Costs should be 12 thousand less in FY12 than in FY11.

C. Resolution

Ms. Harris presented the Board with a **Resolution Supporting Public Health Funding Through State and Local Aid to County**. Ms. Harris shared that the aid to county is 11.4 million dollars for all counties in the state of North Carolina and is able to support and fund public health with less than 1/2% of the state budget. Governor's recommendations to cut aid to county funds could cause ALL the aid to be gone not just a percent of it. This will be a burden to all counties if this resolution is not passed.

Dr. Oliver asked that the Board Members comment on the handout of the resolution and share any changes or ask any questions. Dr. McCain moved to pass the resolution, seconded by Mr. McElrath. All were in favor and motion was passed.

Ms. Harris said she would follow up with contacts in the General Assembly for everyone.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Updates

There is a CTS-EPA Meeting going on tonight in Skyland to discuss getting that on the National Priority List.

CHAIR COMMENT:

Dr. Oliver suggested that there be a recognition ceremony for the end of the fiscal year possibly at the April Meeting for a meal. The event would recognize the programs and staff that have worked so hard to serve the community that will end in June.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2011. Location will be at 200 College St.

A motion was made by Ms. Zeigler to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ray. Chair, Richard Oliver adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gibbie Harris, Secretary

Adopted:

Richard Oliver, Chair