

**Buncombe County Department of Health
Board Minutes
December 8, 2011**

The Buncombe County Board of Health held the December Meeting at 200 College St., on December 8, 2011.

Department of Health Board Members Present: Dr. Richard Oliver, L.C. Ray, Carol Peterson, Dr. Bart Martin Bill McElrath, Winnie Zeigler, Dr. David McClain, Linda Morgan, Dr. John Whitener and Gibbie Harris.

Staff Present: Julie Montanea, Nelle Gregory, Dr. Jennifer Mullendore, Rich Munger, Eddie Shook, Linda Tettambel, Lisa Eby, and Terri Rogers.

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

DISCUSSION & REVISION OF PROPOSED AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Oliver proposed to have the Tobacco Presentation moved up on the agenda after the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Ray made a motion to accept the change, seconded by Ms. Morgan.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of Health Meeting on November 8, 2011 were presented. Mr. Ray made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Peterson.

NEW BUSINESS: PRESENTATION (Tobacco Issues at Bele Chere)

The Project Assist Coalition Members attended the meeting to bring awareness to the Board of Health about an issue that they are working on concerning Bele Chere and a Tobacco Company Sponsored Tent. Project Assist Coalition has been an active group in the community for about 20 years and includes high school students in its membership. for Karen Caldwell, a Buncombe County Department of Health employee, serves as the coordinator for the Coalition. The High School Students each spoke to the board about their concerns about the involvement of tobacco in the Belle Chere event. Many of the youth have seen the effects of tobacco use in their own families.

The students asked for support of their efforts to petition the City of Asheville to decline this sponsorship. The tobacco company has had a tent at past events that distributes sample tobacco products along with other promotional items. The concept of Bele Chere per their website is a *street festival with a wide variety of arts, music, good, beverages, events and children's activities*. Asheville promotes health and was deemed a **"Fit Community"** dating back to 2006 by the NC Health & Wellness Trust Fund. The promotion of the tobacco sponsorship is not consistent with that designation.

The Coalition is going to speak to the City Council regarding this topic and will keep the Board of Health informed.

QUESTION and ANSWER MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial Report

The expenditure report shows that we are at 41.67% of the way into the budget year. The payroll expenditures show a slightly higher percentage due to 3 payrolls in the month of July, severance payouts and workers compensation. The grand totals for expenditures are at 54.07%.

In the revenue report the grand total amount is \$76,234. This is below target but still doing well this far into the year.

HR Report

The HR Report has no turnovers. There will be a CD Nurse position and School Nurse position filled soon and a new position for an NFP Nurse will be advertised shortly.

Performance Analysis Review

Julie Montanea noted that Call Drop rate is down from the previous month. She shared that next month there should be some new data in on Fiscal Performance.

No questions from members on this report.

Behavioral Health

Rich Munger did share information concerning the Detention Facility health services. The inmates that are there for 24 hrs or longer are now given a full physical examination. Transform Health Rx, current contractor for Detention health services, now has 24 hr nursing care on site. This contract represents a 5% reduction in contracted services compared to the previous contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DIRECTORS REPORT: Gibbie Harris

SB433

Ms. Harris gave a quick update on the Senate Bill 433 which would allow all counties to consolidate Health and DSS departments. The bill will be addressed in the Short Session beginning in May.

BCDH Strategic Direction

Ms. Harris shared with the group information regarding the Department of Health contributions to the County Strategic Plan. (see attached powerpoint)

Ms. Harris also shared with the board information about Priority Teams. These consist of Healthy Living (Obesity), Communicable Disease, Healthy Women/Healthy Babies and Tobacco Free Buncombe. She shared the focus, outcomes, data insights, strategies and key partnerships in each of those four priority teams. (see attached documents)

CHAIR COMMENT:

The next Meeting will be in January and it will be an integrated meeting at noon. Date and location to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A motion was made by Ms. Zeigler to adjourn, seconded by, Dr. McClain, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Gibbie Harris, Secretary

Adopted:

Richard Oliver, Chair