

WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Tuesday February 13, 2018

The Wilson County Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in the Board Room at the Wilson County Health Department. Members present were:

Maria Glennon, D.V.M.
Bill Blackman
Michael Warren
Rosario Ochoa
Charlotte Hicks

Scott Dixon, D.D.S.
Shannon Drohan, M.D.
Dr. Russell Stone
Dr. Ronald Stahl

Others present:

Teresa Ellen, Valerie Bulluck, Debra Harris, Angela Manning, Cinnamon Narron, Ron Hunt, Debbie Futrell, Tammy Webb and Lynn Barnes.

Welcome

Dr. Maria Glennon, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of December 2017 Meeting

The minutes from the December 2017 meeting were accepted without corrections, additions or deletions.

Review and approval of the minutes shall be construed as review/discussion/approval/of all items distributed prior to the meeting for consideration and shall be so reflected in the minutes.

Administration

Ms. Cinnamon Narron presented the 2017- 2018 Year to Date financial summary report (July 1, 2017- January 31, 2018) (See Handout). Ms. Narron reported even with the COLA's and longevity in the report, most programs are looking good. Primary Care has \$169,000 budgeted in the fund balance as well as \$50,000 in Medicaid Max that is also budgeted to cover any current losses. Maternity has close to \$45,000 that has not been billed, so that should make up for the deficit.

Personal Health

Ms. Valerie Bulluck, Nursing Director gave a flu update (See Handout). Ms. Bullock reported between 1/28/18-2/3/18 there have been 34 deaths in NC. There has been a total of 140 deaths since the beginning of the flu season with 2 of those deaths occurring in Wilson. Both of those patients were high risk. The types of flu were discussed. As of today, the health department has administered 1,481 flu shots. A total of 1,213 were administered in the 2016-2017 season.

Home Health

Ms. Debra Harris, Home Health Director gave the annual report for the FY 2016-2017 (See Handout). Some of the overview for the year was beginning a flex schedule for the nurses who work 4-10 hour days with half being off on Friday and the half off on Monday. They have 2 nurses who work 3-12 hour days on weekends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday or Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The weekend nurses take call every other weekend and the other nurses working a 5 day work week only have to take call Monday-Thursday. The total number of Home Health visits were 33,145. Ms. Harris reported they have had 914 referrals and 1,145 admissions. The top 4 primary diagnoses are diabetes, musculoskeletal, diseases of the skin and cardiovascular.

Ms. Harris reported they are currently working with the orthopedists treating joint replacement as same day surgery. The therapist makes a visit prior to surgery and is present at the home when the patient arrives. They assist with getting the patient in and making sure they can safely ambulate in the home and have the necessary equipment. Ms. Harris also reported they are currently looking at taking 3 senior nurses to be the lead nurse for 3 teams so there will be a level between the supervisor and the staff. October 2018 will mark 50 years of being a certified Home Health Agency and they will be planning a celebration in October. Ms. Harris thanked the Board for their support and the past Boards who have supported them.

The Wilson County Home Health Advisory Board packet (See Handout) was handed out to the Board members and reviewed.

Environmental Health

Ms. Angela Manning, Environmental Health Supervisor reported Ron Hunt has added a new feature to the County's website that contains the restaurant ratings and seems to be working well. Ms. Manning also gave an update to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (See Handout). Ms. Manning reported a special provision was adopted in July 2017 that lowered the blood lead action level to 5-9ug/dL with an implementation date of January 1, 2018 but that has been delayed.

The NC DHHS has not completed the hiring process for 6 new positions to assist with the expected increase in lead investigations. NC DHHS is negotiating with Medicaid on billing for investigations. In addition, they are petitioning for funding through aid to county from the CHIP program at the state level. At this time, the projected start date is July 1, 2018.

Health Director's Report

Ms. Teresa Ellen, Health Director reported the health department has hired a new nurse practitioner. She has experience in nursing with Wilson Community Health Center and is bilingual. Kim Almkuist, FNP who is at the School Based Health Center has been helping out here at the health department. We have taken some small funding cuts from the State in WIC, Family Planning, BCCCP and Healthy Communities.

Ms. Ellen reports she has applied 4 letters of intent to the Healthcare Foundation, which are for the Long Acting Contraceptives, Syringe Exchange Program, School Based Health Center and Primary Care. All four letters of intent were approved for a full grant proposal that is due March 15, 2018. In addition, she will be applying for a three year grant from the Office of Rural Health to support the uninsured in our primary care programs. A budget meeting has been scheduled on March 27th to approve the 18-19 budget before being presented to the County Commissioners.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Member Comments

None

Chairperson's Report

Dr. Glennon reported she had nothing to report but the board did need to go in to a brief closed session to discuss a confidential matter.

Public Comments

None

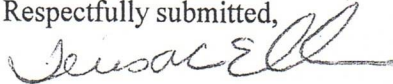
Closed Session

Dr. Shannon Drohan made a motion to go in to closed session regarding a confidential matter as outlined in G.S.143-318.11.6. Dr. Ronald Stahl seconded.

Mr. Bill Blackman made a motion to return to open session and Mr. William T. Bass, IV seconded. There was no opposition.

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa C. Ellen, Secretary
Wilson County Board of Health

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