

WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

January 10, 2023

The Wilson County Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 in the Board Room at the Wilson County Health Department. Members present were:

Scott Dixon, D.D.S.
Shannon Drohan, M.D.
Catherine Melin
William T Bass

Linda Cooper- Suggs
Bill Blackman

Others present:

Cinnamon Narron, Jennifer Dixon, DeEtt Taylor, Kate Webb, Celita Graham,

Welcome

Dr. Scott Dixon, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of December 2022 Meeting

The minutes from the December 2022, meeting was accepted without corrections, additions, or deletions. Motion to accept was made by Bill Blackman and seconded by Linda Cooper-Suggs. The motion carried unanimously.

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, gave the finance report for the first half of the year. July 1st through December in which every program is in the black. The Managed Care Program started July 2021, and is currently in its second year. Managed Care payments came late, and the first payment was received February 2022. The Health Department expects to see a final reconciliation for the fiscal year. For every quarter the amount of payment has increased. The Medicaid and Managed Care programs are looking positive. The Health Department still receives its traditional Medicaid Cost Settlement.

Personal Health

Ms. Jennifer Dixon, Director of Nursing reported that the two new providers in Personal Health have completed orientation. One provider is at full capacity, and one provider is at a limited capacity. Two vacancies are open in Personal Health. PHN I, and PHN Supervisor. Two recent state audits took place. BCCP had no deficiencies or recommendations from the state. Scarlet Neal is the coordinator for the BCCP program. The preparedness program was deficient on two plans. A CAP was given on both plans. One has been submitted and the other is being submitted. The women's Health audit is scheduled for May 2023. The last Women's Health Audit was in 2016. No issues are expected, and it will cover the Family Planning, and Maternity Programs. Covid vaccine appointments are available starting at six months of age. The Health Department offer's the Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine. Covid cases are at a medium transmission. December 25-31st Wilson County had a 20% positivity rate. January 1-7th Wilson County had a 16% positivity rate. 35 positive Covid cases were reported over the weekend 15 positive cases reported January 10th, 2023. Positive home Covid tests are not included.

Board Member Dr. Scott Dixon asked if the at home tests are accurate against the ever-changing Covid-19 variants. Ms. Jennifer Dixon believes from her experience, the at home Covid tests are accurate. The

Health Department has seen an increase in respiratory covid like symptoms. Antibiotics don't seem to help. Immunization appointments stay full and the Health Department see's clients from other counties including Pitt, Nash, Wayne, and Edgecombe.

Environmental Health

Ms. DeEtt Taylor, Environmental Health Supervisor reported onsite session law 2020-3 also known as LSS Covid option permit, expired on December 31st, 2022. Permits issued before December 31st are still valid if construction has begun. LSS Covid option will be removed from the fee schedule. Session law 2018-114 was replaced with an A2 option. The food and lodging program specialist position is still vacant.

Social Work

Kate Webb, Social Work Supervisor reported that the Social Work Department is made up of two Programs. Care Management for High- Risk Pregnancies (CMHRP), and Care Management for At-Risk Children (CMARC). Both programs are funded on a per member, per month rate. CMHRP is available to women who have Medicaid including presumptive eligibility ages 14-44. CMARC is available to all children on Medicaid birth to 5 years old.

In 2022 The Health Department received 672 unique referrals and after determining the MIIS and priority status, the Social Work team engaged 271 unique patients. The Utilization Penetration Measure goal is 1.23% of the population. As of November 2022, Wilson County is at 2.1% of the population. The social work department manages the maternity clinic, has an office at Wilson OB/ GYN, and manages patients that visit out of town practices. CMARC is a program for all children birth to five years old regardless of Medicaid status. Referrals come from community agencies. The utilization penetration measure goal is 1.85% of the population. Wilson County is at 1.9%

Health Director's Report

Ms. Cinnamon Narron, Health director reported that wastewater Covid-19 levels are up. NC State has a contract with Star Med. If you test positive with Covid-19 you can call or go online and fill your prescription medication to treat the early stages of Covid. The information is posted on the Wilson County Health Departments Facebook page. There are resources still available for free at home Covid-19 tests. The Dental Department treated patients at schools and at the Dental Clinic located inside the Health Department. The Health Department has applied for a Duke Endowment grant to pursue expanding the dental program. The Fike High School WASH Ribbon cutting was held December 21st, 2022. Fike High School WASH Clinic will see patients starting January 11, 2023, and is currently looking to fill one nurse position, and one Clerical position. The Health Department met with the entire staff individually to discuss the salary study before Christmas break. Salary improvements were made and will be effective in January. The third-party company that handled the study is still reviewing the salary study and may make changes by the next fiscal year July 1st. The goal of the study is to make sure that employees are at market value every year and to compete with the private sector to retain employees. The Health Department has approval to build a wall and separate the cubicle office space from the conference area.

Ms. Narron acknowledged from the meeting in December that it was reported Ms. Valarie Bulluck had retired and had worked at the Health Department for 11 years, and the Director of Nursing for 9 and ½ years. She was a dedicated Nurse and colleague and retired due to illness. Ms. Bulluck retired because she had to and not because she wanted to. Unfortunately, she passed away December 26th, 2022. Ms. Narron wanted to make sure Ms. Bulluck was acknowledged because she was a big part of the Health Department.

Old Business

None

New Business

Member Comments

None

Chairperson's Report

Public Comments

None

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cinnamon Narron, Secretary
Wilson County Board of Health

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