

WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

July 11th, 2023

The Wilson County Board of Health held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 in the Board Room at the Wilson County Health Department. Members present were:

Scott Dixon, D.D.S.
Leslie Atkinson
William T Bass
Ronald Stahl M.D.

Shannon Drohan M.D. (Microsoft Teams)
Catherine Melin N.P. (Microsoft Teams)
Linda Cooper- Suggs
Matthew Aldrich D.O.

Others present:

Cinnamon Narron, Jessica Williams, Jennifer Dixon, DeEtt Taylor, Celita Graham, Shereen Mitchell, Lori Winstead

Welcome

Dr. Scott Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes Of May 9th, 2023 Meeting

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.

Personal Health

Ms. Jennifer Dixon, Director of Nursing, gave an update on staff reports. Physician Extender II, job vacancy has been posted. PHN II (Preparedness Coordinator), and PHN II (OSHA/ Employee Health) are both posted and have interviews scheduled this week and next week. A Physician Extender position has been filled and will start employment on August 1st, 2023. Rebecca Hunt- Hawley FNP, Lisa Wepler CNM, and Dr. Michalak are contracted and seeing patients. Appointments have decreased due to no current full-time provider. The Local Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) meets quarterly and was created to identify gaps and trends in preventing deaths of children 18 and under. The last CFPT meeting was June 15th and involved two new cases. Two cases carried over from a previous quarter. Case # 1 was determined to be a perinatal condition and ruled as a natural cause of death. Case # 2 was an accidental poisoning by exposure to unspecified drugs, and biological substances which was determined to be a preventable death. Case #3 carry-over was determined to be a natural cause of death and a perinatal condition. Case # 4 carry-over was determined to be a natural case of death due to Epilepsy. The Health Department has partnered with the EMS Community Health Paramedic Program. The Program will assist Primary Care Patients with Heart Failure Management, Post Stroke Management, COPD, Acute MI Management. and Medical Devices. The service will reduce 911 requests for non-urgent transportation services, reduce strain on emergency service resources, improve access to care, and better health outcomes.

The Health Department implemented Food Truck Fridays which will take place the last Friday of every month and is open to the community. AmeriMex was the first Food Truck to participate on June 30th. Mental Health First Aid Training is scheduled for July 14th for Nursing staff, Interpreters, and Social Workers. Board of Health Member Ms. Cooper Suggs asked about mental health services for families in crisis and eligibility for services. The Health Department is partnered with Eastpointe. The Eastpointe mobile unit is parked at the Health Department. If a person is in crisis or in need of resources Eastpointe, Monarch, and other local agencies are also available. Ms. Cooper Suggs asked if there has been an

increase in mental health. There are no statistics for mental health in Wilson County. Covid 19 has caused an increase in mental stress and substance use. The WASH program has partnered with DSS utilizing the HRSA grant to be able to offer mental health services within the WASH programs. The Health Department is working on hiring a licensed clinical social worker to provide mental health services at the WASH clinics. Ms. Cooper Suggs asked if we could get statistical data on mental health for youth in Wilson County. Ms. Celita Graham the Communications Manager will develop a survey to get statistical numbers on youth mental health.

Environmental Health

Ms. DeEtt Taylor, Environmental Health Supervisor, presented a slide show presentation (See Attachment). The Environmental Health oversees Wilson County Food, Lodging, Institutions, Swimming Pools, Spas, Tattoo Artists, Licensed Child Care Centers, Schools, On-Site Wastewater, Wells, and Investigate Childhood Lead Poisoning Cases. There is a total of 578 Food, Lodging, and Institutions in Wilson County. Food Establishment Inspection Reports are available online. Wawa, Royal Farms, Burrito Shak, Panda Express, Outback Steak House, Krystal, New South BBQ, and 7-Eleven are new business planning to open in Wilson County. Senate Bill 412 has been added to House Bill 600. House Bill 190 passed. House Bill 627 On-Site Wastewater rules implementation passed and will take effect January 1st, 2024. House Bill 628 Amend On-Site Wastewater/ Environmental Statues has been introduced and will be effective immediately if the bill becomes law. Senate Bill 616 Environmental Health Associates has been added to House Bill 628. On Site Wastewater and Water Protection handles Applications, Evaluations, Improvement Permits, Construction Authorizations, Installations, and Operational Permits. Septic Systems can be costly. The Environmental Health Department was recently approved to receive handheld GPS units. The GPS units will be able to translate to GIS making it faster and easier to locate Septic Systems. The average wait time for application to permit in Wilson County is 6-8 weeks. The Environmental Health Department will add a new digital feature to assist customers which will be beneficial to the Health Department.

Health Education

Ms. Celita Graham, Communications Manager and Health Education Supervisor reported the Health Department was recently awarded a grant from the Health Care Foundation of Wilson. The grant will go to the Health Education Department to continue working on childhood obesity and incorporate physical activity. The Health Department participated in the National HIV Testing Day on June 27th, 2023 performing community-wide HIV screening in the community. The Health Department is balancing client privacy with first amendment rights. Incidents of first amendment audits have occurred at other Health Departments. New signs at the Health Department display Photographs, & Videos are prohibited in waiting areas, clinical areas, WIC, and the Environmental Health area. Video and Photography are permitted in the Parking lot and the Foyer. Client Confidentiality is taken seriously. Board Of Health Member Dr. Ronald Stahl asked how the Health Department would handle a first amendment audit. The Health Department Staff have been trained to de-escalate any person violating privacy rules. If a staff member cannot de-escalate a situation Ms. Narron, Ms. Williams, Ms. Graham, and Ms. Mitchell can be contacted to assist.

Health Director's Report

Ms. Jessica Williams, Deputy Health Director, welcomed new Board of Health Member Leslie Atkinson. Ms. Williams presented a Commissioner's Quarterly Report slide show (See Attachment). The Commissioner's report will be sent out quarterly throughout the year. Covid-19 immunizations provided an increase in patient visits. The Health Department welcomed three new employees. Tomi Meachum as WIC Director, Felicia Thigpen as Public Health Educator II, and Arthur Walker as General Utility Worker II. Tomi Meachum the new WIC Director is preparing her staff for in-office visits starting August 1st, 2023. The WIC Department assessed patients over the phone due to Covid-19 constrictions. The new

provider offices and conference room construction is complete. The End Of Year Report is expected to be reviewed at the next Board Of Health Meeting on September 12th, 2023.

Ms. Cinnamon Narron Health Director joined the Board of Health Meeting Via Microsoft Teams. Ms. Narron was at the 2023 NACCHO 360 Conference in Denver, Co which took place July 10th to July 13th, 2023. The NACCHO 360 Conference encourages cross- pollination by bridging traditional Public Health practices and disciplines with health informatics, information technology, and surveillance. Ms. Narron also learned about Family Behavioral Health Services, and Social Media Presence. Physical activity in the community along with many other local health department learning sessions and workshops. Ms. Narron is excited about the start of the new provider starting August 1st.

Old Business

None

New Business

Dr. Scott Dixon sworn in new Board of Health Member, Wilson County Commissioner Leslie Atkinson.

Member Comments

None

Chairperson's Report

None

Public Comments

None

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cinnamon Narron, Secretary
Wilson County Board of Health

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