

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES
June 7, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Vera Robinson
Dr. Ricky Sides
Dr. Keith Cash
Mr. Beaufort Bailey
Ms. Nancy Hardie
Mr. Randall Kale
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko
Dr. Paul Salisbury

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Judi Chandler
Dr. Calvert Jeffers
Dr. Willard McCloud

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Ms. Tommie Bowen
Dr. Lynn Hale
Mr. Abdul Natour
Ms. Peggy Lemon
Mr. David Foster
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Ms. Quintana Clinard
Mr. Bob Whitwam

On Wednesday, June 7, 2006, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Vera Robinson, Chair, presided. She called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 3, 2006 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon appropriate motion by Mr. Bailey and a second by Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko, the minutes were approved as presented by the Board of Health.

Old Business:

Dr. Monroe presented the Budget Progress Report. He went over the Manager's Message that Graham Pervier wrote to the Board of Commissioners on June 2, 2006. The recommended total budget for coming fiscal year is \$356 million, including \$16.5 million for the Health Department. The recommendation includes 9 new county funded positions for the Health Department. A property tax rate of 67.6 cents would be required for the recommended budget. This would be an increase of 1 cent from the current rate of 66.6 cents.

Dr. Monroe spoke about the Winston-Salem Institute for Dismantling Racism and the Anti-Racism Institutional Team. The health department has been working in partnership with the WSIDR since the Fall of 2004. The department is presently represented by two staff members on the Institute's Coordinating Council. The Winston-Salem Police Department and a number of local congregations are some of the other participating institutions. Dr. Monroe asked for approval from the Board to endorse the Department's plan to institute and recruit an Anti-Racism Team of eight to ten members. This team of people will be trained to lead the department toward long-term structural and programmatic transformation. Our Anti-Racism Team will include representation from Senior Management, Middle Management, and Line Staff. Team membership will be diverse in gender, race, age and education. Skills, strengths, and life experiences will

also be considered. This training will be starting in September and will be conducted by Crossroads ministries. The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$7,000.00 over a two year period. The majority of costs will be funded through secured grants that focus on addressing health disparities. The state may also be able to help with some of the funding for this training. Dr. Monroe would like to get the county government more involved. To be a team member, each person must go through a 2 ½ day workshop. It is not a requirement that you must have already gone through the workshop to be a member, but eventually everyone must go through the training. Mr. Bailey made a motion that the Board support the Department in this effort, Jane Bradner Mosko seconded the motion, and it was approved by majority vote.

Dr. Monroe and Bob Whitwam gave an update on the Hanes-Lowrance Environmental Contamination Site. Nobody knows when the contamination actually started. It could have been as far back as 100 years ago. Probably about fifty or sixty years ago, contaminants were spilled or stored on the ground which resulted in the plume ground water contamination being dealt with today. Quarterly monitoring of tetrachloroethylene in the indoor air of the two schools had been underway since last August, and results of testing in May are pending. Thus far, there is no indication of any contamination of the indoor spaces of the schools from the ground water. After the results of the May testing are available, the working group will meet again to determine how to proceed as to further testing. The Board will be given a brief update of the plan at the next meeting.

New Business:

The presentation to the Planning Board is Thursday, September 28, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. It will be located in City Hall South's Conference Room on the second floor. The Board of Health will have an opportunity to make a presentation to the Planning Board to address public policies in the area of community planning that impact health. Dr. Monroe asked the Board to be thinking about how they would like the presentation done. Do the Board members wish to participate in the development as well as the delivery of the presentation or do they prefer that Dr. Monroe and/or other staff take the lead. At the next Board meeting, Dr. Monroe will talk more about possible content of the presentation.

Other Business:

The Board discussed whether or not to have a meeting in July. They agreed unanimously not to have one for July; therefore the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2006.

Ms. Robinson asked if there was interest among the Board members in re-initiating a calendar process for Board Members to visit with Division Directors. Dr. Monroe indicated that he would bring the calendar from the last effort to the next meeting for further discussion.

The Board viewed the first module of the *IPH Orientation for Local boards of Health: Section 1: Ten Great Public Health Achievements of the Twentieth Century*

Committee Reports:

Ms. Robinson and Dr. Sides reported on the evaluation process for the Health Director.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe
Secretary to the Board

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