

# Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Dr. P. Lee Salisbury, III, DDS
- Dr. Ricky Sides, DC
- Ms. Gloria D. Whisenhunt, County Commissioner

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES January 9, 2013

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Linda Petrou, Chair  
Dr. James Doub, Vice Chair  
Ms. Judy Briggs  
Mr. John Davenport  
Dr. Calvert Jeffers  
Dr. Willard McCloud  
Dr. Ricky Sides

### STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter  
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries  
Ms. Ayo Ademoyero  
Ms. Sandra Clodfelter  
Ms. Lynne Mitchell  
Ms. Quintana Stewart  
Mr. Robert Whitwam  
Ms. Lorrie Christie  
Ms. Arlene Acevedo  
Ms. Trudy Aguilar  
Ms. MaryAnn Blackwell  
Ms. Alisa Brake  
Ms. Patricia Luna  
Ms. Rosalinda Olivares  
Ms. Sandra Rivera

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Charles Massler  
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko  
Mr. J. Phil Seats  
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

### OTHERS PRESENT

None

### **Call to Order:**

On Wednesday, January 9, 2013, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and welcomed Board members and guests.

### **Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes of the December 5, 2012 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Ricky Sides and seconded by Dr. James Doub. The rest of the members agreed and the minutes were approved.

### **Public Comment Section:**

Board Members and staff introduced themselves.

### **Health Director's Comments:**

Mr. Hunter started by telling the board that the County is already working through the budget process and the department is working through it by division and will present it to the board so they are aware of our budget as we move forward for 2013-2014. He mentioned there will be a couple of new position requests that Ms. Cynthia Jeffries will talk about. Mr. Hunter announced he would be attending the State Health Director's Conference that is held every year in Raleigh, at the end of the month. At the conference, there will be a presentation about the Affordable Care Act and the impact it will have on public health. Mr. Hunter assured board members he would keep them informed about any press releases/media releases regarding any issues in the community. He noted we were still battling flu and we had a couple of pertussis cases that came up today in one of our schools – that information will be going out to all board members so you will be aware if any questions come your way. He thought the best way to do this would be through email and if there was anything really pressing, he will contact Dr. Petrou.

Finally, Mr. Hunter wished everyone a very happy and productive New Year.

### **Old Business:**

**Flu Update – Questions/Answers** – Ms. Sandra Clodfelter presented the board with answers on flu related questions they had regarding vaccinations at the December 5, 2013 meeting. Before getting started, Ms. Clodfelter announced that Ms. Sherri Palmes, one of our Public Health Nurses was in the hospital and asked that everyone please keep her in their thoughts and prayers. Ms. Clodfelter continued on and reported to date for children and adults in total, they have given 7,870 flu shots. This year they ordered 6,070 doses of private vaccine and 1,500 state doses.

In response to a question that was asked at the last meeting regarding who is eligible for state vaccine, Ms. Clodfelter responded when they first started giving the flu shots, for children 6 months – 18 years to be eligible, they had to either be eligible for Medicaid, have insurance that did not cover immunization costs, be native American, or Alaskan native or had to be in contact with an infant under 6 months old – for adults to qualify for state vaccine, they had to be pregnant, currently enrolled at a community college or university or be in close contact with an infant less than 6 months old. This year the state sent out a notice that effective November 19<sup>th</sup> we could use state supplied vaccine for anyone. This usually occurs every year at some point during the flu season. Ms. Clodfelter stated as of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 they ran out of all the vaccine – they called Baptist Hospital and they had some vaccine they wanted to get rid of so the department got an extra 300 doses. The board had also inquired about charges for the vaccine and Ms. Clodfelter responded she had checked with CVS Pharmacy and they charge \$32.00 for the shot.

## **New Business:**

### **Theme – Interpretive Services and Title VI**

Ms. Lynne Mitchell started by mentioning a video on Title VI and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 she sent to board members. She encouraged board members to watch the video. She also brought along a few copies of the dvd in case they could not see the video. Ms. Mitchell went on to say how proud she is of the diversity they have in the Preventive Health Services Division. She noted they have staff from four continents and have 17 bilingual staff within the division. Ms. Mitchell pointed out they have two interpreters for WIC and six others who interpret for the rest of the department. WIC interpreters are charged to the WIC program but the others are county funded (funding for all language services are about \$273,000/year – includes telelanguage services). After giving the board more interesting information about interpretive services, Ms. Mitchell introduced Ms. Patricia Luna, Interpretive Services Supervisor, who introduced the rest of the very professional, talented and dedicated interpreters (Arlene Acevedo, Trudy Aguilar, MaryAnn Blackwell, Rosalinda Olivares, and Sandra Rivera). Each of the interpreters spoke briefly about their passion for what they do and some of the challenges they face every day. The interpreters told very interesting stories, did some role playing and gave examples of some of the scenarios they have had to work through while following the rules of interpreting (copy of handouts on file in the Administrative Binder). Dr. Calvert Jeffers asked what happens if a client has to go in for a procedure and the provider has to now do the procedure, is the interpreter with the patient at that point – the response was yes, here at Family Planning, the interpreter is allowed to stay but they have to stand behind the exam curtain. The interpreters received a round of applause. In conclusion, Ms. Mitchell remembered one of the department’s interpreters Ms. Shirley Mieryteran who passed away back in November.

## **New Position Requests:**

Ms. Cynthia Jeffries commended the interpreters for the work they do. She noted they also help out with open access, our appointment setting line in our Family Planning Clinic. Ms. Jeffries asked for the board’s approval for one part-time Social Worker position that is totally grant funded and two clinic nursing positions (one to work between Immunizations and STD Clinics and one as a floater to work between Family Planning, Immunizations and STD Clinics). The cost for the part-time Social Worker is \$21,958 and for two clinic nurses is \$130,854. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Sides and seconded by Mr. John Davenport and Dr. Jeffers.

## **Committee Reports:**

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair were up for re-election and board members were given the task of nominating and voting. Dr. Sides moved that they nominate to keep the present Chair (Dr. Petrou) and Vice Chair (Dr. Doub). Dr. Calvert McCloud and Ms. Judy Briggs seconded the motion and the remaining members agreed.

## **Adjourn:**

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Sides and seconded by Mr. Davenport. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Marlon B. Hunter  
Secretary to the Board  
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