

Pitt County Board of Health Minutes
February 9, 2016
TELEVISED

Present: Dr. Keith Ramsey, Rex Fleming, Dr. Mark Hayes, Patricia Dix, Dr. Lady Aycock, Tom Coulson, Jeff Wilson

Absent: Tina Dixon, Porter Stokes, Dr. D.H. Taylor, Nitesh Patidar,

Staff Present: John H. Morrow, MD, John Reed, Mike Taylor, Amy Hattem, Deborah Herring, Kimberly Hardy, Jennifer Hardee, Allyson Swart, Kristen Nichols

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Keith Ramsey, Chairman.

Public Comment

A Public comment period was recognized but no request was made by the public to address the Board.

Minutes

Dr. Ramsey asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections needed regarding the minutes from the January 12th meeting. Dr. Aycock made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wilson. The motion carried.

Financial Report

John Reed reported on YTD Revenues compared to YTD Expenditures as of January 31st, 2015. John Reed also presented the Board with an update of the Medicaid Cost Settlement. He gave a 'best case' and 'worst case' scenario to be expected depending on how this is resolved. Jeff Wilson asked if the decision would be made regarding the Medicaid Cost Settlement within this year. John replied that a decision should be made within the next 30 days. With no further questions regarding the financial report presented, a motion to accept the financial report was made by Rex Fleming. The motion was seconded by Dr. Aycock. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Update Agency Values

Health Education Division Director, Amy Hattem, made a presentation to the Board on agency values. During the Board of Health strategic planning session in January 2016, the need to revisit the values was identified. The original values were adopted over 20 years ago. The Pitt County Health Department's values serve as guidelines created and adopted by staff which set the tone of

the Agency's work environment and motivate staff to perform according to their best potential. While reviewing the values the staff requested to also revise the vision statement. The staff revised vision statement is as follows:

"Pitt County Health Department visualizes: A community, whose population, demonstrates healthy behaviors and recognizes Pitt County Health Department as a leader and a valued partner working to protect and improve the health of the community."

Commissioner Tom Coulson made a motion to accept the revised vision statement as presented. The motion was seconded by Rex Fleming. The motion carried.

The revised values were distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting, Amy briefly reviewed them. They are Trustworthiness, Customer-Centered, Teamwork, Effective Communication, Professionalism, and Quality Improvement. Dr. Aycock made a motion to accept the revised Agency Values. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wilson. The motion carried.

Agency Action Plan

Amy Hattem introduced the 2015 Pitt County Community Health Needs Assessment Action Plans. The Pitt County Community Health Needs Assessment is conducted every three years to address the state of our community's health. Pitt County's most recent Community Health Needs Assessment was conducted in 2015 by Pitt County Health Department, Vidant Medical Center, East Carolina University, and Pitt Partners for Health. Primary data was collected through community listening groups, and an online community opinion survey. Secondary data regarding the leading causes of death were collected, reviewed, and compared to data from eastern North Carolina and the United States. Health Priorities were aligned with North Carolina's 2020 Health Objectives. Public Health's Priority Areas were selected by the Pitt County Board of Health and will be addressed through Action Plans over the next three years. The following Health Department staff presented on the Action Plans.

- Maternal and Child Health/Infant Mortality presented by Jennifer Hardee, Coordinator, Women's & Children's Health Education Programs.
- Tobacco Prevention and Control presented by Allison Swart, Health Promotion Coordinator.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases presented by Kimberly Hardy, Clinical Services Manager.

Dr. Hayes made a motion to accept the Pitt County Community Health Needs Assessment Public Health Action Plans. The motion was seconded by Dr. Aycock. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Records Retention Schedule

John Reed presented the Board with a request to change the records retention schedule. Dr. Hayes made a motion to accept changes to the records retention schedule. The motion was seconded by Patricia Dix . The motion carried.

Health Director's Report

- Dr. Morrow presented an update on the Zika Virus to the Board.
 - Dr. Morrow gave some key facts about the Zika Virus, they are as follows:
 - No current vaccine to prevent or treatment to cure it.
 - Virus has spread rapidly in South and Central America, and the Caribbean Islands. Same mosquito can carry Dengue fever and Chikungunya viruses.
 - Only 1 out of 5 infected people become ill after being bitten by infected mosquito. Illness occurs 3-12 days after mosquito bite and will last 2-7 days. Usually causes mild illness such as fever, headache, rash, body aches, and red eyes.
 - Sexual transmission is possible from infected men to their partners via semen. NO evidence that women can also transmit it sexually. Consistent and correct use of latex condoms reduces the risk of sexual transmission. Sexual transmission is a concern for pregnant women because of the impact on the fetus. The virus may cause severe problems for unborn children (microcephaly). Men who have traveled to these areas should avoid sexual contact with potentially pregnant women. Pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Zika affected areas. If pregnant women have traveled to Zika affected areas, they should consult with their healthcare providers about further evaluation and testing.
 - Dr. Morrow gave some tips to avoid mosquitos, they are as follows:
 - "Tip and Toss" containers.
 - Use larvacides (dunks) where water stands.
 - Use screens on doors and windows.
 - Wear long sleeves, pants and hat.
 - Avoid morning and evening exposure.
 - Use repellants (DEET, Picaridin, OLE, IR 3535) (safe for pregnant women)
 - Support Public Health mosquito control programs.
 - Questions asked:
 - Tom Coulson asked Dr. Morrow if someone does contract the Zika Virus does the infected individual's body cure itself or are antibiotics needed? Dr. Morrow responded yes, the infected individual's body will fight off the virus usually 7 to 10 days after symptoms begin.

With no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Rex Fleming and seconded by Dr. Aycock. With a unanimous vote from the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2016. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM in the conference rooms of the Health Department.

Respectfully submitted by John H. Morrow, MD, MPH.

John H. Morrow, MD, MPH Secretary

Date

Keith Ramsey, MD, Chairman

Date

OR

Mark Hayes, DVM, Vice-Chairman

Date