

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
RANDOLPH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Asheboro NC
Monday, March 14, 2016

Members Present

Robert Dough, MD, Chair
Charles Lee, DVM, Vice Chair
William Walker, OD
Julie Mabe, RN
Daryl Hill, DDS
Mack Summey, PE
Marianne Evans, Pharm. D.
Lyn Richardson, RD, LDN Community Member
Cathy Waddell, Community Member
Dr. Brad Rice, Community Member

Staff Present

Susan Hayes, Health Director
Tara Aker, Assistant Health Director
Arey Rash, Nursing Supervisor
Darlene Hill, Accounting Specialist
Brooke Hogan, Accounting Technician
Wendy Kennon, Public Health Educator II
Wayne Jones, Environmental Health Supervisor

I. Call to Order

The Randolph County Board of Health met Monday, March 14, 2016 in the health department conference room. Dr. Dough, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Public Comment Period

Dr. Dough opened the public comment period. Hearing no requests for public comment, the period was closed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Dough presented minutes for approval from the January 11th, 2016 board meeting. No discrepancies were noted. Dr. Lee made a motion to “*approve the minutes as presented.*” Dr. Walker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IV. State of the County Health Report

Mrs. Wendy Kennon, Public Health Educator, presented the State of the County Health Report (*see handout following the minutes*). Mrs. Kennon identified health priorities including community health behaviors focusing on nutrition and physical activity,

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reducing substance abuse focusing on tobacco use, and community issues focusing on access to care. There was some discussion on joint use agreements for physical activity in the county. Dr. Rice stated that playground equipment at Asheboro City elementary schools are open to the public for use after school hours as well as the track at South Asheboro Middle School. Mrs. Kennon mentioned the beautiful greenway for public use at Creekside Park in Archdale.

Mrs. Kennon identified tuberculosis, syphilis and general communicable disease trends as emerging public health issues.

V. 340-B Pricing

Randolph County Health Department is a registered covered entity with the 340-B Prime Vendor Program. Mrs. Arey Rash, Nursing Supervisor, updated the board of a requirement in the guidance of 340-B pricing. Recent guidance (*see handout following minute*) suggests that health departments should bill Medicaid the acquisition cost for the method/device and no dispensing fee is allowed. A request was made to allow Randolph County Health Department to bill acquisition cost to Medicaid for 340-B drug pricing. Ms. Lyn Richardson made a motion to “*approve the request as presented.*” Dr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mrs. Rash briefly discussed the Zika virus (*see handout following minutes*). One suspect case had arisen in Randolph County but when CDC tested, the lab result was negative. She also noted a mumps outbreak which had occurred in the Charlotte area. Staff are educating the public on MMR update vaccinations.

VI. Fee Proposal

Mrs. Arey Rash and Mrs. Susan Hayes recognized various services performed by health department staff including pre-exposure vaccines and titers for staff at local veterinarian offices. The health department does not currently charge an administration

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fee for those services as well as no service fee for emergency personnel, firefighters, etc. Mrs. Hayes presented this information to the board for them to think about the possibility of incorporating a fee for services. The board gave some feedback with more discussion to follow at a future meeting.

VII. Environmental Health Update

Mr. Wayne Jones, Environmental Health Supervisor, updated the board on the effects to wells and septic systems from the Highway 64 Project (*see handout following the minutes*). Mr. Jones stated that staff will be spending a lot of time and effort issuing abandonment permits/septic system permits. Dr. Hill asked if staff will be able to meet the demands of this project. Mr. Jones stated that it will be possible but hectic. Mr. Jones has a planned consultation with a regional soil specialist to evaluate certain properties and locate systems. An expected end date for the expansion project is summer of 2019.

VIII. Mid-Year Financial Reports

Mrs. Susan Hayes presented mid-year financial reports for the board's review. There was some discussion across the board. Mrs. Hayes stated that we are looking at including another health educator in an existing position for the FY 16-17 budget due to increasing contract demands and community involvement.

IX. Health Director's Report

- Mrs. Hayes informed the board of plans to utilize \$20,000 in Ebola grant funds to enhance response in case of an Ebola outbreak. The health department bought a new vaccine freezer, repaired a vaccine refrigerator and plans to renovate the negative pressure isolation room.

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- The fluoride rinse program started two weeks ago with Randolph County Schools and begins this week with Asheboro City Schools – the program will run through the end of the year. Sealants program is scheduled for Teachey Elementary the week of April 14-22. Mrs. Hayes reminded the board that these programs are being funded by an Oral Health Partnership Grant of \$12,000. Dr. Hill stated that soda usage among kids is a real problem. Mrs. Hayes made mention that the health department offers a lot of dental education in the community and in schools.
- Flu season peaked in February at the end of week eight and numbers are decreasing in week nine of the flu season. Dr. Hill asked if anyone has died in Randolph County from the flu this season. Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Rash stated that no deaths from the flu have occurred in Randolph County to date.
- Mrs. Hayes informed the board of recent staff changes. John Jeffries, Animal Control Supervisor, resigned effective March 4, 2016. Wesley Vann, Lead Animal Control Officer, was promoted to AC Supervisor effective March 16, 2016. MiMi Cooper is temporarily working at the animal shelter to assist in the transition of staff. Mrs. Hayes mentioned that the general clinic is now fully staff with three RN's in training.
- Discussions with architects regarding animal shelter renovations will be held in April.
- Mrs. Hayes made note that she will attend the Health Director's legal conference on April 19-20, 2016. She also mentioned that board members are welcome to attend health director's conferences.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Robert Dough, Chair

Susan D. Hayes, Health Director