

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
RANDOLPH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
2222-B S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC
Monday, September 12th, 2016

Members Present

Robert Dough, MD, Chair
Charles Lee, DVM, Vice Chair
William Walker, OD
Stan Haywood, County Commissioner
Daryl Hill, DDS
Marianne Evans, Pharm.D.
Marty Trotter, Community Member
Julie Mabe, RN

Staff Present

Susan Hayes, Health Director
Tara Aker, Assistant Health Director
Wesley Vann, Animal Shelter Supervisor
Wendy Kennon, Health Educator
Brooke Hogan, Accounting Technician

Visitors

Hal Johnson, County Manager
David Stansfield, DVM, RSPCA
Teresa Goskins, Randolph Hospital

I. Call to Order

The Randolph County Board of Health met Monday, September 12th, 2016 in the health department conference room. Dr. Dough, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Dr. Dough recognized and thanked Mr. Hal Johnson, County Manager for attending.

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 July 13th, 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.

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IV. RSPCA Rabies Prevention

Dr. David Stansfield with Randolph Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) presented information to the Board of Health regarding his request to become a certified rabies vaccinator for RSPCA. Dr. Stansfield is a retired veterinarian working with the RSPCA. He gave some background on his educational, veterinarian and research experience to the board. Dr. Stansfield explained that a lot of their animals are adopted by families living in the northeastern part of the country and having the animals already vaccinated against rabies will aid in rabies prevention. He gave a brief overview of the RSPCA's purpose and work. He thanked the Randolph County Animal Shelter for their positive collaborations. Dr. Stansfield stated that RSPCA has volunteers who are retired school teachers who go into schools and educate 10-12 year old children on bite prevention education and how pets can be an integral part of the home and family. He also explained that RSPCA has a spay-neuter return program for the feral cat population. There was some discussion across the board.

Dr. Lee inquired of Dr. Stansfield about the process he would use for obtaining and safely storing rabies vaccine. Dr. Lee reminded Dr. Stansfield that rabies vaccine administered by a certified rabies vaccinator is a one year rabies vaccination. Dr. Stansfield assured the board and Susan Hayes that vaccine is safely kept according to recommended policy. Dr. Lee expressed some concern that when adopted animals are vaccinated through RSPCA for rabies they may miss the opportunity of establishing a veterinary home. Dr. Lee noted that a study out of Charlotte, NC showed that when an animal is adopted and the family establishes a relationship with their veterinarian within the first 30 days of adoption, there is a less likely chance for return and parasite education and prevention is established with the family. Dr. Lee recommended that the RSPCA rabies documentation should include a statement that a follow up visit with their veterinarian be made "*within 30 days of adoption*" which would be beneficial for the animal. Dr. Stansfield agreed that the recommendation would be a really good idea. Dr. Dough asked Susan Hayes to report to the Board of Health

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each year at the annual report presentation on how many certified rabies vaccinators are in Randolph County. Ms. Hayes would like to approve his request for certification and limit his vaccinations to only adoptable animals at the RSPCA before adoption. Ms. Hayes stated that currently training for approved certified rabies vaccinators has been placed “on hold” while curriculum is updated. Dr. Stansfield will complete the certification process to become certified rabies vaccinator for RSPCA once training is available.

V. Rule for Postexposure Management of Dogs and Cats

Susan Hayes presented the 2016 edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control from the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians. These new guidelines (*see handout following the minutes*) recommend change for the rabies postexposure management of dogs and cats. Adoption of the new compendium by boards of health was recommended by Dr. Carl Williams, State Public Health Veterinarian with the Division of Public Health, Communicable Disease Branch, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The importance of the changes are that it may prevent the unnecessary euthanasia of some dogs and cats. There was much discussion across the board about adopting these new guidelines for Randolph County.

Susan Hayes made a request for the board to adopt the recommendations and guidelines for the rabies postexposure management of dogs and cats as specified by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians in the 2016 edition of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control (Part I.B.5: Postexposure Management). Dr. Lee made a motion to “*adopt the 2016 rabies compendium guidelines as written.*” Dr. Walker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

VI. Community Health Assessment

Wendy Kennon, Health Educator, presented the 2016 Randolph County Community Health Needs Assessment. She explained that the health department worked with Randolph Hospital to prepare this report. Primary data collection was gathered by a distribution of

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paper surveys and an internet survey conducted through Survey Monkey on the health department and hospital websites. The amount of surveys collected totaled 1,100. This was a 55% return rate. Secondary data was gathered mainly through statistical information from the State Center of Health Statistics and the Department of Health and Human Services. Other resources for secondary data included The Sheps Center for Health Services Research and the CDC. Randolph County has four peer counties: Craven, Davidson, Harnett and Johnston. Data comparisons were made using the State of NC and those four peer counties. The only leading cause of death that differed from the 2013 community health assessment is nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (*see handout following the minutes*). Mr. Trotter asked how many chlamydia cases are school age kids, Ms. Kennon will follow up on that question. There was discussion across the board on the top identifiable health risk priorities. Ms. Kennon stated that final report copies and the executive summaries will be available on the websites of Randolph County Health Department and Randolph Hospital as well as 500 printed copies for anyone interested in obtaining a copy.

VII. Fiscal Year End Financials/Bad Debt Write-Off

The board reviewed fiscal year end financials for FY 2015-16. After some discussion across the board, Dr. Walker made a motion to “*approve the bad debt write off amount of \$3,036.18 as presented.*” Marty Trotter seconded the motion and the motion carried.

VIII. Request for endorsement of Golden Leaf Foundation Letter of Inquiry

Susan Hayes explained that Mr. Hal Johnson, Randolph County Manager, asked Randolph County Health Department to submit a letter of inquiry to the Golden Leaf Foundation. The Golden Leaf Foundation has earmarked \$1.5 million for the Central Piedmont counties. Randolph Community College, Asheboro City and Randolph County school systems have made a request of \$1 million to help educate young people on industrial technology. Deep River State Trail has asked for \$200,000 to complete a big portion of the bridge near Ramseur over Deep River. Randolph County Health Department applied for

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\$300,000 to expand public health related issues identified in the Randolph County Strategic Plan and our recent Community Health Assessment. The Randolph County Strategic Plan Implementation committee heard details of each letter of inquiry and endorsed all three requests for Randolph County.

IX. Health Director's Report

- Ms. Hayes stated that she has declared four dogs as potentially dangerous.
- Animal Shelter construction bids were held in late August.
- The state of NC will no longer be supporting HIS (Health Information Systems). The state will give \$20,000 to counties currently using HIS as their electronic medical records system to find other resources. Ms. Hayes stated that the health department is pursuing Cure MD software for clinical programs and Eagle Soft Dental software for the dental clinic.
- Ms. Hayes reported that the county Medical Examiner requested help with dead body storage. The morgue at Randolph Hospital holds about five bodies. Recently bodies are not being claimed in a timely manner due to family issues, financial issues, etc. Ms. Julie Mabe stated that dead bodies should not be housed at Randolph Hospital for more than 10 days but at times the bodies are there for 20 days. Counties manage dead bodies in different ways such as housing bodies at Emergency Services, funeral homes, crematories, etc. Ms. Hayes stated she is working with Donovan Davis, Director of Emergency Services to investigate options and that she will keep the board updated regarding this issue.
- Ms. Hayes updated the board regarding the anti-tethering ordinance. The ordinance goes into effect January 1, 2017. The health department has been working this year to educate the citizens of Randolph County regarding the ordinance and resources available for owners and their pets.

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- Ms. Hayes reported that the health department has had three recent vacancies. A new Animal Control Officer and Social Worker will start in October. Interviews are currently being conducted for an Environmental Health Specialist.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next Board of Health meeting will be the annual report meeting scheduled for November 14th, 2016.

Dr. Robert Dough, Chair

Susan D. Hayes, Health Director