

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF HEALTH
FOR
THE COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

December 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Health for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 7:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Members present were: Mrs. Charity Dodson, Pastor Alice Hooker, Dr. Andre Knecht, Mr. John Riley Jr., Dr. Diane Schaller, Mrs. Nilla Sloop and Mrs. Martha Underwood, and Dr. Teresa Wooddell. Mr. Terrell Jones, Health Director, was present as Board Secretary.

Members absent were: Dr. William Hall, Mrs. Mary Hawley-Oates, Dr. Alex Martin

Dr. Diane Schaller, Chairperson presided and the following business was transacted:

Approval of the Agenda:

Mrs. Underwood moved to approve the agenda as presented. Pastor Hooker seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Schaller, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

No corrections were made to the November 18, 2015 minutes. Mrs. Sloop moved to approve as written. Pastor Hooker seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Schaller, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

Public Comments: None

The board heard **Action Items – Mr. Terrell Jones, Health Director –**

- **Request to accept Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Grant Funding - \$3,000** – this is Environmental Health grant funding for them to continue improving efforts within the Environmental Health program. This grant will allow our local Epidemiological Team to build upon existing practices as we integrate sound foodborne illness and good defense preparedness and response strategies into our existing preparedness plans. Pastor Hooker moved to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$3,000 as presented. Mr. Riley seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Schaller, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

- **Request to accept the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) grant funding - \$7,000.00** – this is additional grant funding through a five-year cooperative agreement between NACCHO and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to aid in the completion of policy development projects to enhance conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. Mrs. Sloop moved to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$7,000 as presented. Mr. Riley seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Schaller, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Cain was commended for a job well done.

- **Radon Action Month Proclamation** – the Environmental Protection Agency has designated January as National Radon Action Month. In 2011 Governor Perdue declared January to be Radon Action Month for the state of North Carolina. The NC DHHS has asked local health departments to encourage County Commissioners to proclaim January as Radon Action Month. Discussion followed on the cost of the Radon Tests Kits. The state has given us some test kits that we give away free. We did not receive as many test kits this year as we did last year. If we find individuals who can't afford to go out and buy one of these kits, additional ones can be requested from the state. It was also mentioned to send this information out so community members will be aware of this. Mr. Riley moved to send the proclamation to the Lee County Board of Commissioners to make January as Radon Action Month. Pastor Hooker seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Schaller, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

Lee County Health Department Strategic Plan – the strategic plan was discussed in the November 2015 meeting. A copy of the draft strategic plan was included in the board packet. Additional information was added on the health statistics in our county. Reference was made to pages 16 and 17 where with the added information on the Death Rates for the Leading Causes of Death for Lee County. Some of the wording was removed under some of the strengths and weakness that was not appropriate regarding county leadership. He has also spoken with the county manager about the development of our webpage. Mrs. Sloop moved to accept the Lee County Health Department Strategic Plan as written. Mr. Riley seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Schaller, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

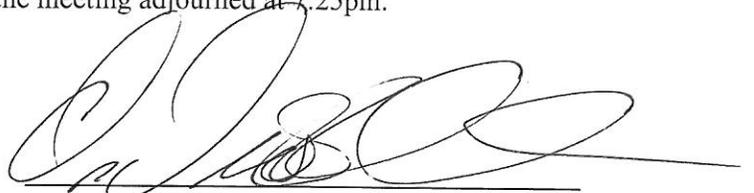
The chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

The board heard **Update Information – Mr. Terrell Jones, Health Dir –**

- **Lee County Health Department Activity and Management Summaries** - the board reviewed the LCPH Activities for November 2015. Discussion followed on the increase in STD numbers for October and November; probably a seasonal spike. Reference was made to WIC numbers now showing active participants; and the decrease in animal adoptions. Discussion also followed on increase in the numbers for communicable disease. Mr. Jones stated this is probably TB numbers. He stated he would get back with the board at next month's meeting regarding why TB was listed under Reportable Disease and TB services under Health Clinic numbers. The LCPH Management Summary showed November – 42% was expected. We collected 39% of our revenue and expended 39% of our budget. Child Health, Family Planning and Immunization Programs shows a spike in our revenues collected. This is due to us receiving our Medicaid Cost settlement. Mr. Jones mentioned that Carol Thompson and her staff does a very good job of staying "on top" of our budget as far as expenditures. Discussion followed on animal control needing to adjust their goals under euthanized and adoptions as these goals have been the same for a number of years.

Mr. Jones mentioned that the well and surface water testing being done for coal ash by the Environmental Health staff is taking up a lot of time. He mentioned he sent out an email to the Board of County Commissioners about stomach cancer. He has asked the state to give him the stomach cancer rate for Lee County from their cancer registry. It has been mentioned that if you ingest Hexavalent Chromium, which is one of the items on the list that being tested, it may cause stomach cancer. It's in line with the State rate and with the rate in Chatham County. Lee County's rate is slightly higher than the state rate. He stated at the County Commissioners meeting on Monday night, he and Mr. Cain was asked to give more frequent updates on the information they receive from the water sampling tests, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). A copy will also be forwarded to the Board of Health. Water sampling test sites has been extended out to one-half mile of the Coal Ash Site and the deadline has been extended to January 31, 2016.

With no further business, Dr. Schaller moved the meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.



Dr. Diane Schaller, Chairperson

ATTEST



A. Terrell Jones, III, REHS MPH, Health Director