

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

July 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Health for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 7:04 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Members present were: Mrs. Charity Dodson, Mrs. Mary Hawley-Oates, Pastor Alice Hooker, Dr. Andre Knecht, Dr. Alex Martin, Mr. John Riley Jr., Mrs. Nilla Sloop, Mrs. Martha Underwood and Dr. Teresa Wooddell Mr. Terrell Jones, Health Director, was present as Board Secretary.

Two members were absent from the meeting: Dr. William Hall and Dr. Diane Schaller

Mrs. Nilla Sloop, Vice- Chairperson presided and the following business was transacted:

Approval of the Agenda:

Recommendation was made to move Agenda Item #VII(Presentation on Tobacco Products to Include Vaping – Mr. Ockidde Harris, MPH) to be presented before item #VI. Dr. Knecht moved to approve the revised agenda. Pastor Hooker seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hawley-Oates, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The vice-chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

No corrections were made to the May 13, 2015 minutes. Mrs. Hawley-Oates moved to approve as written. Mr. Riley seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hawley-Oates, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The vice-chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

No corrections were made to the June 17, 2015 minutes. Mrs. Hawley-Oates moved to approve as written. Pastor Hooker seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hawley-Oates, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The vice-chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Underwood made a request that a reminder email be sent to the board regarding community information meetings from the health department.

Public Comments: None

The board heard the **Introduction of a New Board member** – Mr. Terrell Jones, Health Director introduced Dr. Alex Martin, Optometrist to the board. Dr. Martin replaces Dr. Lauren Williams whose term ended June 30, 2015. Mr. Jones introduced all board members to Dr. Martin and he was welcomed to the board.

The board heard the **Introduction of a New Employee - Mr. Terrell Jones, Health Director** – Mrs. Susan Poppe, Nutritionist II/WIC Director – hired 7/14/15. Mrs. Poppe is a Registered Dietitian (RD) and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC). She has worked about 15 years in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program and NC is her 5th state. She previously worked for Moore County before coming to Lee County and was welcomed on board the health department.

The board heard **New Information – Mr. Terrell Jones, Health Director** –

- **Presentation on Tobacco Products to Include Vaping** – Mr. Ockidde Harris, MPH Regional Tobacco Control Manager – Region 6. Mr. Harris showed a slide show presentation entitled: Local Authority for Tobacco Control In Lee County. Mr. Harris stated there were three areas they focused on during the 5 year grant period: 1) Youth Tobacco Prevention; 2) Eliminating Exposure to Second Hand Smoke and 3) Tobacco Cessation. Clarification was given through the slide presentation regarding e-cigarettes to include vaping. Smoking is still a major contributor to the leading causes of death in NC– heart disease, cancer, and chronic lower respiratory disease. In NC, 13.5% of high school students use cigarettes while 19% report using more than one tobacco product. Electronic cigarette use has increased 352% between 2011 and 2013, from 1.7 percent to 7.7 percent. Can Local Governments Ban the Use of Electronic Cigarettes - The NC General Assembly has never passed legislation preempting local governments from regulating the use of e-cigarettes (or smokeless forms of tobacco), which are not lighted; therefore, local governments can pass such regulations under their basic authority to pass regulations to protect the health and welfare of the community. If a regulation for government buildings and/or grounds covers all “**tobacco products**”, then interpretation is that e-cigarettes are included within that definition’ Guidance from the UNC School of Government, <http://canons.sog.unc.edu/?p=7788> . A local government may adopt and enforce ordinances, board of health rules, and policies restricting or prohibiting smoking that are more restrictive than state law and that apply to: local government buildings; local government grounds; local government vehicles and enclosed public places. Local Board of Health and District Board of Health- if such rule or policy was enacted after July 1, 2009, it must obtain approval of rules by an ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners– G.S. 130A-498(a). Mr. Jones stated Lee County has an ordinance that includes the use of tobacco products. He stated he is proposing for the Board of Health to approve a clarification definition of tobacco products and then forward it to Board of County Commissioners to modify that definition in their ordinance.

The board considered **Actions Items – Mr. Terrell Jones, Health Director** -

- **New Monies – FY 15-16 Agreement Addendum – 613 Ebola Preparedness & Response - \$20,000** - The 613 Ebola Preparedness and Response Agreement Addendum allows Lee County Health Department to enhance existing preparedness and response capabilities as it relates to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). A Concept of Operations Plan will be developed by public health preparedness in collaboration with all stakeholders involved in pre-planning efforts last year. This Con Ops Plan shall include monitoring, reporting, transportation, and treatment plans of the healthcare coalitions, communications and information sharing, and worker safety. All counties across the state received these funds from CDC which was passed through the state. This is due to all counties planning, coordinating and preparing for the Ebola Virus last summer. Mrs. Underwood moved approve accepting the \$20,000 as presented. Pastor Hooker seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hawley-Oates, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The vice-chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

- **Resolution Requesting Expansion of Tobacco Products' Definition to Include E-Cigarettes -** in 2008 Lee County Board of County Commissioners passed an ordinance on the Use or Smoking of Tobacco in County Government Buildings or Vehicles. A N.C. law was passed in 2013 which now define e-cigarettes as a tobacco product because they contain tobacco-derived nicotine. We suggest revising the language in the existing ordinance to add the definition of tobacco products to include e-cigarettes. Mr. Jones stated his recommendation is to send to the Board of County Commissioners to modify the Administration Ordinance's definition of "Tobacco Product" under Article III, Section 2-51., Definitions, to state "any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, vaped, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed or ingested by any other means, or any component part or accessory of a tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes; cigars; little cigars; e-cigarettes; snuff; chewing tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco. A tobacco product excludes any product that has been approved by the U.S. FDA for sale as a tobacco cessation product, such as nicotine replacement therapies (i.e. nicotine gum, patch, lozenge or inhaler)". Mr. Jones stated he has drafted a resolution requesting expansion of tobacco products' definition to include e-cigarettes for this board to adopt. Once approved, it will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioner's for their approval. Discussion followed. Mrs. Hawley-Oates moved to accept the resolution as presented. Dr. Wooddell seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hawley-Oates, Hooker, Riley, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

Abstained: Dr. Knecht

The vice-chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

- **Request to have a Public Hearing at the beginning of the August 2015 meeting regarding the Community Cat Policy Development –** Mr. Jones referenced the two community public forms previously held. One was held in June and one was held last night about adopting the proposed policy. This would be in addition to an existing county policy. We already have an Animal Control Ordinance in this county, but there is no recognition of Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) for cats in this ordinance. Mr. Jones gave an update from these two meetings; and stated he would put together a summary and send it to the board this Friday in his weekly update. The summary that he send out will be for view on our website and the community will have access to it. The public hearing will be for the public to come and make comments about this summation. The hearing starts before the board meeting and public members are allowed three minutes to speak. Mr. Riley moved to approve having the public hearing at the beginning of the August 2015 meeting regarding the Community Cat Policy Development. Mrs. Hawley-Oates seconded the motion and upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dodson, Hawley-Oates, Hooker, Knecht, Riley, Sloop, Underwood and Wooddell

Nay: None

The vice-chairperson ruled the motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Jones presented requested information on when food is put out for a cat to eat, on private property, and the food is drawing other wild animals eating out of the container. Discussion followed.

- **Lee County Health Department Activity and Management Summaries -** the board reviewed the LCPH Activities for June 2015. This report completes a full fiscal year. Environmental Health was commended on getting 100% of their inspections. Animal control was also commended on their percentage of

adoptions verses euthanasia. Mrs. Hawley-Oates and Mr. Jones presented information from the state Oral Health Section. Mr. Jones attended a meeting where a five year strategic plan was presented by the Oral Health Section. As it stands, this section plans to expand services to include the frail and elderly. Services will also include kindergarten screening thru third grade then work through services for the middle and high school students. They have applied for three different grants and are waiting to hear back from them. The LCPH Management Summary showed June 2015 – 100% was expected. We collected 86% of our revenue and expended 84% of our budget.

With no further business, Mrs. Sloop moved the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.


Mrs. Nilla Sloop, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST


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