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Hoke County Board of Health Minutes

Regular Meeting **Special Meeting**
March 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Conference Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 7:01 PM with Keith Walters, Chair, and Helene Edwards, Secretary. Invocation given by Commissioner Robert Wright.

Members Present	James Davis; Dr. Susan Hendrix, OD; Elizabeth Hodgins, Vice Chair; Kathryn Hostetter; Gail Lowery; Ellen McNeill; Jean Squier; Keith Walters, Chair; and Commissioner Robert Wright
Members Absent	Dr. Mark Thompson, DDS
Staff Members Present	Tony Locklear, Jenny McDuffie, and Cindy Morton
Others Present	Jackie Hough

Quorum: Yes

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Ms. Ellen McNeill to approve the **March 11, 2019** Board of Health meeting agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Hodgins to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 regular Board of Health meeting as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Introduction of New HCHD Employees

Helene Edwards, Health Director

- Ms. Mara Hunt, BSN, RN was working with the Postpartum Home Visiting Nurse at the Robeson County Health Department; therefore, she was unable to come to the Board of Health meeting for introductions.

V. Public Comments

- None

VI. Old Business

BOCC Meeting 2/18/2019

- The Hoke County Commissioners approved the following budget amendments:
 - The Hoke County Health Department received \$20,757.00 from Division of Public Health for Maternal and Child Health Mini Grants.
 - The Hoke County Health Department received an increase of \$16,652.00 in Child Health funds from Division of Public Health.
 - The Hoke County Health Department received an increase of \$9,701.00 in the Maternal and Child Health Grant from Richmond County Health Department.
 - The Hoke County Health Department had a \$454.00 reduction in Family Planning Title X funds.

VII. New Business

HCHD Opioid Grant Update

Tony Locklear, ARTS Coordinator

- Mr. Locklear summarized the Hoke County Safe Syringe Exchange program which is a partnership between Tia Hart Community Recovery Center and the Hoke County Health Department. The Safe Syringe Exchange program will be at the Tia Hart Community Recovery Center and managed by Ms. Shirley Hart.
- Mr. Locklear explained that people with diabetes can use the Syringe Exchange program too.
- The Rockfish Pharmacy has a permanent medicine drop box inside the pharmacy for anyone to drop off medications for proper disposal.
- A memorandum of agreement was created, because the Hoke County Health Department will reimburse Ms. Shirley Hart for her administrative time in managing the program, supplies, equipment, and travel expenses for educational workshops on opioids.

Motion made by Mr. James Davis and seconded by Ms. Kathryn Hostetter that the Board of Health approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Hoke County Health Department and Tia Hart Community Recovery Center to implement the safe syringe exchange program in Hoke County. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HCHD Wellness Program Update

Tony Locklear, ARTS Coordinator

- University of North Carolina has partnered with the Hoke County Health Department to start gardening promotion for healthy living.
- The Hoke County Health Department will serve as the control garden group and Mount Calvary Church will have the community garden.
- At the health department, there will be four raised beds for growing vegetables, fruits, and herbs. The employees with the assistance Hoke County Cooperative Extension will become “gardeners” and share the produce during cooking demonstrations with the public.

Clinical Update

Cindy Morton, Nursing Supervisor

- Hoke County has one current TB case, who is receiving treatment from the Hoke County Health Department.

- During the month of February, there was a dramatic decrease in the number of Chlamydia cases, from 41 to 19 cases.
- The providers inserted 17 long acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) during the months of January and February.
- The Depo Provera injections continued to be the most popular birth control method, with 69 injections provided in the first two months of 2019.
- The Maternity Program enrolled 30 new pregnant women for prenatal services during the months of January and February. The Hoke County Health Department had 14 deliveries.
- The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) has served 12 women in 2019; therefore, the health department has utilized 100% of the state BCCCP funding. A waiting list was started for new BCCCP patients and the FY 2019-2020 BCCCP funds will start June 1, 2019.
- Teen Time continues to serve patients for all services on the first and third Mondays from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

Administrative Update

Jenny McDuffie, Business Officer

- The following table summarizes the finances for January 2019:

	January 2019
Revenues	99,524.01
Expenditures	250,116.27
State Funds Used	
State Funds Used	75,087.08
Local Appropriations	99,073.26
Medicaid	55,196.60
Fees	20,759.33
Total (Expenditures)	250,116.27

Health Director's Update

Helene Edwards, Health Director

- Senator Ben Clark and Representative Garland Pierce met with the Health Department and Department of Social Services staff on February 15, 2019 to discuss legislative issues for Hoke County.
- The **Legislative Priorities** for public health discussed were as follows:
 1. Close the Medicaid coverage gap for people who do not qualify for Medicaid and their incomes are too low to qualify for Affordable Care Act subsidies.
 2. Provide additional state funding to address increased demands associated with communicable and emerging infectious diseases.
 3. Enact Tobacco 21
 4. Restore Women's and Children's Health Block Grant funding to local health departments.
- Senator Clark and Representative Pierce were very receptive of the public health needs in Hoke County and assured the department that they would advocate for the Hoke County residents.

- The Hoke County Health Department continues to prepare for the North Carolina Managed Care Medicaid transition that will start in February 2020. The Hoke County Health Department plans to contract with all five of the health insurance companies awarded the RFP through the North Carolina Division of Medical Benefits.
- Ms. Edwards and Ms. McDuffie are working on budget requests for FY 2019-2020 and will present the health department needs at the next Board of Health meeting on April 8, 2019.

Recruitment of Engineer

Keith Walters, Chair

- Mr. Chris Pusey is interested in the vacant Board of Health Engineer position; however, Mr. Pusey is a Land Surveyor who owns 4D Solutions Inc., an Engineering Firm.
- He would like to serve on the Board of Health as the in lieu of Engineer member.

Motion made by Ms. McNeill and seconded by Ms. Susan Hendrix that the Board of Health approve the appointment of Mr. Chris Pusey to serve as the in lieu of Engineer member on the Board of Health. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. Closed Session

None

IX. Other Business

None

X. Next Meeting Date

Next regular meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

XI. Adjournment

- ❖ The meeting ended at 7:38 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Helene Edwards

Helene Edwards
Board of Health Secretary

4-8-2019

Approval Date