



Macon County  
Public Health

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
September 27, 2011

**Members Present:** Roberta Swank - Chair, Russell Stevenson - Vice Chair, David Silverstein DDS, S. Douglas Egge MD, Roy Lenzo DVM, Angie Stahl RPh, Frank Killian MD and Ron Winecoff

**Staff Present:** Jim Bruckner, Jimmy Villiard, Becky Barr, Barry Patterson, Tonya Hodgins, Kathy McGaha & Charlene Bellavance

**Media:** None

**Guests:** None

**Public Comment Session:** Ms. Swank, Board Chair asked if anyone wished to address the Board. There were no comments.

**Call to Order:** Ms. Swank called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.

**Approve Agenda:** Jim Bruckner asked if two items could be added under new business, Lacrosse Encephalitis, and the addition of a New Fee for Vitamin B - Biotin. A motion was made by Dr. Egge and seconded by Ron Winecoff to accept the agenda as amended.

**Welcome/Intro/Departures/Recognition**

- Mr. Bruckner recognized Charlene Bellavance for achieving her certificate in Business Administration from Southwestern Community College.

**Presentations**

Ms. McGaha presented and update on the **Community Health Assessment**. She asked the board members for feedback and any ideas they might have. Health statistics were reviewed by the Community Health Assessment committee and preliminary decisions were made as to what the next four years would consist of regarding priorities. Statistics were measured at both the state and county levels. Comparisons were made to four peer counties based on their age, race and population make up. Focus groups of all ages, ranging from middle school to the retired, were done and suggestions for community priorities were gathered from each group. A randomized telephone survey process was also completed to acquire information.

The three suggested priorities that the committee is recommending are: to reduce the incidence of preventable chronic diseases related to obesity, particularly diabetes and heart disease; promote recruitment and retention of additional primary care physicians and practitioners serving Macon County residents; and reduce the incidence and mortality rates for breast lung and colon cancer through prevention and early intervention efforts. Ms. McGaha amended the second priority to include dentists.

A secondary priority list was also formed which included: end-of-life issues, access for uninsured, suicide/mental health, smoking among young adults, especially pregnant women and youth, and family issues.

Chairman Swank asked if anyone had any comments or suggestions. Dr. Killian made a suggestion that a YMCA type of facility be brought to the community. He also suggested that we promote more affordable and healthier dining options.

Ms. Hodgins presented a year to date **budget** report of expenditures and revenue. She indicated that our expenditures so far for the year were under what we had predicted and the revenues were almost exactly what had been predicted. She also stated that we are expecting another \$15,236 from Medicaid this week that was not reflected in her report.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Russell Stevenson and seconded by Dr. Killian to accept the minutes of August 23, 2011 as presented. All members present agreed.

### **Old Business**

**Adult Dental Clinic** – Mr. Bruckner presented a basic financial report of the current state of the adult dental clinic. The revenues and expenses projected for the year ended in a deficit for the clinic of approximately (\$7,153). The revenues and expenses for the first three months of this fiscal year are at a deficit of (\$11,786). Mr. Bruckner offered five alternative options including; mothballing the clinic, keep dental assistant w/o DH or DDS, keep all staff w/o DDS, keep all staff w/FT contract DDS, and keep all staff w/FT Locum DDS. With the last option the clinic would have to generate \$35,000 per month to meet expenses. The best the clinic has ever done is \$32,000; however, the clinic only averages approximately \$24,000 per month.

Mr. Bruckner asked the Board to consider meeting with the commissioners as a group to update them on the two best options before making a recommendation. The board will request that Brian McClellan set up to meet with an ad hoc committee from the Board of Health to discuss the future of the adult dental clinic. An ad hoc committee appointed by Ms. Swank will be Russell Stevenson, Dr. Frank Killian, Ron Winecoff and Dr. David Silverstein.

Service Fees - Mr. Bruckner reported that service fee changes were presented to the Board of County Commissioners and were approved.

### **New Business**

**New fee** – Mr. Bruckner explained that the lab had been requested to perform a test for Vitamin B7 on a client. This is a test that is rarely requested and is not currently on our fee schedule. Mr. Bruckner requested that the board approve the addition of the new fee. A motion was made to accept the fee as presented at \$227 by Ron Winecoff and seconded by Angie Stahl. All present were in agreement.

**Lacrosse Encephalitis** - Mr. Bruckner reported that there will be a press release in tomorrow's paper regarding the number of Lacrosse Encephalitis cases in NC. We have had three cases so far in Macon County this year.

### **Board Training and Information**

Mr. Bruckner asked the board of health members to update their notebooks with the most recent board of health operating procedure that was a handout in their packets.

### **Announcements**

There being no further business Ms. Swank adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bellavance, Administrative Assistant to Jim Bruckner, MSHS, Health Director  
Macon County Public Health

Minutes approved October 25, 2011 with a motion from Dr. Killian and seconded by Dr. Silverstein. All members present were in agreement.