

Moore County Board of Health
May 13, 2019

Members Present: Warren Lewis, Chair
Betty J. Goodridge, MHA, CMA
Max Muse, RN, ME
Kamron Monroe, DDS
Sharon Odom, RT (R)
William Mang, PharmD, Vice Chair
Robert R. Wittmann, MPH, Secretary to the Board

Members Absent: Tim Boyte, DVM; Louis Gregory; Severt Jacobson, MD; Michele Keel, OD; Leo Santowasso, PE, PLS

Chair Warren Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Introductions/Recognitions:

Health Department staff present were: Miriam King, Health Educator II; Tammie Fox, Public Health Dental Hygienist; Matt Garner, Health Educator II/Deputy Health Director; Jeanie Garcia, Administrative Assistant I; Melissa Fraley, Nursing Director.

Board of Health Oath of Office:

Jeanie Garcia administered the Oath of Office for Board Members Kamron Monroe, DDS; Max Muse, RN; and William Mang, PharmD.

Invocation:

Robert Wittmann gave the invocation.

Conflict of Interest:

Robert Wittmann read the following statement: *Does any Board Member have a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board will address in this meeting?* None were noted.

Approval of Agenda:

Kamron Monroe made a motion to approve the draft agenda, seconded by Betty Goodridge. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Presentations:

There were no presentations to the Board.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Board of Health Education/Staff Reports:

- **Proposed Fluoride Mouth Rinse Program Expansion:** Tammie Fox and Miriam King outlined the current Moore County Schools (MCS) fluoride mouth rinse program administered by the Moore County Health Department. The target population of the program would be elementary students enrolled in grades 1-5. There are a total of fourteen elementary schools in Moore County. Currently, five of those elementary schools participate in the fluoride mouth rinse program (Aberdeen Elementary, Aberdeen Primary, Carthage Elementary, Cameron Elementary, and Robbins Elementary). Expansion of the program would include all fourteen elementary schools. Per 2019 cost estimates, vendor Plak Smacker offers unit dose cups containing fluoride rinse solution in 288 count units of individually packaged 10 mL cups priced at \$30.99 per 288 count unit. The solution is premixed and has a shelf life of 1 year. One 10 mL cup administers one fluoride rinse dosage to one child. Accounting for all fourteen elementary schools and calculating one dose per child, per week, over a 36 week school year for the next five years (2020-2025) would total approximately \$67,598 or an average cost of \$13,520 per year.
- **Mosquito Nuisance Abatement Project Update:** Matt Garner provided an update on the status of the mosquito nuisance abatement project. Following flood conditions caused by hurricane Florence in September 2018, the Health Department utilized approximately \$150,000 of state mosquito abatement funds to purchase mosquito dunks. Mosquito dunks kill mosquito larvae in areas of standing water, thus breaking the life cycle of the mosquitos and cutting down on their numbers. The Health Department received a shipment of approximately 26,880 six count units of dunks in November 2018. 21,096 of those units were distributed to Moore County municipalities and 5,784 units were kept by the Health Department. The Health Department held a distribution event that was open to the public on April 8-9th, 2019. Over those two days, a total of 575 units of dunks were distributed. Several municipalities offered their own distribution events around the same time. In addition to the dunks, double-sided information sheets in English and Spanish that detailed larvicides as well as other mosquito control tips were made available to the public. The cost of printing 40,554 copies of the information sheets was also covered by state abatement funds. The Health Department plans to store the remaining supply of dunks and offer distribution events to the public in the future when flood conditions arise.
- **Department's Third Quarter Activity Report:** Robert Wittmann reviewed the report with the Board.
- **FY19 Third Quarter Fiscal Report:** Robert Wittmann reviewed the report with the Board.
- **Department's Performance Measures:** Robert Wittmann reviewed the report with the Board. Sharon Odom made a motion to change to a number figure rather than a percentage for the performance measure "Respond to documented complaints or requests regarding failing sewage disposal systems in 3 business days." Max Muse seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- **Epidemiological Update on Pertussis:** Melissa Fraley informed the Board that pertussis (whooping cough) activity in Moore County in recent months has been sporadic. Following further investigation of 5 confirmed cases of pertussis infection in

students at West End Elementary, the Health Department was able to narrow the scope of the outbreak to two specific classrooms and bus routes at the school. The Health Department offered a mass antibiotic distribution event for the particular students and staff who were affected on February 21-22, 2019. This distribution event was not open to the general public. The outreach was successful, there were no other cases at the school since February.

- **Nursing Director's Report:** Melissa Fraley informed the Board that currently there are no measles cases in North Carolina. The Health Department did however receive some guidance from the State Epidemiologist on getting information out to providers which suggests that if measles is suspected, to test for it. The measles vaccine is about 93% effective. The Health Department recently participated in a measles tabletop exercise with Ft. Bragg's Division of Public Health. Cases of hepatitis A have been on the rise in the U.S., as close to us as Harnett County. In response, the Health Department has been administering the hepatitis A vaccine to Moore County Detention Center inmates. The Health Department has been able to provide the vaccine at no cost to the county. Over the past month, we were able to vaccinate 71 individuals. The current plan is to administer vaccine every other Friday at the Detention Center. The Health Department welcomes Family Planning nurse Niki Homesley. The final vacant nursing spot is anticipated to be filled on July 22nd. We are currently interviewing for the vacant Medical Office Assistant position.
- **Health Director's Report:** Robert Wittmann noted that Processing Assistant V Kay Hussey will be retiring June 1, 2019. All vacant Environmental Health Positions have been filled. Mr. Wittmann will be requesting appropriations from the County Commissioners for the Health Department generator this fall. August is National Breastfeeding Month. The Health Department plans to develop a breastfeeding friendly workplace policy for the Department. The policy would allow for a designated area and time for lactation. The Health Department's new automatic doors are scheduled to be installed on May 14th. The WIC Office now has a new electronic lock and camera system. The Department's most recent press releases were regarding the Health Department Farmer's Market and the mosquito dunk distribution event.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Kamron Monroe made a motion, seconded by Sharon Odom, to approve the March 4, 2019 Board of Health minutes. All members were in favor and the motion passed.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Health Department FY 2019 Budget Update:

Robert Wittmann informed the Board that the Health Department will be closing this current fiscal year "in the black". It appears that we will be able to keep/fund all positions and will remain funded at current levels.

Flouride Mouth Rinse Resolution:

Betty Goodridge made a motion to adopt the resolution, see attached, seconded by Max Muse. All were in favor.

Closed Session:

Betty Goodridge made a motion to postpone the closed session regarding the Health Director's evaluation until the July meeting of the Board of Health. Max Muse seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Max Muse made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Betty Goodridge. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 8:12 pm.