

Wilkes County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2016

The Wilkes County Board of Health held a regular business meeting Monday, October 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wilkes County Health Department Conference Room. Board of Health members in attendance were:

Dr. Robbins Miller
Mr. Carl Page
Ms. Deborah Britton
Ms. Teana Compeau
Dr. Gary Nash
Dr. Robert Ricketts
Mr. David Gambill, Jr.

Ms. Ann Absher & April Edwards were also in attendance. (Prior to the October meeting, packets containing the materials to be discussed were mailed to each Wilkes County Board of Health member for review.) Also, in attendance was Carmine Rocco, from the NC Institute for Public Health.

Meeting Called to Order: Carl Page called the meeting to order @ 5:35.

Adoption of agenda –Deborah Britton made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Board of Health meeting for October 3, 2016; the motion was seconded by Gary Nash and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes for August 8, 2016 Meeting- Teana Compeau made the motion to approve the minutes for October 3, 2016; the motion was seconded by Gary Nash and unanimously approved by the Board of Health.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee Report – Carl Page stated at the August 8, 2016 meeting, the BOH agreed on Dr. Joe Fesperman as Chair & Mr. Don Manus, as Co-Chair. Ms. Teana Compeau, Dr. Robert Ricketts, & Mrs. Sandy Shepherd were up for reappointment for a second term and accepted to serve a second term. A motion was made to accept them for a second term by David Gambill, Jr. and seconded by Deborah Britton; this was unanimously approved by the Board of Health. The reappointment recommendations will be sent to the County Commissioners for approval and appointment.

Unfinished Business: BOH Rule: E-Cigarette Control Rules in Wilkes County Buildings, Transportation/Vehicles – Ann Absher stated that this was the rule that was previously discussed and approved. Tony Triplett, Wilkes County Attorney, has reviewed & approved to move forward for the BOH's final approval. The proposed adoption of the rule was posted 10 days in advance as per requirements. Ann Absher stated that there have been no public concerns; therefore, the BOH can move forward with a vote. Dr. Robert Rickett's made the motion, Dr. Gary Nash seconded and unanimously approved by the BOH. Ann Absher stated the BOH could adopt this tonight or give a month in regards to signage being posted. BOH decided that the rule, along with signage would be in effect November 1, 2016. A motion was made by Carl Page, seconded by Dr. Gary Nash, the Board of Health members unanimously approved.

Fees and costs to uninsured patient's example: Carl Page stated that the "Fees & cost to uninsured patients" is to be moved the December 8, 2016 meeting due to those who were unable to make this meeting.

New Business: Health Director Delegation of Authority: Ann Absher stated that due to Chris Huffman transferring to a new position at the Wilkes County offices, the delegation of authority needed to be revised to include: Debbie Nicholson, DON, Nancy Moretz , Administrative Officer(replacing Chris Huffman), & Melissa Black, Outreach Nursing Supervisor. A motion is required for this change; Teana Compeau made the motion to accept, Deborah Britton seconded, unanimously approved.

BOH Annual Training Session: The annual Board of Health training was conducted by Carmine Rocco from the NCIPH using a PowerPoint presentation developed by the NCIPH which each BOH member was previously sent a hard copy of to follow Mr. Rocco. Mr. Rocco discussed the role and responsibility of local board of health and the ten essential services. The PowerPoint presentation is attached to the Board of Health packet.

Administrative Report:

- Update on Wilkesboro Fluoridation: Dr. Ricketts- BOH Dentist Representative – will be representing the BOH at the Wilkesboro Town Council meeting tonight in regards to adding fluoridation of water back to the water supply in the city of Wilkesboro, NC.
- Management Team Update: Chris Huffman has transferred to the Wilkes County offices and is no longer on the WCHD Management Team. Nancy Moretz was promoted to this position.
- Billing Example: Postponed until the December, 2016 meeting (ties in with "Fees & Cost to uninsured patients) since several BOH members who had questions could not attend tonight.

New Business

- Rabies Compendium – Ann Absher – Dr. Miller, Veterinarian – Recommends that the BOH should adopt the new compendium as a Board of Health Rule which was adopted for post exposure management for handling a dog & cat by the NASPHV. This compendium provides an extra level that private owners can choose to allow them not to have their cats/dogs euthanized if they have been exposed to rabies and they have been vaccinated, but have let the vaccination expire, they can do a booster and monitor them from home rather than be faced with immediate euthanizing, or vaccination and a 6 month quarantine at the cost of the owner. Ann Absher did consult with the County Attorney, Tony Triplett who indicated that the BOH may want to consider holding back since it is unclear that the rule is more stringent. Also, the state may end up adopting this as a general statute change in early 2017. Dr. Miller discussed with Chris Hoke DPH Attorney who agrees we should adopt. The board decided to wait until Tony Triplett could attend a meeting to discuss in more detail.

Public Concerns: There were no public concerns.

Next Meeting Date: The next board of health meeting will be on December 12, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the conference room.

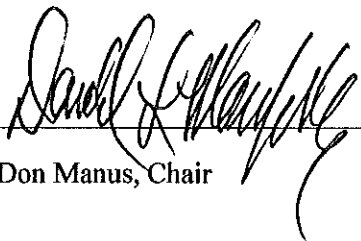
Adjournment: Gary Nash made the motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. David Gambill, Jr., all members approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by,

April Edwards

April Edwards, Administrative Assistant

Secretary to Board of Health



Mr. Don Manus, Chair