

Catawba County Board of Health
Minutes
March 4, 2013; 7:00pm

The Catawba County Board of Health met on Monday, March 4, 2013. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. at Catawba County Public Health, 3070 11th Av Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602 in the Boardroom.

Members present: Ms. Brenda H. Watson, Chair
Mr. John Dollar
Dr. Robert Rights
Dr. David Kulesia
Dr. Sharon Monday

Members Absent: Dr. William Geideman, Vice-Chair
Ms. Susan Witherspoon
Mr. Dan Hunsucker, Commissioner
Mr. William Mixon

Staff Present: Mr. Doug Urland, Health Director
Ms. Kelly Isenhour, Assistant Health Director
Ms. Jennifer McCracken, Health Services Manager
Mr. Mike Cash, Environmental Health Supervisor
Ms. Chantae Lail, Medical Lab Manager
Ms. Amy McCauley, Community Outreach Manager
Ms. Martha Knox, Administrative Assistant III
Ms. Rhonda Stikeleather, Children's Services Nursing Supervisor
Ms. Lisa Chapman, Home Health Nurse
Ms. Linda Fink, Home Health Nurse

Visitors: Ms. Kathleen Dellinger – LR Public and Community Health Student

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brenda Watson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Brenda Watson stated that members received the agenda for this meeting in their packets and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Dr. Robert Rights made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Mr. John Dollar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Brenda Watson, Chair, stated that members received a copy of the February 4, 2013, minutes in their packets and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, she requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

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Mr. John Dollar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Robert Rights seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Brenda Watson, Chair, asked if anyone from the public had requested to speak to the Board. Ms. Martha Knox, Administrative Assistant, stated that no one presented to speak.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Ms. Watson asked Martha Knox, Administrative Assistant, to introduce the new employees to the Board. Ms. Knox began by introducing Ms. Kathleen Dellinger, who is a Public and Community Health Student from Lenoir Rhyne University. Also, present were two new Public Health employees. Ms. Knox introduced Ms. Lisa Chapman, Home Health Nurse, who began working for Catawba County Home Health on February 18, 2013. In addition, Ms. Linda Fink, Home Health Nurse, was introduced to the Board. Ms. Fink also began working with Catawba County Home Health on February 18, 2013.

Ms. Watson welcomed the visitor and new Public Health employees to the Board meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Hunsucker was unable to attend this meeting; therefore, no Commissioner's comments were given.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

Ms. Kelly Isenhour, Assistant Health Director, introduced the Communicable Disease report and stated that the one page report in the Board packet shows 4 years of Communicable Disease data. She added that this information is the annual Communicable Disease update. The data was taken from the NC Electronic Data Surveillance System (NCEDSS) or from Catawba County Public Health's Communicable Disease data.

She stated the report shows newly identified cases of HIV/AIDS, however, there are 204 people in Catawba County living with the HIV/AIDS virus. The numbers reported for PID and Non-gonococcal Urethritis are reported only to North Carolina and are not reported to the Center for Disease Control. Ms. Isenhour explained that there is no state funding for Chlamydia testing on males; therefore, those numbers are reported as Non-gonococcal Urethritis. The 2012 investigations increased as a result of the Pertussis and Noro Virus outbreaks.

Dr. David Kulesia asked if the E-Coli numbers reported were related to the Cleveland County Fair incident and Ms. Linda Greene, Charge Nurse II, stated that 2 of the 6 cases reported were from the Cleveland County Fair incident.

Mr. John Dollar asked how the data is utilized. Ms. Linda Greene stated that the data is reportable diseases and CCPH works closely with the Communicable Disease Branch of the NC Division of Public Health. Consultants from the NCDPH Communicable Disease Branch came to Catawba County to assist during the Noro Virus outbreak and assisted with the Epidemiology calls.

Mr. Dollar asked if the increased activity required increase in staff. Ms. Isenhour stated that generally Public Health staff in other areas assist when there is an outbreak. Mr. Doug Urland, Health Director, stated there is an opportunity when there is an outbreak such as Noro Virus for assistance with the investigation from NC Division of Public Health, CDC, and other surrounding counties if needed.

The State looks at the trends in North Carolina and nationally. He cited the example of Pertussis and the trends indicated over the past few years an uptick in Pertussis cases. The result of monitoring the cases has resulted in a booster for Pertussis.

Linda Greene stated that the School Health Nurses helped with the recent Pertussis outbreak. Kelly Isenhour stated that usually an outbreak means an intense 2-3 week period of intense activity completing the investigation process.

Linda Greene, Charge Nurse II next gave an over view of Tuberculosis in the Board packet Board members received a Tuberculosis (TB) Overview. Board members also received at their places a copy of a bubble chart. Ms. Greene reviewed the chart, which documents the investigation work that was associated with the seven (7) 2012 cases of Tuberculosis. She explained how important it is that patients with TB receive their medications and she provides DOT or Direct Observation Therapy to ensure that even when the patient begins to feel better they continue to take the full regimen of treatment.

Dr. Sharon Monday asked if there have been any drug resistant cases of TB in Catawba County and Ms. Greene stated that there was one case, however, that was back in 1999.

Ms. Watson thanked Ms. Greene and Ms. Isenhour for their report.

CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM

Ms. Jennifer McCracken, Health Services Manager, gave a brief update on the Catawba County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT). She stated that each county has a local team and they review child deaths from the previous quarter of the previous year. The team meets on a quarterly basis and a subcommittee meets and reviews the deaths and then presents their findings to the entire county team. They also meet with the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT), this is a group derived from Social Services and look at protective issues related to children. Both teams have the same make up and developed around the same time, therefore Catawba County felt it would be more efficient if those teams worked together and met together. This has led to a lot of other counties to mirror the structure here in Catawba County.

The State Team looks at Catawba County's recommendations along with other teams across the State, and they make a recommendation to the State Child Fatality Task Force. Ultimately, CFTF works with legislators to draft bills and get laws passed to protect children.

Examples of some changes that have occurred do to the work of these teams are: Graduated Driver's License Law, Gun locks, etc.

CFPT Program was established in 1993 by NC State Statute and mandates that each county have a CFPT. The local CFPT/CCPT involves diverse agencies and disciplines that work together to collect data, identify system problems, make recommendations, and act to prevent child deaths. The ultimate goal is to reduce the number and rate of child deaths.

The Catawba County CFPT is made of the following:

Local CFPT Membership	
> County Health Director	> Medical Examiner (Chief Medical Examiner)
> County DSS Director	> Local health care provider (Bd. of Health)
> District Court Judge (Chief District Court Judge)	> Fire Fighter/EMS (County Commissioners)
> Law Enforcement Officer (County Commissioners)	> School Superintendent (or designee)
> Local Guardian Ad Litem (County Commissioners)	> other Community Child Advocates

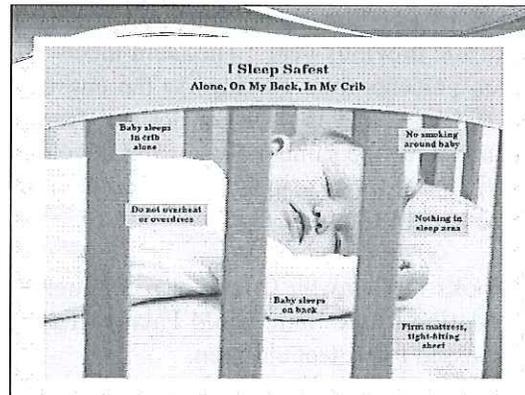
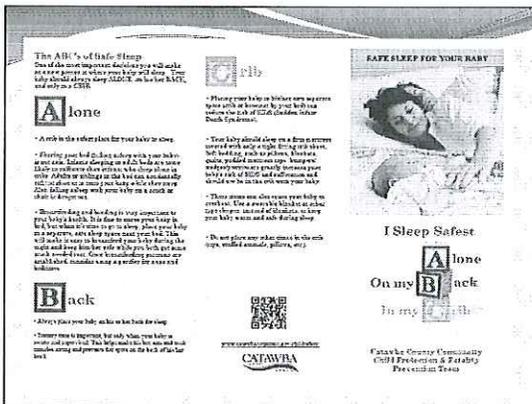
The membership is appointed by the Catawba County Board of Commissioners.

There were 17 child deaths in Catawba County for 2012. Ms. McCracken reviewed the causes of these deaths. She stated that there have been drugs developed that can decrease pre-term births and that has helped to reduce the Prenatal/Perinatal deaths.

Ms. Watson asked about the cause of the Accidental Poisoning death and Ms. McCracken stated that was the result of the wrong medication being administered to the child.

Ms. McCracken stated that the 2013 Distracted Driving Videos had a deadline of March 1, 2013, and the submitted videos will be reviewed on March 5, 2013. A red carpet event is planned for March 18, 2013, to choose the winner of this contest. She invited the Board of Health members to attend this event at the Newton Conover Middle School.

Another initiative to reduce deaths is co-sleeping prevention. The CFPT has partnered with local hospitals to put a Safe Sleep For your Baby brochure in every crib in the hospital delivery/OB departments.



The final slide of Ms. McCracken's presentation was the new Community Child Protection and Fatality Prevention Team Website www.catawbacountync.gov/childsafety/. Ms. Watson thanked Ms. McCracken for her report.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

On Site Waste Water Protection Program -

Mike Cash, Environmental Health Supervisor, gave his update on the On-Site Water Protection Program (OSWP). Mike stated that the changes that have occurred at the State level has resulted in a reduction of branch administrative and field support staff available to assist local programs.

The Energov upgrade for Environmental Health has been completed and is now web-based, which allows for smoother field functions without connecting through a portal such as Citrix. Beginning July 1, 2013, zoning departments in municipalities will be connected thru Energov. This will allow local agencies to create projects under a project management umbrella that can be by further developed and serviced by various jurisdictions concurrently.

Next Mike reviewed permits that have been issued and stated that 99.5% of permits are processed within 7 days.

Regarding quality improvement, Mike stated that he samples a significant amount of work from the field and that enables him to analyze gaps or problem areas and address any needed changes.

The OSWP will continue to develop quality improvement plans, develop technical capacity to address water protection issues in the future such as:

- Wastewater, reclamation, reuse, and recycling
- Higher technology system designs
- Continue to provide staff development/training to meet future needs in the areas of technology, preparedness, and leadership
- Prepare for greater role of private enterprise in OSWP functions.

Environmental Health will also continue to develop existing community outreach efforts.

Food, Lodging & Institution Update-

Mr. Scott Carpenter, Environmental Health Supervisor, gave his update to the Board. His report included a comparison of permitted establishments from FY 2010-11 to 2011-12. In 2010-11 there were 1117 total number of operating establishments compared to 2011-12 there were 1101 operating establishments. However, due to the changes in inspection methods, 2011-2012 had 2,616 inspections completed compared to the 2,484 inspections the previous year.

Mr. Carpenter stated that significant samplings of inspections are evaluated weekly to ensure quality is maintained and the supervisor can analyze gaps or problem areas to assure accuracy and completeness of work.

Other information provided in this reports with that 2011-12 saw an increase of 3 more tattoo artists. Mr. Carpenter stated that in 2000 there were only 5 permitted tattoo artists in Catawba County. Catawba County Food, Lodging, & Institute achieved 100% inspection rate for State and are one of 55 counties to achieve that goal. Six counties have between 500-623 food establishments, and only three of those six counties achieved 100% and Catawba County was one of those counties. He added that in the first 6 months of 2012-13 his staff has completed 1122 inspections from 996 permitted establishments.

Doug Urland, Health Director, thanked both Mr. Cash and Mr. Carpenter for their reports.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Doug Urland, Health Director, gave his report to the Board.

- 2013-14 Budget – The Budget that was presented at the February 4th meeting is currently being reviewed by the County Budget office. The budget will be submitted to the County Manager by March 15, 2013.

North Carolina will not be moving forward with Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Doug added that the sequestration that has occurred at the Federal level may impact local budgets, but it is unclear at this time what kind of impact it will have.

- Accreditation Process – Catawba County Public Health has 90 days to complete the self assessment and that will be due in June, 2013. The Accreditation visit will be scheduled for fall, 2013.
- Air Quality – PM^{2.5} old standard has been 15 (micrograms per cubic meter) and the new standard is 12. Catawba County's average is currently at 10. The projected PM^{2.5} for 2015 is 10.6, however, the 2020 standard could be lower.

Ozone – the current EPA standard is .75ppb (parts per billion) and Mr. Urland stated that the 3 yr rolling average for Catawba County is .675ppb. There has been discussion about lowering the Ozone standard; however, there has not been a decision. If the EPA lowers the standard below .675, Catawba County will go back to non-attainment status.

Monitors – Alexander County’s air monitor is being moved due to the location of a natural gas access and motor pool refueling station. Mr. Urland stated that it will be moved to a location behind the Alexander County Board of Education Building.

- Mr. Urland stated that 2013 Catawba County Public Health will be celebrating 75 years of providing Public Health services to Catawba County and the surrounding area. Staff will be planning events to commemorate this important milestone.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Brenda Watson, Chair, asked Mr. Doug Urland, Health Director to read the Resolution in Support of Tobacco-free Living Month and “No Butts about It” into the minutes.

Mr. Urland read the following:

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Resolution in Support of Tobacco-free Living Month
and “No Butts About It”

WHEREAS, March has been designated as Tobacco-free Living Month by Region 4 Community Transformation Grant (CTG) Project and the Tobacco Youth Grant; and

WHEREAS, the “No Butts About It” youth tobacco butts pickup campaign and YES! Youth Advocacy training, organized by the Tobacco Youth Grant and Region 4 CTG Project, is a celebration of youth leadership and activism in the fight against tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the “No Butts About It” youth tobacco butts pickup campaign and YES! Youth Advocacy training will heighten awareness of how tobacco harms people and our environment; and

WHEREAS, the “No Butts About It” youth tobacco butts pickup campaign will help bring attention to the health risks associated with tobacco use and secondhand smoke and the environmental impact of tobacco in the community; and

WHEREAS, the “No Butts About It” youth tobacco butts pickup campaign will demonstrate the need for tobacco-free policies across the region, especially in areas where children are impacted; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, tobacco use claims 1,220 lives and costs \$5.8 billion in healthcare costs and lost productivity each year; and

WHEREAS, 15.5% of the North Carolina’s high school students smoke; and

WHEREAS, one out of three youth smokers will ultimately die prematurely from smoking-related diseases, unless current trends are reversed; and

WHEREAS, smoking kills more than 400,000 Americans each year, representing more deaths than from AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs and fires combined; and

WHEREAS, most of these deaths could be prevented; and

WHEREAS, 472 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other youth in the 11-county region will provide a community service by picking up tobacco butts in public locations during the month of March, Tobacco-free Living Month; and

WHEREAS, 109 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in Catawba County will be participating in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Catawba County Board of Health that the month of March 2013 is recognized as Tobacco-free Living Month, and youth participating in the “No Butts About it” tobacco butts pickup campaign are to be saluted and supported by the Board of Health and other community groups by encouraging youth to lead and win the fight against tobacco use.

Signed this the 4th day of **March, 2013**

Ms. Watson asked if there was any discussion, hearing none she asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution as read. Dr. Sharon Monday made a motion that the Catawba County Board of Health adopt the Resolution in Support of Tobacco-free Living Month and “No Butts About It” as presented. Mr. John Dollar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

He stated that Amy McCauley, Community Outreach Manager and Mr. Urland will be meeting with the County Manager and other local government leaders will be meeting to discuss smoke /tobacco free policies in public areas such as parking, etc. This work is also part of the Community Transformation Project in North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Robert Rights made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Catawba County Board of Health and Dr. Sharon Monday seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Douglas W. Urland
Health Director

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