

**Catawba County Board of Health**  
**Minutes**  
**June 10, 2019**

The Catawba County Board of Health met on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Catawba County Public Health, 3070 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Dr. SE, Hickory, NC 28602 in the Boardroom.

**Members Present:** Dr. David C. Hamilton, Jr, Chair  
Dr. Matthew Davis, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Dan Hunsucker, County Commissioner  
Mr. John H. Dollar  
Dr. Dana H. Greene  
Dr. Gale Hamilton-Brandon  
Ms. Susan Knowles  
Mr. William Pitts  
Mr. Brian Potocki

**Members Absent:** Ms. Gloria Costin

**Staff present:** Mr. Douglas Urland, Health Director  
Ms. Julie Byrd, WIC Director  
Ms. Tania Harper, Interim Public Health Strategist  
Ms. Emily Killian, Community Engagement Specialist  
Ms. Chantae Lail, Medical Lab Manager/Preparedness Coordinator  
Ms. Megen McBride, Environmental Health Supervisor  
Ms. Sarah Rhodes, Clinical Services Nurse Supervisor  
Ms. Kim Spaulding, School Health Nurse Supervisor  
Ms. Rhonda Stikeleather, Children's Services Nurse Supervisor  
Mr. Jason Williams, Operations Administrator  
Ms. Debra A. Young, Administrative Assistant II

**Guests:** Ms. Dori Maltba, Public Health Charge Nurse – Immunizations  
Ms. June Sisti, Charge Nurse – School Nursing  
Ms. Jennifer Sharpe, Charge Nurse - School Nursing  
Ms. Sophie Pruitt, Intern  
Ms. Annie Haunton, Intern

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. David Hamilton, Jr., Chair, called the meeting of the Catawba County Public Health Board to order at 7:00pm. He welcomed Board members, Public Health managers, staff and guests.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. David Hamilton, Chair, stated that Board members had received the agenda. Dr. Hamilton asked if there were any changes to the agenda and upon hearing none, he asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. William Pitts, made a motion to accept the agenda as presented and Mr. Dan Hunsucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for May 13, 2019, were included in the Board packet that the Board members received via email. Dr. David Hamilton, Chair, asked if there were any corrections. There being no corrections, Mr. Dan Hunsucker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. John Dollar seconded the motion. The May minutes were unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Hamilton asked if anyone presented to speak before the Board. Ms. Debra Young, Administrative Assistant II, stated that no one had presented to speak.

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Dan Hunsucker, County Commissioner, reported some highlights from the recent Board of Commissioners (BOC) meetings:

- The budget was passed with no increase of property tax
- Discussed the purchase of new body cameras
- New grant funds for library services – long term teaching and facility plan
- Discussed and approved donation of surplus vehicles to CVCC and Hickory Fire Department
- Subcommittee – approved Mountain Creek Park plans

### **NEW EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Jason Williams, Operations Administrator, stated that there were no new employees to introduce to the Board this month.

### **APPROVE 2019-20 MEETING DATES**

A slate of dates for the fiscal year 2019-2020 was presented as the meeting dates for the Catawba County Board of Health. The proposed dates are as follows: no meeting July 2019; August 12, 2019; September 09, 2019; October 14, 2019; November 11, 2019; December 09, 2019; January 13, 2020; February 10, 2020; March 09, 2020; April 13, 2020; May 11, 2020; and June 08, 2020, with all meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Catawba County Public Health Boardroom. Mr. Dan Hunsucker made a motion to set the aforementioned dates for fiscal year 2019-2020, Mr. William Pitts seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously voted approval.

The 2019-20 meeting schedule is also attached to the Minutes.

### **MEASLES UPDATE / END OF SEASON FLU UPDATE**

Ms. Sarah Rhodes, Clinical Nursing Supervisor and Ms. Dori Maltba, Immunizations Charge Nurse, presented a Measles update. It was stated that there has been an up rise in the United States but to date no cases have been reported in North Carolina. In 2019, the United States has reported 981 cases of measles compared to 372 in 2018 and 120 in 2017.

Measles is an acute viral illness that is associated with fever and rash, it is transmitted by direct contact with infectious droplets that are expelled through coughing and/or sneezing. It was noted that measles is the most contagious disease of vaccine preventable diseases.

The incubation period for measles is 10-14 day and is 2-4 days before a rash appears. The rash usually begins 14 days after the exposure and the infectious period is 4 days prior through 4 days after rash onset.

Ms. Rhodes and Ms. Maltba continued with the End of Season Flu Update. In the 2018-19 flu season there were fewer illnesses and deaths than in the previous two seasons in North Carolina. In Catawba County, there were 10 influenza-associated deaths last flu season. Communicable disease staff enhanced outreach efforts to area health care facilities last season and reviewed death certificates to ensure all influenza-associated deaths are reported accurately in the county.

The PowerPoint presentation and Flu Infographic are attached to the Minutes.

### **FARMERS MARKET KICKOFF**

Ms. Julie Byrd, WIC Director, gave an update on the Catawba County Public Health Farmers Market kickoff for the 2019 season.

- This is the 7<sup>th</sup> season for the Catawba County Public Health Farmer's Market
- The market will be open from 10:00am – 1:00 pm from June 6<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Five farmers are confirmed for this market season
- This year, customers will be counted 1-2 times per month compared to every week in years' past
- The Catawba County Mobile Library will be at the market every other week
- New farmers market ads are running on the Greenway buses

The Farmers Market slide is attached to the minutes.

### **HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Douglas Urland, Health Director, stated he had a few additional brief comments to report:

- Catawba County Public Health has two summer interns, Ms. Sophie Pruitt and Ms. Annie Haunton, both from UNC. The interns were introduced and welcomed by the Board.
- Two *Leadership Academy* participants were introduced, Ms. June Sisti and Ms. Jennifer Sharpe, both School Nurses. They stated they are delving into learning more about themselves and their leadership styles. For their project, they are working with a local nonprofit group – The Partnership for Children/Imagination Library.
- The Board of Commissioners adopted the budget last week. Environmental Health supervisor position approved. Environmental Health (EH) is at the largest size it has ever been. In the EH Infographic in the Board packet, you can see that Catawba County continues to deal with a lot of issues, permit requests, etc. The Superior Court cases/referrals are very time consuming - the County Attorney attends along with the Environmental Health Specialist that is handling the particular case.
- The State Budget has not passed thus far. Two different versions of the budget are out for approval. The House budget originally had \$4 million included for the Communicable Disease Nurse program.
- The recent storms and flooding caused residents of the Ridgecrest Community to be evacuated from their apartments. An emergency shelter was opened on Sunday by the American Red Cross and Public Health Nurses are staffing the health services section. The

shelter is expected to remain open through tomorrow as residents are finding other locations to stay.

- Dr. Hamilton praised Public Health for their involvement in staffing the shelter, the continued trainings provided to employees and the excellent communication provided.
- Reminder that the monthly infographics are included in Board packet.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

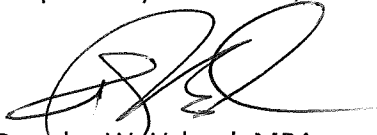
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. David Hamilton asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dan Hunsucker so moved, Mr. William Pitts seconded the motion, and Dr. Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

**No July meeting.**

The next Board of Health meeting will be **August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas W. Urland, MPA  
Health Director

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*Approved by Board of Health: August 12, 2019*