

**Alamance County Board of Health
Burlington, NC 27217**

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6:30 pm
Alamance County Health Department
319 N. Graham-Hopedale Road
Burlington, NC 27217
(meal will be served at 6:00 pm)**

Board of Health Regular Meeting

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Mr. Troy King, Chair
- II. Approval of the Agenda- Mr. Troy King, Chair
- III. Approval of items on Consent Agenda- Mr. Troy King, Chair
 - A. May 18, 2021 Board of Health Minutes
 - B. Personnel Report
- IV. New Business
 - A. Request to Approve New WIC Policy, BFPC Service Delivery Model- Ms. Nicole Alston
 - B. Request to Approve Changes to Existing WIC Policies- Ms. Nicole Alston
 - Nutrition Policy
 - NVRA Policy
 - Pending Applications
 - Message Management and Retrieval Policy
 - Track Multi-user Pumps Policy
- V. SOTCH Report- Dr. Arlinda Ellison
- VI. Environmental Health Report- Ms. Betsy Meeks
- VII. Dental Report- Dr. George Ackall
- VIII. Personal Health Report- Ms. Gayle Shoffner
- IX. Medical Director Report- Dr. Kimberly Newton
- X. Health Director Report- Mr. Tony Lo Giudice
- XI. Other
- XII. Adjournment

Reminders:

There is no meeting scheduled for the month of July

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is **Tuesday August 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm**, the meal will be served at 6:00pm.

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes Work Session of the Board of Health

June 15, 2021

The Alamance County Board of Health met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at the Alamance County Health Department located at 319 N. Graham-Hopedale Road Burlington, North Carolina and via Zoom. A quorum was not physically present, so the Board of Health conducted an informational work session at this meeting.

The following board members were physically present: Chair Troy King, Commissioner Lashley and Dr. Karin Minter.

The following board members and staff attended over Zoom: Chair Marielena Moreno-Garcia Dr. Annette Wilson and Ms. Eleanor Rodriguez Rassi, Dr. Kimberly Newton, Ms. Gayle Shoffner, Ms. Nicole Alston, Dr. Arlinda Ellison, Ms. Betsy Meeks, Dr. George Ackall and Ms. D'nai Jackson.

The following staff members were physically present: Mr. Tony Lo Giudice and Ms. Janna Elliott.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Board of Health member Dr. Karin Minter explained that there was not a quorum present, so the Board of Health would be conducting an informational work session at this meeting. Those physically present and over Zoom introduced themselves.

II. 2020 SOTCH Report

Dr. Ellison presented the 2020 SOTCH Report. Items in the 2020 report were Alamance County demographics, mortality and morbidity rates and updates in the Community Health Assessment three priority areas of education, access to care and economic issues. The emerging issues discussed were social unrest in Alamance County and the COVID-19 Pandemic Dr. Ellison presented new initiatives and programs for the county; Gerringer Gardens, Community Loan Program, DC Community Kitchen, Meals for Alamance County Children Program, and Enhancing School Playgrounds. She shared that the full SOTCH report will be posted to the health department's website.

III. Environmental Health Update

Ms. Betsy Meeks shared that Environmental Health received a Certificate of Achievement from the FDA in Standard #6- Compliance and Enforcement of the FDA voluntary national retail food regulatory program standards. Ms. Meeks shared that Alamance County was the first county in the state to meet standard #6 with the FDA. Ms. Meeks recently assisted with Cumberland County being certified in standard #6 as well. Environmental Health will be completing a phase 3 10-year risk assessment that is used to measure the occurrence of practices and behaviors that are identified as the top contributing factors in foodborne outbreaks.

IV. Dental update

Dr. Ackall reported that they have hired a dental assistant after the position being vacant for a while. Dr. Ackall shared that the Duke Endowment grant funds that was to be used for establishing school based dental services was put on pause this school year, but they plan to continue the program in schools the upcoming school year. Dr. Ackall discussed how COVID affected the dental clinic, but their appointments have picked up and they are almost at their pre-COVID capacity. Progress about clinic-slowdown in clinic but has picked up and close to pre-COVID capacity. Dr. Minter asked if the new dental office that opened close to the dental clinic has shown a reduction in their clients. Dr. Ackall answered that patients have stuck with the dental clinic and there has not been a noticeable decrease in

clients. Ms. Garcia-Moreno asked if the mobile dental van was still being considered for purchase. Dr. Ackall answered that staff have looked into it, but as of right now nothing has been purchased. Mr. Lo Giudice shared that some of the COVID funding will be used to purchase a mobile clinic. Many sections of the health department will be involved in the logistics of using the mobile unit. Mr. Lo Giudice explained that initially it would be used for COVID-19 vaccination efforts, but as the demand decreases for that other sections will be able to use the mobile clinic for other events.

V. Personal Health Clinic Report for BOH

Ms. Shoffner shared the voluntary and anonymous survey regarding health department employee COVID-19 vaccination status. Ms. Shoffner discussed that agency staff previously redirected for COVID duties in 2020 have now transitioned back to the agency and are in training to resume normal programmatic duties. This is occurring at least 3 days per week. The remaining 1-2 days per week, these staff participate in community COVID vaccine events trying to increase public acceptance and vaccine rates.

Ms. Shoffner shared that on August 24-26th, the Family Planning and Maternal Health programs will undergo a state audit. Supervisors and program coordinators are busy updating needed program procedure manuals, gathering the needed policies preparing for evidence submission.

Ms. Shoffner discussed the vacancies and recruiting efforts in the personal health section of the health department. Currently the section is recruiting to fill one infant mortality reduction program planner, one OBCM/CMHRP PHN Case Manager and three clerical processing assistant positions.

Lastly, Ms. Shoffner reported that Case Management program staff are attending training sessions preparing for "Go Live" for Medicaid Transformation. Case Management programs and staff will work closely with the State chosen health plans for NC Medicaid recipients as NC Medicaid Transformation rolls out July 1, 2021.

VI. Medical Director Update

Dr. Newton reported that the health department has begun offering Family Planning annual physicals and Child Health appointments. She updated the board on the open Advanced Practice Provider position and the process for hiring.

VII. Health Director's Report

Mr. Lo Giudice welcomed Ms. D'nai Jackson, a Winston Salem State University intern with the health department. She has been assisting with getting policies and procedures formatted, organized, and will shadow each section of the health department. He thanked everybody that has been involved in the COVID-19 efforts. Mr. Lo Giudice shared that the COVID-19 metrics continue to decrease in the county and across the state. Of the vaccination eligible population, 53% are at least partially vaccinated, and 45% of the entire population has been partially vaccinated. The health department continues the vaccination effort at the health department and have mobile outreach and community canvassing events. Staff will be in Green Level for the Juneteenth celebration and at a Burlington Sock Puppets baseball game offering vaccines. Events continue to be coordinated with Cone Health for mobile vaccine clinics and community canvassing.

Mr. Lo Giudice shared that peer support continues to be offered for staff on site. He shared that work life is returning to normal and folks are having more standing meetings and some of those in person.

Mr. Lo Giudice reported that Vaya Health is merging with Cardinal Innovations. House Bill 61 has not moved, so there is no update regarding this. House Bill 572 has crossed over to the Senate rules committee House Bill 470 Medicaid expansion and House Bill 338 which is in regard to a nurse in every school are both in rules committee as well.

Mr. Lo Giudice updated the board about Barbee Street. More trash has been put on the property, buckets of human waste were found, snakes on the property and illegal burning. Mr. Lo Giudice, Susan Gwynn and the county attorney asked for a temporary restraining order which was granted. On June 10th Mr. Lo Giudice appeared in county with Susan Gwynn and county attorney went to court and family power of attorney to property owner was present. The Judge ordered all to be trash removed and no additional trash on be put on the property, pest control must work on the property, fix septic system or they would have to vacate the property by July 10. The health director can order the power to my cut off from the home if the home is not vacated. The power of attorney or property owner has been provided resources

of contractors to fix the septic system. Mr. Lo Giudice is hopeful the family will work on cleaning up the property to avoid them having to vacate the property. He will continue to keep the board updated on this issue.

Lastly, Mr. Lo Giudice shared that Friday June 18 the health department will be celebrating Juneteenth and he invited the board of health to attend. He shared that Smitty's Ice Cream will be donating ice cream to the health department for this event.

VIII. New Business

Ms. Alston presented a new policy that is required by the state WIC office. The name of the new policy is BFPC Service Delivery Model.

Ms. Alston reviewed changes to the following existing WIC policies: Nutrition Policy, NVRA Policy, Pending Applications Policy, Message Management and Retrieval Policy, and Track Multiuser Pumps Policy.

Since a quorum was not physically present during this meeting, the board present reviewed all policies and these will go on the consent agenda for the next meeting.

IX. Other

X. Adjournment

With no further items discussed Mr. Troy King ended the work session at 7:50 pm.

Mr. Troy King, Chair

Mr. Tony Lo Giudice, Secretary