

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

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 6:30 pm  
County Annex Building  
201 W. Elm Street  
Graham NC, 27253  
(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. Oath of Office for Dr. Saini Kundapati- Ms. Janna Elliott
- III. Approval of the Agenda- Mr. Troy King, Chair
- IV. Approval of items on Consent Agenda- Mr. Troy King, Chair
  - A. April 20, 2021 Board of Health Minutes
  - B. Personnel Report
- V. New Business
  - A. Letter of Support House Bill 61- Mr. Tony Lo Giudice
- VI. Medical Director Report- Dr. Kimberly Newton
- VII. Health Director Report- Mr. Tony Lo Giudice
- VIII. Other
- IX. Closed Session Pursuant To NCGS§143-318.11(a)(6)- Mr. Troy King
- X. Adjournment

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Reminders:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is **Tuesday June 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm** , the meal will be served at 6:00pm.

# ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Health

May 18, 2021

The Alamance County Board of Health met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at the County Annex building located at 201 W. Elm Street Graham, North Carolina and via Zoom.

The following board members were physically present: Chair Troy King, Vice Chair Marielena Moreno-Garcia, Commissioner Lashley, Dr. Ann Riley-Caldwell, Dr. Karin Minter and Dr. Saini Kundapati.

The following board members and staff attended over Zoom: Dr. Annette Wilson and Ms. Eleanor Rodriguez Rassi, and Dr. Newton.

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

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

Board of Health Chair, Mr. Troy King called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### II. Oath of Office

Ms. Janna Elliott administered the oath of office for new board of health member, Dr. Saini Kundapati.

#### III. Approval of the Agenda

***Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Karin Minter seconded the motion. Those who participated over Zoom stated their name and their vote. All members approved the agenda unanimously.***

#### IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

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| A. | April 20, 2021 Board of Health Minutes |
| B. | Personnel Report                       |

***Dr. Minter made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Commissioner Lashley seconded the motion. Those who participated over Zoom stated their name and their vote. All members approved the consent agenda unanimously.***

#### V. New Business

##### A. Letter of Support House Bill 61

Mr. Tony Lo Giudice presented a draft letter to state legislators from the board of health in support of House Bill 61. This bill would allocate \$36 million in recurring funds to the state to support and build the communicable disease structure in local health departments throughout the state. The board of health reviewed the letter of support to Representative Riddell, Representative Hurtado and Senator Galey.

***Ms. Moreno-Garcia made a motion to approve the letter and for it to be sent to the three state legislators on behalf of the Board of Health. Dr. Minter seconded the motion. Those who participated over Zoom stated their name and their vote. All members approved the motion unanimously.***

## **VI. Medical Director Update**

Dr. Newton reviewed the restrictions for services through COVID, but now clinical services are starting to return to a more normal schedule. Centering Pregnancy is beginning to discussions again about becoming standard of maternity care at the health department. She will report out at future meetings about the implementation of standard of care. Dr. Newton reported that the advanced practice provider position has been vacated and she will be conducting interviews in the next couple of weeks. Lastly, Dr. Newton addressed the gonorrhea question Dr. Minter had from the previous meeting. Dr. Newton reviewed that the disseminated rate increased in 2020 likely reflects simple infections that went untreated. The State has not finalized overall gonorrhea rates in State or County. The health department continued access to STI visits in person throughout pandemic, advocacy among women's health provider but were unable to do typical school based outreach in 2020. Dr. Newton shared that when the data is final at the state level, she will report back to the Board of Health.

## **VII. Health Director's Report**

Mr. Lo Giudice shared that division leaders will be returning to Board of Health meetings in June. Some staff that were hired during the height of the pandemic worked solely on COVID-19 activities. Those employees are now transitioning to their jobs and being trained on their normal job duties.

Mr. Lo Giudice shared that the solid waste violation property that was discussed at the previous meeting has since had more trash added to the property. The process will continue and the board will be kept up to date with any new developments on this issue.

The WIC section is recruiting for a Nutritionist II position since Donna Dotson has retired from that position. WIC will have a UNC Public Health intern for the month of June. The physical presence waiver for North Carolina is effective as long as COVID-19 is declared as a public health emergency (effective until August 21 and pending the public health emergency renewal), allowing WIC to conduct telehealth appointments. The most recent official WIC participation numbers reflect that WIC is at 113.2% of their assigned caseload for February 2021.

Mr. Lo Giudice shared that the health department will be signing on Malik Harrison, the new Elon Alamance Health Partner (EAHP) to work at the health department for one year. Mr. Lo Giudice thanked Colin Deutsch, 2020/2021 EAHP, for his dedication and hard work.

Mr. Lo Giudice provided a COVID-19 update. He shared that all COVID case trends have dramatically decreased locally and across the state. The vaccine demand has decreased over time, but the health department continues to do outreach, hold mobile vaccination events and advertisement about the COVID vaccine. Nurses will make home visits to give vaccines if individuals are unable to get to the health department. All vaccine efforts are being coordinated with Cone Health to avoid duplication of effort and to ensure the community has access to the vaccine throughout the county. Mr. Lo Giudice had the opportunity to talk about COVID-19 vaccinations on Facebook Live with the Hispanic League. He thanked the health department staff and partners for their continued hard work.

## **VIII. Other**

Ms. Marielena Garcia-Moreno shared that she volunteered with the health department and she was amazed at the organization and customer service provided at vaccine events. Dr. Minter asked if it was known how many health department staff have been vaccinated. Ms. Elliott explained the exact number is unknown because this is not something the health department tracks internally. A survey will be created to ask staff to anonymously report their vaccination status.

## **IX. Closed Session**

***At 7:20pm, Dr. Minter made a motion to go into closed session. Dr. Riley-Caldwell seconded the motion. Those who participated over Zoom stated their name and their vote. All members approved the motion unanimously.***

***At 8:19pm, Commissioner Lashley made a motion to come out of closed session. Dr. Minter seconded the motion. Those who participated over Zoom stated their name and their vote. All members approved the motion unanimously.***

During the closed session, the board of health conducted the health director's six-month performance evaluation and reviewed the job description.

**X. Adjournment**

***With no further business discussed, at 8:21 pm Dr. Minter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lashley seconded the motion. Those who participated over Zoom stated their name and their vote. All members approved unanimously.***

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Mr. Troy King, Chair

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Mr. Tony Lo Giudice, Secretary