

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

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 6:30 pm
Zoom**

Board of Health Regular Meeting

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia, Chair
- II. Approval of the Agenda- Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia, Chair
- III. Approval of March 15, 2022 Minutes- Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia, Chair
- IV. New Business
 - A. Budget Amendments- Mr. Tony Lo Giudice
- V. Environmental Health Report- Ms. Becky Rosso
- VI. Dental Clinic Report- Dr. George Ackall
- VII. Personal Health Report- Ms. Gayle Shoffner
- VIII. Medical Director Report- Dr. Kimberly Newton
- IX. Personnel Report- Mr. Tony Lo Giudice
- X. Health Director Report- Mr. Tony Lo Giudice
- XI. Other
- XII. Adjournment

Reminders:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is **Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm**, location to be determined

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Health

April 19, 2022

The Alamance County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 via Zoom.

The following board members attended over Zoom: Chair Marielena Moreno-Garcia, Vice Chair Richard Blanchard, Dr. Karin Minter, Dr. Annette Wilson, Dr. Saini Kundapati, Dr. Ann Marie Riley-Caldwell, and Mr. Troy King.

The following staff members and guests attended over Zoom: Mr. Tony Lo Giudice, Ms. Ariana Lawrence, Ms. Gayle Shoffner, Dr. Arlinda Ellison, Ms. Nicole Alston, Dr. Kimberly Newton, Ms. Becky Rosso, Dr. George Ackall, Ms. Brianna Beck, Ms. Hannah Maness and Ms. Diana Mora.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Board of Health Chair, Ms. Moreno-Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. All board members and staff introduced themselves.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. King made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion. The Chair called on each board member for his or her vote. The board approved the agenda unanimously.

III. Approval of March 15, 2022 Board of Health Minutes

Dr. Minter made a motion to approve the March 15, 2022 Board of Health minutes. Dr. Riley-Caldwell seconded the motion. The Chair called on each board member for his or her vote. The board approved the minutes unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Budget Amendments

Mr. Lo Giudice presented budget amendment #9 for \$37,684.00. The Health Department received notification of funding from the Division of Public Health, Environmental Health Section, Food Protection and Facilities Branch for food, lodging, and institution sanitation programs and activities. The funds will be used to purchase a new vehicle for the program. These are entirely state funds and do not require any local match or expenditure of any local funds.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion. The Chair called on each board member for his or her vote. The board approved the budget amendment unanimously.

V. Environmental Health Report

Ms. Rosso discussed an issue regarding the Maple Hotel in Burlington. On April 5, Environmental Health office received a complaint from the City of Burlington regarding the Maple Hotel. On April 7, staff investigated the complaint jointly with City of Burlington Fire and Code enforcement. Environmental Health completed their annual inspection during the visit and the facility earned a 61.5. Per the Rules Governing the Sanitation of Lodging Establishments and State NCGS 130A-23d, any facility that falls below 70 must have their permit immediately revoked. Environmental Health

staff informed the hotel manager and the health department could only enforce that they could not offer nightly rentals with this score, and rooms rented for a week or more were exempt from the rules. Dr. Minter asked if there were long-term occupants of the hotel and if they have been aware of the issues. Ms. Rosso shared that occupants were educated about the issues so they could decide if they would like to stay or leave. Burlington Code Enforcement would have jurisdiction over the revoking of long-term renting of rooms. Ms. Rosso shared that staff have been in touch with DSS since there were children living in the motel. Dr. Kundapati asked if the owners are willing to make the necessary changes to improve their score. Ms. Rosso answered that the owners are willing to make improvements, but they are very overwhelmed with the situation.

Ms. Rosso updated the board on solid waste issues. The Boone Road is ongoing and staff continue to work with owner to get compliance with solid waste ordinance. Ms. Rosso is hopeful this issue will be resolved in a few months. The Barbee Street issue is mostly resolved but a big concern is the septic system needs to be repaired. No one is currently occupying home so no sewage is on the ground or in the creek behind the home. Ms. Rosso shared that she is working with Attorneys to ensure whomever occupies the home fixes the septic first. The last issue is on N. Preacher Roberson Road. Ms. Rosso spoke with the County Attorney today and due to the items on the property, this will be a joint effort between Health and Planning Department. The county attorney will send a letter to show a cohesive joint effort for compliance with County ordinances with letter specifying which items violate which ordinance and department contacts.

VI. Dental Report

Dr. Ackall shared that the Dental Clinic will be taking part in the May 14th Dream Center event and will be doing dental screenings. On April 12th, Dental Clinic staff were involved in a drive-thru event in Greensboro where staff were able to provide dental education to several hundred individuals. Dr. Ackall shared that the Mobile Dental Clinic is preparing for the school based dental visits to launch Fall 2022. Staff are currently working on consents and paperwork for parents. Lastly, Dr. Ackall reported that Dental is still in their temporary location and hope to be back in their permanent location mid-May.

VII. Personal Health Report

Ms. Shoffner discussed that clinic staff will also be present for the Dream Center event on May 14th to provide children immunizations. Ms. Shoffner discussed the clinical vacancies and recruitment efforts. Ms. Shoffner mentioned, on April 12th the Health Department hosted an open house hiring event, on April 18th Ms. Shoffner spoke with the graduating nursing student class at Alamance Community College, and on May 31st Ms. Shoffner and Mr. Lo Giudice will be speaking to the first graduating nursing class from Elon University. Ms. Shoffner shared that the Health Department is increasing agency clinic availability to accommodate undergrad nursing students from Elon and ACC this fall. This is in addition to the UNCH Nursing students that already utilize the agency for their clinical rotations.

Ms. Shoffner discussed appointment availability for the various clinics. Family Planning/acute visits and Maternity/new OB visits were 2 days out for appointment availability. For Maternity revisits and STD appointments are one day out, and Nurse Clinic appointments are three days out.

VIII. Medical Director Report

Dr. Newton added to Ms. Shoffner's report that clinics continue to see walk-in patients and STD/Communicable Disease is always available for same day appointments. Dr. Newton shared that Family Medicine residents from UNC have begun coming to the health department again in the maternity clinic and there have been several requests for APP clinical rotations in the health department that can be accepted in the Fall, as long as the clinic nurse positions begin to be filled. Dr. Newton shared that there is no Centering update as of now, but she continues to get calls from other agencies about our experience with Centering.

Dr. Newton discussed Avian Flu situation in North Carolina. She reported that in North Carolina and across the United States there has been a highly pathogenic Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Virus detected

in birds. There are no cases identified in Alamance County, but there are cases reported in Johnston and Wayne counties. Dr. Newton will keep the board updated if the situation continues.

Dr. Newton shared that she is an IBCLC and was asked to speak on Spectrum News about the role breastfeeding plays on preterm birth and infant mortality and how to support nursing mothers in healthcare sector.

IX. Personnel Report

Mr. LoGiudice shared the personnel report.

Vacant Positions Updates:

Position	Job Announcement Date Open	Job Announcement Date Closed	#Qualified Applications Received	Current Status
Public Health Nurse II Clinical Nurse (4)	9/29/2021	04/30/2022	4	Accepting applications
Public Health Nurse III Communicable Disease	11/2/2021	04/30/2022	1	Accepting applications
Public Health Nurse III – Family Planning	04/04/2022	04/30/2022	0	Accepting applications
Public Health Nurse III – TB	03/18/2022	04/30/2022	0	Accepting applications
Public Health Nurse III – STD	03/18/2022	04/30/2022	0	Accepting applications
Public Health Nurse Supervisor I	04/04/2022	04/30/2022	1	Accepting applications
Processing Assistant III (WIC)	04/01/2022	04/15/2022	15	Accepting applications
Public Health Educator II – Community Health Improvement Specialist	03/30/2022	04/15/2022	15 candidates: All work againsts	Accepting applications
Medical Office Assistant	03/17/2022	04/15/2022	10	Accepting applications
Administrative Assistant I – Clerical Supervisor	04/11/2022	04/30/2022	32	Accepting applications
Computer Production Specialist II	04/01/2022	04/15/2022	2	Accepting applications
Processing Assistant III (Clerical) (2)	04/14/2022	04/22/2022		Accepting applications

Hires/Transfers/Resignations:

- Michael Brooks Robinson selected to fill Environmental Health Program Specialist – effective 4/25/2022.
- Michelle Hart selected to fill Processing Assistant III (Clerical) – effective 4/12/2022
- Rodney Glover –Computer Production Specialist II -resigned effective 4/8/2022
- Elizabeth Olloqui - Processing Assistant III (Clerical) – resigned effective 04/26/2022
- Janet Morrow - Processing Assistant III (Clerical) – transferring to DSS effective 04/29/2022
- Elizabeth Luna – Administrative Assistant I – transferring to DSS effective 5/2/2022

Frozen Positions:

- Community Health Assistant- WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (frozen through FY 21-22)
- Processing Assistant IV – WIC (frozen through FY 21-22)
- Processing Assistant III –WIC (frozen through FY 21-22)
- Patient Account Representative IV-Dental (frozen through FY 21-22)
- Physician Extender II (frozen through FY 21-22)

X. Health Director Report

Mr. Lo Giudice discussed the odor/irritant situation that was reported on in previous meetings. He updated the board that the last industrial hygienist company's report came back and no findings of concern were found.

Mr. Lo Giudice shared that April 4-10 is Public Health Week, and the Board of County Commissioners signed a proclamation for public health week. The health department is celebrating April as public health month and has had special activities planned for staff throughout the month.

Mr. Lo Giudice showed the board artwork created by staff for the side of the new mobile unit. He is hoping the unit will be ready by the end of May.

Mr. Lo Giudice provided a COVID update. He shared that the metrics were changed on NCDHHS to be reported weekly, and now the Alamance County dashboard will link directly to the states website so the public can access all of the data being provided by the state. He discussed COVID wastewater particles, ED visits, CDC transmission data, cases per week in Alamance and vaccination statistics in Alamance.

Mr. Lo Giudice reminded the board that the health department has shifted to Monday and Friday clinic operations and are offering second boosters for those who qualify.

Mr. Lo Giudice discussed the hiring event that the health department hosted on April 12. He gave kudos to all staff who were involved in the planning and execution of the event. There were 23 individuals to show up to the event and some filled out applications on-site and interviews were done on-site as well. He shared that the event exceeded his expectations and the county Human Resources Department was very impressed as well. Mr. Lo Giudice shared the recruitment efforts by the health department via social media.

XI. Other

The board discussed the May board of health meeting and would prefer to meet via Zoom in May.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Minter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion. The Chair called on each board member for his or her vote. The board approved to adjourn the meeting unanimously.

Ms. Marielena Moreno-Garcia, Chair

Mr. Tony Lo Giudice, Secretary