

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Health

October 19, 2010

The Alamance County Board of Health met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, in the Professional Board Room of the Human Services Center located at 319-B North Graham-Hopedale Road, Burlington, North Carolina.

The following board members were present: Dr. Reid Woodard, Chairman, Dr. Donald Courtney, Dr. Kary Dodd, Ms. Kara Marshall, Ms. Lynda Puckett, Mr. Kent Tapscott and Mr. Michael Venable.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Barry Bass, Ms. Christy Bradsher, Mr. Carl Carroll, Dr. Kathleen Shapley-Quinn, Ms. Gayle Shoffner and Ms. Janna Elliott.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Dr. Reid Woodard, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

II. Approval of the August 17, 2010, Board of Health Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Donald Courtney to approve the August 17, 2010, Board of Health minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kary Dodd and approved unanimously by the board.

III. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

IV. Administrative Reports

A. Personnel Update

Ms. Janna Elliott provided the board with the following Personnel Update:

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PERSONNEL UPDATE***New Hires / Transfers / Resignations:***

- Mollie Todd resigned from the Public Health Nurse II – Communicable Disease Coordinator position effective September 8, 2010.
- Cathy Stephenson transferred to the vacant Public Health Nurse II – Maternity Coordinator position, replacing Connie Alfano, effective October 1, 2010.
- Sherri Wanner resigned from the Dental Assistant II position effective October 1, 2010.

Recruiting to fill the following positions:

- Public Health Nurse I (50%), replacing Kelly Mendenhall
- Public Health Nurse I, replacing Cathy Stephenson
- Public Health Nurse II – Communicable Disease Coordinator, replacing Mollie Todd
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, replacing Aimee Vandemark
- Dentist I, replacing Roberta Osborn (this position is now a full-time position)
- Dental Assistant II, replacing Sherri Wanner

Vacant positions:

- Public Health Nursing Director III, replacing Debra Garrett
- Foreign Language Interpreter II – WIC, replacing Maria Oakley

B. Budget Amendments/Transfers

Ms. Bradsher presented the Health, WIC and Dental amendments and transfers 1 – 8 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year for board approval:

Budget Amendments and Transfers FYE 11

ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	1		DEPT. NAME:	Dental
STATE BUDGET:	Dental		TRANSFER:	X
			AMENDMENT:	
Expenditures:				
110-5160-260	Departmental Supplies & Materials	-4,200.00	-4,200.00	-4,200.00
110-5160-510	Capital Outlay-Equipment	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
Explanation:	Transfer to cover the cost of purchasing a new suction devise used in the performance of dental services.			
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	2		DEPT. NAME:	Health
STATE BUDGET:	Chronic Disease & Injury		TRANSFER:	
			AMENDMENT:	X
Revenue:				
310-3511-330	Asthma Grant	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Expenditures:				
110-5110-630	Asthma Grant	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Explanation:	Funds received from the NC Division of Public Health, Chronic Disease & Injury Branch to help reduce the burden of asthma through awareness and educational activities.			
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	3		DEPT. NAME:	Health
STATE BUDGET:	Health		TRANSFER:	X
			AMENDMENT:	
Expenditures:				
110-5110-239	Scientific & Medical Supplies	-30,435.50	-30,435.50	-30,435.50
110-5110-239	Scientific & Medical Supplies	-13,534.50	-13,534.50	-13,534.50
110-5110-615	Incredible Years APC	30,435.50	30,435.50	30,435.50
110-5110-616	Strengthening Families DS & YS	13,534.50	13,534.50	13,534.50
Explanation:	Transferred funds to reflect actual Strengthening Families Grant amounts received from the NC Division of Public Health for FY 10-11 in the appropriate line items.			
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	4		DEPT. NAME:	Health
STATE BUDGET:	Health		TRANSFER:	X
			AMENDMENT:	
Expenditures:				
110-5110-260	Departmental Supplies & Materials	-2,315.00	-2,315.00	-2,315.00
110-5110-619	Alamance Partnership for Children	2,315.00	2,315.00	2,315.00
Explanation:	Transferred funds to appropriated codes under Smart Start Grant.			
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	5		DEPT. NAME:	Health
STATE BUDGET:	NC DPH		TRANSFER:	
			AMENDMENT:	X
Revenue:				
310-3511-301	General Aid To County	40,938.00	40,938.00	40,938.00
Expenditures:				
110-5110-239	Scientific & Medical Supplies	30,938.00	30,938.00	30,938.00
110-5110-260	Departmental Supplies & Materials	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
110-5110-311	Travel & Training	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Explanation:	Budgeted additional funds received from the NC Division of Public Health to support essential public health services for FY 10-11.			

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ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	6		DEPT. NAME:	WIC
STATE BUDGET:	WIC		TRANSFER:	
			AMENDMENT:	X
Revenue:				
310-3515-300	WIC Program	19,896.02	19,896.02	19,896.02
Expenditures:				
110-5150-120	Wages & Salaries	19,896.02	19,896.02	19,896.02
Budgeted additional funds received from the NC Division of Public Health, Women's and Children's Branch, WIC section. Funds will be used to support the WIC program.				
Explanation:				
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	7		DEPT. NAME:	WIC
STATE BUDGET:	WIC		TRANSFER:	
			AMENDMENT:	X
Revenue:				
310-3515-300	WIC Program	6,261.00	6,261.00	6,261.00
Expenditures:				
110-5150-120	Wages & Salaries	6,261.00	6,261.00	6,261.00
Budgeted additional funds received from the NC Division of Public Health, Women's and Children's Branch, WIC section. Funds will be used to support and promote breastfeeding.				
Explanation:				
ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	TRIAL BALANCE	STATE BUDGET	COUNTY BUDGET
REV. NO.	8		DEPT. NAME:	WIC
STATE BUDGET:	WIC		TRANSFER:	X
			AMENDMENT:	
Expenditures:				
110-5150-260	Scientific & Medical Supplies	-57,660.00	-30,435.50	-30,435.50
110-5150-120	Salaries & Wages	57,660.00		
110-5150-239	Scientific & Medical Supplies	-37,762.98	30,435.50	30,435.50
110-5150-120	Salaries & Wages	37,762.98	13,534.50	13,534.50
110-5150-241	Small Tools & Equipment	-8356	-8356	-8356
110-5150-180	Insurance FICA Retirement	8356	8356	8356
110-5150-239	Scientific & Medical Supplies	-9000	-9000	-9000
110-5150-311	Travel & Training	9000	9000	9000
110-5150-239	Scientific & Medical Supplies	-1000	-1000	-1000
110-5150-312	Daily Travel Reimbursement	1000	1000	1000
110-5150-443	Computer Lease	-2000	-2000	-2000
110-5150-321	Telephone & Postage	2000	2000	2000
110-5150-443	Computer Lease	-900	-900	-900
110-5150-491	Dues & Subscriptions	900	900	900
Transferred funds to align WIC budget with current program activities. The WIC program has undergone several modifications since the full county budget was approved in April, 2010. Transfer was needed in order to accommodate approved market rate adjustments, new program activities, changes in existing operations and funding levels.				
Explanation:				

A motion was made by Ms. Kara Marshall to approve the Health, WIC and Dental budget amendments and transfers 1 – 8 for FY 2010-2011. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donald Courtney and was approved by the board unanimously.

V. Personal Health Committee Update

Dr. Woodard presented the minutes from the September 21, 2010, Personal Health Committee meeting.

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Personal Health Committee

The Personal Health Committee met on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 6:00 pm, in the Health Department Conference Room (Room 1129) of the Human Services Building located at 319-B N. Graham Hopedale Rd, Burlington, North Carolina.

The following committee members were present: Dr. Kary Dodd, Mr. Charles Wilson and Dr. Reid Woodard.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Barry Bass, Dr. Kathleen Shapley-Quinn, Ms. Nancy Sartin, Ms. Michele Herbek and Ms. Janna Elliott.

Call to Order

Dr. Reid Woodard called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

WIC Update

Ms. Michele Herbek provided the committee with the WIC Monthly Report for August 2010.

WIC

Departmental Monthly Report

August 2010

Clinic Activities:

971 Clinical Nutrition contacts provided by Nutritionist

435 Hemoglobin's done in WIC

238 Nutrition Education lessons provided by WIC Clerical

Most recent report of dollar amount of WIC vouchers redeemed in Alamance County 259,792.62. Number Food Vouchers redeemed – 12242

Clinic show rate – 76% (942 appointments kept/1234 appointments scheduled)

Clinic profile: 4521 or 100 % of assigned caseload 4517

Racial Ethnic composition of caseload- 39% White- Black 24% -36% Hispanic – <1% Asian.

Grocery Store Bulletin board

WIC Staff Meeting 8-4-2010

Food demos: (2) fun food shapes; (2) blueberry smoothies: 8/5 & 8/19

Nutritionist Meeting 8-5-10

ARMC Pediatric Committee Meeting attended by Michele Herbek & Nicole Alston 8-11-10

Spanish language class 8-18-10

Food Allergy Presentation by Nicole Alston at ARMC 8-19-10

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Webinar attended by Catherine Cunningham, Lorena Gomez, Naomi Garcia, Courtmie Carter 8-25-10

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Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby Meeting attended by Catherine Cunningham
8-26-10

Catherine Cunningham started the Mary Rose Tully Lactation Consultant
program at UNC 8-27-10

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program caseload 116 by 8-31-10

Nicole Alston started Module II Pediatric Nutrition Assessment online course
8-11-10

Submitted by: Michele Herbek & Robin Robertson

Personal Health Update

Ms. Nancy Sartin reported that the new telephone system has been installed. This is one step in preparation for Open Access in November.

Ms. Sartin announced that the Communicable Disease Coordinator resigned two weeks ago. The job announcement has been posted. Three nurses, two supervisors and Ms. Sartin are sharing responsibilities during the vacancy. Ms. Sartin also stated that an appointment recommendation has been submitted for the Maternity Coordinator position to be effective October 1, 2010. This will create an open Public Health Nurse I position, which will be advertised as soon as County Administration will allow.

Ms. Sartin discussed that flu clinic will be opening soon. ACHD has 180 doses of adult vaccine and 100 doses for children less than three years of age. Maternity clinic has begun vaccinating patients. Vaccinations will be available to the public as soon as enough supply has been received. Vaccinations will be available to ACHD staff on September 23, 2010. Unfortunately, ACHD is unable to bill Medicare directly therefore Medicare patients will receive a receipt which they can submit to Medicare for reimbursement.

Medical Director's Report

Dr. Kathleen Shapley-Quinn gave the Alamance County Health Department Maternity Clinic Volume and Payment Source Statistics as well as Women's Health Clinic / Pregnancy Test / STD Monthly Report and STD Demographics Graph:

ACHD MATERNITY CLINIC VOLUME STATISTICS

Month/Year	Total Pts	Total Visits	Hispanic Client Visits	% Of total	Asian Client Visits	% of total
Jan-09	250	460	200	43%	5	1%
Feb-09	268	477	220	46%	4	1%
Mar-09	273	522	216	41%	6	1%
Apr-09	274	495	245	49%	11	2%
May-09	263	461	229	50%	10	2%
Jun-09	266	511	258	50%	17	3%
Jul-09	253	507	250	49%	14	3%
Aug-09	247	446	217	49%	8	2%
Sep-09	255	462	217	47%	10	2%
Oct-09	268	513	219	43%	6	1%
Nov-09	265	452	220	49%	2	<1%
Dec-09	276	516	252	49%	3	1%
average/month						

** Hispanic & Asian client information now reflects number of visits and not unduplicated numbers; percentage of total calculated using total visits

Month/Year	Total Pts	Total Visits	Hispanic Client Visits	% Of total	Asian Client Visits	% of total
Jan-10	265	459	232	51%	6	1%
Feb-10	266	453	239	53%	8	2%
Mar-10	296	538	262	49%	12	2%
Apr-10	276	500	246	49%	12	2%
May-10	252	443	200	45%	16	4%
Jun-10	250	507	228	45%	11	2%
Jul-10	249	480	219	46%	11	2%
Aug-10						
Sep-10						
Oct-10						
Nov-10						
Dec-10						
average/month						

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ACHD MATERNITY CLINIC PAYMENT SOURCE STATISTICS*

Month/Year	Total Pts	MPW/CA	Sliding Scale		Third Party Insurance
			% Pay	NC	
Jan-09	250	70%	7%	20%	3%
Feb-09	268	71%	8%	20%	2%
Mar-09	273	72%	6%	20%	2%
Apr-09	274	64%	9%	23%	3%
May-09	263	65%	8%	24%	3%
Jun-09	253	63%	6%	29%	2%
Jul-09	247	67%	5%	26%	2%
Aug-09	247	62%	18%	18%	2%
Sep-09	255	70%	6%	22%	1%
Oct-09	268	69%	6%	23%	2%
Nov-09	265	69%	6%	23%	2%
Dec-09	276	pending	pending	pending	pending

Month/Year	Total Pts	MPW/CA	Sliding Scale		Third Party Insurance
			% Pay	NC	
Jan-10	265	178	13	67	7
Feb-10	266	179	18	61	8
Mar-10	296	193	27	66	10
Apr-10	276	176	27	63	10
May-10	252	158	26	58	10
Jun-10	250	pending	pending	pending	pending
Jul-10	249	pending	pending	pending	pending
Aug-10					
Sep-10					
Oct-10					
Nov-10					
Dec-10					

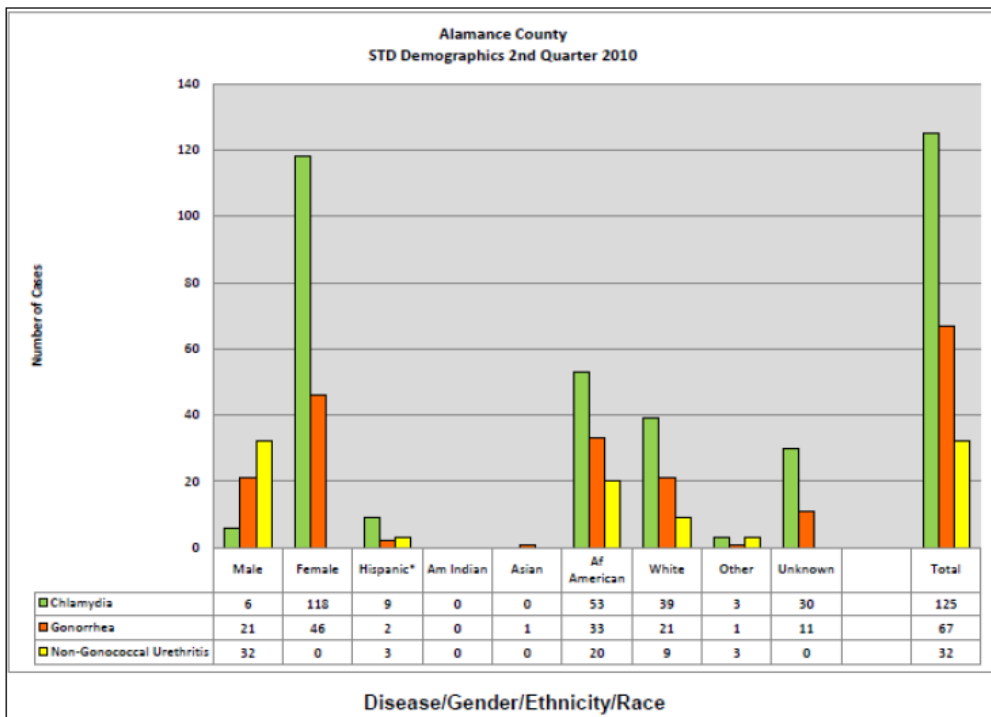
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Women's Health/STD Clinic

Month/Year	Total Visits Completed	# Depo given	Total Visits STD Clinic	STD clinic visits by sex		STD visits by race & sex									
				Females	Males	Asian-F	Asian-M	Black-F	Black-M	Hispanic-F	Hispanic-M	White-F	White-M	Other-F	Other-M
Jan-10	492	186	233	151	87	2	0	74	42	17	9	51	35	7	1
Feb-10	492	197	202	122	81	0	0	86	36	10	14	41	26	2	2
Mar-10	596	196	335	195	137	0	0	118	75	10	14	68	43	2	5
Apr-10	492	200	253	149	104	1	1	76	55	11	12	54	33	7	3
May-10	450	174	254	185	109	0	0	97	60	15	13	87	34	6	2
Jun-10	452	181	258	155	102	0	1	80	61	7	7	67	30	4	3
Jul-10	476	185	304	194	110	1	2	98	83	14	10	74	31	7	1
Aug-10															
Sep-10															
Oct-10															
Nov-10															
Dec-10															
TOTAL	3443	1293	1884	1155	730	4	4	612	399	94	79	427	232	29	17

Pregnancy Test Clinic

Month/Year	Total	PI's completed		All Positive PI's to receive care at ACHD				PI's completed under age 17		
		Negatives	Positives	Total	% of total Pos	Teens	Non-Teens	Total	Negatives	Positives
Jan-10	117	27	90	52	44%	1	51	7	4	3
Feb-10	194	43	151	35	34%	0	35	8	8	0
Mar-10	193	21	172	42	41%	3	39	6	1	5
Apr-10	62	5	57	26	42%	0	26	10	0	10
May-10	64	4	60	34	53%	3	31	6	1	4
Jun-10	76	11	65	36	47%	2	34	7	3	4
Jul-10	68	13	55	27	40%	4	23	8	0	8
Aug-10	62	14	48	30	48%	0	30	1	1	0
Sep-10										
Oct-10										
Nov-10										
Dec-10										



Dr. Shapley-Quinn noted that the number of pregnancy tests completed has decreased over the past six months. A \$10 fee per test was approved at the February 2010 Board of Health meeting. Pregnancy test data was reviewed from 2007 to present. Dr. Woodard stated this should be discussed again at the October Board of Health meeting.

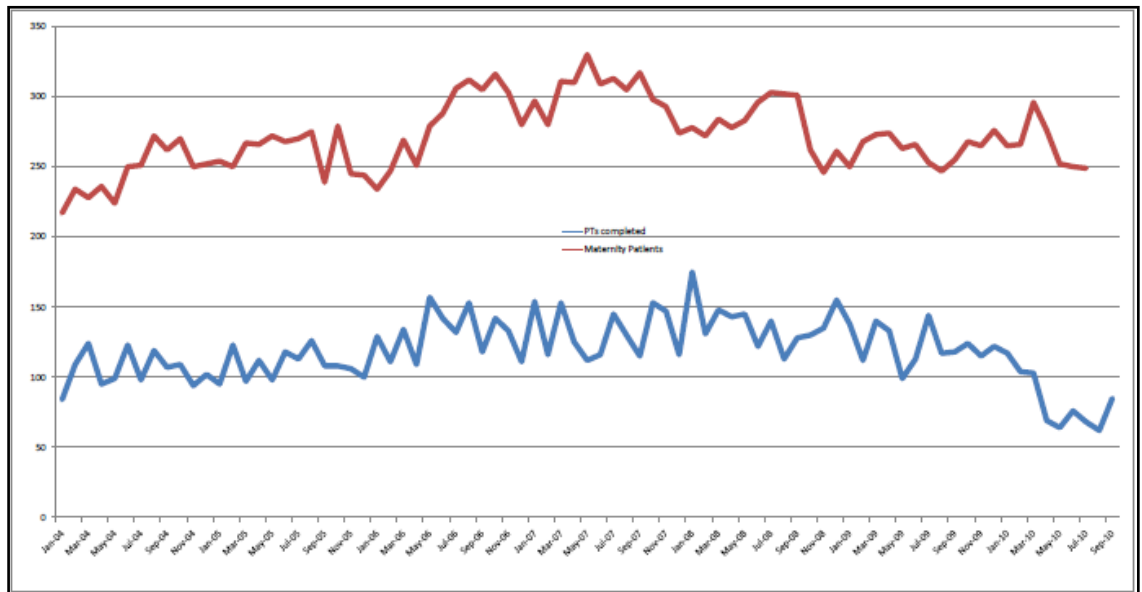
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<p>Dr. Shapley-Quinn stated that she is conducting interviews for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker position.</p>		
<p>Dr. Shapley-Quinn reported that new Infant Mortality data has been published. Alamance County's rate increased from last year, but is still trending downward over time. Our rate is consistent with the overall state rate.</p>		
<p>Dr. Shapley-Quinn stated that ACHD will be partnering with a research group which will install a survey terminal to gather anonymous information from clients about contraception.</p>		
<p>Dr. Shapley-Quinn reported that recently an unrelated two month old and four month old were diagnosed with pertussis. Primarily adolescents transmit pertussis to infants, who cannot receive the vaccination until two months of age and does not become effective for six to eight weeks following vaccination. Ms. Christie Sykes, Immunization and Child Health Coordinator, and Ms. Shannon Alley, Preparedness Coordinator, are forming a work group to push Tdap, a vaccine for adolescents and adults to prevent tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.</p>		
<p>Dr. Woodard inquired about clinic revenue and if there had been significant changes over the past few years. Mr. Bass will have the data available at the October Board of Health meeting. Mr. Wilson inquired about our services offered versus those offered at Westside OB GYN and Charles Drew. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding why patients would choose other providers over ACHD.</p>		
<p><u>Health Director's Report</u></p>		
<p>Mr. Bass discussed a survey in regards to smoking at the Health Services Complex (HSC) that was completed several years ago. The HSC Smoke-free work group is developing an online survey to poll HSC employees.</p>		
<p>Mr. Bass requested the committee consider reducing the charge for flu shots to \$20. The committee consented to this amount.</p>		
<p>Mr. Barry Bass discussed that accreditation is quickly approaching. Dr. Courtney has agreed to serve on the accreditation work group as a representative of the Board of Health.</p>		
<p>Mr. Bass stated that ACHD has been asked to join in QI 101, a quality improvement initiative being offered to Public Health agencies. Mr. Bass, along with Ms. Kathy Brooks, Quality Assurance Specialist, and Ms. Kathleen Grasty, Quality Assurance Coordinator, will develop a QI project for ACHD.</p>		
<p>Dr. Woodard inquired about the status of House Bill 2 and violations. Mr. Bass stated that one facility has received three notices of violation and the County Attorney is preparing an injunction.</p>		

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Adjournment
 With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janna Elliott
Clerk to the Board of Health

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the \$10.00 charge for pregnancy tests. In February, the board approved to begin charging \$10.00 per pregnancy test. Medicaid reimburses \$8.68 per pregnancy test. We cannot charge less than the Medicaid reimbursement rate, unless the fee is removed all together. Mr. Bass stated that the number of tests administered in September increased by 23 from August. Data was distributed showing the number of pregnancy tests completed and the number of maternity patients from 2004 until present.



Month/Year	PTs completed	Maternity Patients	Month/Year	PTs completed	Maternity Patients
Jan-04	88	217	Jan-05	175	273
Feb-04	109	234	Feb-05	131	272
Mar-04	124	233	Mar-05	148	264
Apr-04	95	230	Apr-05	143	273
May-04	99	234	May-05	145	283
Jun-04	123	260	Jun-05	122	268
Jul-04	98	281	Jul-05	140	303
Aug-04	119	272	Aug-05	113	302
Sep-04	107	262	Sep-05	128	301
Oct-04	109	270	Oct-05	130	282
Nov-04	94	260	Nov-05	135	248
Dec-04	102	282	Dec-05	155	261
Jan-05	95	254	Jan-06	138	250
Feb-05	123	250	Feb-06	112	268
Mar-05	97	267	Mar-06	140	272
Apr-05	112	266	Apr-06	133	274
May-05	98	272	May-06	99	262
Jun-05	118	266	Jun-06	113	266
Jul-05	113	270	Jul-06	144	282
Aug-05	126	278	Aug-06	117	247
Sep-05	108	236	Sep-06	118	258
Oct-05	108	279	Oct-06	124	268
Nov-05	106	245	Nov-06	115	269
Dec-05	100	244	Dec-06	122	270
Jan-06	129	234	Jan-07	117	265
Feb-06	111	247	Feb-07	104	266
Mar-06	124	268	Mar-07	102	266
Apr-06	109	281	Apr-07	89	270
May-06	157	270	May-07	64	252
Jun-06	142	288	Jun-07	75	262
Jul-06	122	306	Jul-07	68	248
Aug-06	153	312	Aug-07	62	
Sep-06	118	308	Sep-07	85	
Oct-06	142	318			
Nov-06	133	302			
Dec-06	111	280			
Jan-07	154	297			
Feb-07	116	280			
Mar-07	153	311			
Apr-07	125	310			
May-07	112	330			
Jun-07	116	309			
Jul-07	145	313			
Aug-07	130	309			
Sep-07	115	317			
Oct-07	153	288			
Nov-07	147	282			
Dec-07	116	274			

*Maternity data not available
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Dr. Kathleen Shapley-Quinn stated that when patients come for pregnancy tests, if the test is negative, the patient can immediately be started on birth control. If patients are opposed to paying \$10 for a pregnancy test, they must wait for an available appointment to discuss contraception. The board will closely monitor the numbers in the pregnancy test clinic over the next few months and will alter the fee if it is deemed appropriate after enough data has been gathered.

VI. Environmental Health Committee Update

Dr. Courtney presented the minutes from the September 21, 2010, Environmental Health Committee meeting.

Alamance County Board of Health**Environmental Health Committee**

The Environmental Health Committee met on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 12:00 pm in the Health Department Conference Room (Room 1129) of the Human Services Building located at 319-B N. Graham Hopedale Road, Burlington, North Carolina.

The following committee members were present: Dr. Donald Courtney, Ms. Kara Marshall and Mr. Michael Venable.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Barry Bass, Mr. Carl Carroll and Ms. Janna Elliott.

Call to Order

Chairman Donald Courtney called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Environmental Health Update

Mr. Carl Carroll reported eighteen new facility plans for food establishments have been filed since July 2010. In the fiscal year 2009 – 2010, a total of twenty-three plans were filed. Some of the new plans are due to restaurants closing and opening in the same location with a new owner/name. Several plans are at the new Tanger Outlets and some are located at Holly Hill Mall.

Biosolids

Mr. Carroll discussed that a child with a chronic medical condition lives in close proximity to a farm that has a permit to receive land application of biosolids. The child's mother contacted Mr. Carroll, who contacted the waste generator and staff with the Division of Public Health, Occupational Environmental Epidemiology. The next scheduled application was put on hold. The company will contact the family when they are scheduled to apply biosolids again to that location so that the family can make arrangements to not be home during the application period if they so desire. The child's medical condition includes chronic nausea, which could be made worse by the odor from the biosolids.

Exotic Animal Update

Mr. Carroll stated that staff from the Health Department, Planning Department, and the Sheriff's Department had recently met to draft an exotic animal ordinance. Mr. Clyde Albright, County Attorney, is reviewing the draft. Mr. Jason Martin, Planning Director, may take Mr. Albright's approved draft to the Planning Board and/or Board of Commissioners for adoption. Dr. Courtney requested Mr. Carroll email him the draft to review.

Rabies

Mr. Carroll reported that a sixth case of rabies has been documented for 2010. This case involved an unvaccinated dog. All six cases have involved unvaccinated pets. Mr. Carroll discussed recent issues related to the proper administration of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). Due to some questions about this issue he and Dr. Shapley-Quinn will try to arrange for training from the State on PEP at a monthly meeting at ARMC.

Environmental Health Policies Review

Mr. Carroll provided the Committee with Environmental Health's Program Policies for review. The Health Department Policy on Policies requires that policies be reviewed annually by staff. Committee members also reviewed the policies and recommended no changes.

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<p>Mr. Carroll discussed several issues related to wells that had to be corrected due to improper construction and location by drillers.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll discussed that bed bugs have arrived in Alamance County. One apartment complex, one hotel and one private residence have reported bed bugs. There are links on the county's website regarding bed bugs and their removal and prevention.</p> <p><u>Health Director's Update</u></p> <p>Mr. Barry Bass discussed that accreditation is quickly approaching. Dr. Courtney has agreed to serve on the accreditation work group as a representative of the Board of Health.</p> <p>Mr. Bass discussed a survey in regards to smoking at the Health Services Complex (HSC) that was completed several years ago. The HSC Smoke-free work group is developing an online survey to poll HSC employees.</p> <p>Mr. Bass requested the committee consider reducing the charge for flu shots to \$20. The committee consented to this amount.</p> <p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Janna Elliott Clerk to the Board of Health</p>		

VII. Environmental Health Update

Mr. Carl Carroll reported that the Exotic Animal Ordinance has been drafted and will likely be presented to the Planning Board in the coming months.

Mr. Carroll stated no new complaints have been received regarding House Bill 2. 3Thirty3 Sports Bar has received three violations. Mr. Clyde Albright is working to prepare an injunction regarding this facility.

Mr. Carroll discussed a new interpretation by the Attorney General's Office regarding fencing at public swimming pools built prior to 1993. Staff have visited 44 of the 67 pool facilities so far and sent letters to 38 of those. An additional 13 visits and the remaining letters will be sent in the next few weeks. Staff anticipate that over 60% of the facilities will have to make repairs to fences and some will have to do extensive work prior to receiving a new permit to operate. Repairs will be related to height of fence, latch on gate and spacing between ground and bottom of fencing.

Mr. Carroll stated that Environmental Health will be hosting a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, October 30, 2010, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. There is usually good turnout for this clinic. Several local veterinary offices will be hosting week-long clinics November 1 – 6, 2010, during regular business hours.

Mr. Carroll was pleased to announce that “Toby” will be released from his six month quarantine on Monday, October 25, barring any other health concerns.

Dr. Woodard inquired about the status of Tanger Outlets and their well concerns. Mr. Carroll stated that required repairs were made.

VIII. Personal Health Update

Ms. Gayle Shoffner informed the board that ACHD began giving flu vaccine to the public October 4th. To date, a total of 260 doses have been given to the maternity clinic patients and public. 71 doses have been administered to county employees. Vaccine is being provided on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 11:00 am and 1:30 until 4:00 pm. The cost has been reduced to \$20.00 in order to be competitive with local pharmacies and physicians who began offering vaccine in September. This year’s vaccine contains H1N1 along with two other strains (A/Perth/H3N2, and B/Brisbane). This year only one shot will be needed instead of two as last year with the exception of some children younger than nine years of age. There is not a shortage of vaccine this year and vaccine is readily available throughout the county. The NC Influenza Sentinel Surveillance Program’s reporting season for this year began October 3, 2010. So far there have been no confirmed cases of flu reported in NC but there have been 86 influenza-like illnesses reported in the state. The report in September (ending last year’s tracking) reported 2 confirmed cases.

Ms. Shoffner reported that the Open Access work group is on target to begin Open Access Scheduling on November 8th. Four members of this work group traveled to Davidson County Health Department on October 15th to observe and ask questions about their open access procedure. Davidson County began Open Access Scheduling in May 2008. It was learned that clients and staff initially had concerns about the switch but now are very pleased with the availability of appointments within 24 hours of calling for one. Their show rate for appointments has increased to 90%. Our current show rate is 50 to 60%. Conversations have also been held with staff from other counties that are using this type of scheduling.

Ms. Shoffner stated that the CD Coordinator position has been re-posted and will remain posted until filled. In the interim, five staff members are continuing to share the CD responsibilities. We hope to begin interviewing for this position as well as the vacant PHN I position vacated when Cathy Stephenson was appointed to the Maternity Coordinator position.

IX. Medical Director’s Report

Dr. Kathleen Shapley-Quinn was pleased to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Miss Ada Ruth. Dr. Shapley-Quinn just returned from vacation leave and two medical conferences. She had no other information to report.

X. Health Director’s Report

Mr. Bass discussed the QI 101 initiative the Health Department is participating in. A work group has attending training and is working to form a QI project which will hopefully enhance the client experience as well as empower staff to work towards quality improvement.

XI. Old Business

Mr. Bass provided the board with the updated Authorization and Power of Attorney to Consent to Dental Care for Minor form as changes were requested at the August Board of Health meeting. Mr. Bass stated that the County Attorney added the phrase, “until such time as it is revoked in writing by me.” He stated that the State Dental Board leaves forms such as this up to individual clinics.

Authorization and Power of Attorney to Consent to Dental Care for Minor

I, _____, of _____ County, North
 (Name)
 Carolina, am the custodial parent having legal custody of _____,
 (Child's Name)
 a minor child's age _____, born _____, I authorize _____
 (Date of Birth) (Name)
 _____ an adult in whose care the minor child has been entrusted,
 (Name)
 and who resides at _____, to
 (Address)
authorize any care which may be necessary or proper to provide for the dental care of the
 minor child, including, but not limited to, the power (i) to provide for such dental care at
 Alamance County Children's Dental Clinic or the employing of any dentist or other person
 whose services may be needed for such dental care, (ii) to consent to and authorize any dental
 care, including administration of anesthesia, x-ray examination, and/or the performance of
 dental procedures.

By signing below, I indicate that I am the parent or legal guardian and that I have read this form
 and acknowledge that I understand and have the legal authority to communicate dental care
 decisions and that I am fully informed as to the contents of this document and understand the
 full import of this grant of powers to the person named above, until such time as it is revoked in
 writing by me.

Child's Name _____
 Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 ALAMANCE COUNTY

On this _____ day of _____, _____, personally appeared before me the named
 _____, to me known and known to me to be the person described
 in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he (or she) acknowledges that he (or she)
 executed the same and being duly sworn by me, made oath/affirmed that the statements in the
 foregoing instrument are true.

 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

XII. New Business**A. Nomination Committee for Election of 2011 Officers**

Dr. Woodard appointed Ms. Lynda Puckett, Dr. Michael Blocker and Mr. Charles Wilson to the Nomination Committee. This committee will meet following the Personal Health Committee in November.

B. Awards Committee for 2010 Award Recipients

Dr. Woodard appointed the Personal Health Committee to serve as the Awards Committee. This committee will meet following the Personal Health Committee in November.

C. Board of Health Member Terms Expiring

Mr. Bass stated that several Board of Health members' terms are expiring. Dr. Woodard is coming to the end of this third term and will not be able to be reappointed. Other board members with expiring terms are eligible to be reappointed and should let Mr. Bass know if they would like to be considered for reappointment by the Board of Commissioners.

D. Request for Approval of Fees

Mr. Bass presented the board with a request to reduce the fee for flu vaccine to \$20.00.



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Memo

To: Joseph Barry Bass, Jr., Health Director
 Re: Price Reduction Request-Influenza Vaccine
 Date: 10/19/2010

In order to accommodate our patients, increase price competitiveness, and reduce the potential of having a surplus of influenza vaccine left over this flu season, we are requesting to reduce the price of the Flu Shot from \$25 to \$20.

Over the past several years the Health Department has worked diligently to become a participating Medicare provider, however have met several obstacles in our pursuit. We are currently working with state consultants from the North Carolina Division of Public Health to obtain participating status as quickly as possible.

In the interim, our Medicare patients have to pay for the Flu Shot upfront and file Medicare themselves for reimbursement. By implementing a price reduction we hope to lessen their burden of having to file their own claim for reimbursement.

Also, in comparing prices charged by pharmacies and other provider offices in the community, we felt that a price cut was necessary to maintain competitiveness and increase the number of influenza vaccine given.

Again, we are requesting to decrease the price of the Flu Shot from \$25 to \$20 effective August 1, 2010. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.



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A motion was made by Mr. Michael Venable to approve the price reduction request as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kara Marshall and approved unanimously by the board.

XIII. Other

Ms. Christy Bradsher provided the board with revenue information as requested at the September Personal Health Committee meeting.

XIV. Closed Session

The meeting went into closed session per N.C. General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6) at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Kara Marshall for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lynda Puckett.

The closed session adjourned into open session at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Michael Venable and second by Dr. Kary Dodd.

Dr. Woodard announced that a personnel matter was discussed during the closed session.

XV. Adjournment

With no further action or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Kara Marshall and seconded by Dr. Donald Courtney.

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Reid Woodard, Chairman

Mr. Joseph B. Bass, Jr., Secretary