

May 3, 2017 (Regular)

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING**

The Burke County Board of Health met in regular session on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Conference Room No. H-69 of the Human Resource Center, located at 700 East Parker Road in Morganton, North Carolina. Members present were:

PRESENT: Susan Bingham- Vice Chairman
Johnnie Carswell
Richard Garrison
Carol Ervin
Adrianna Morris
Melinda Zimmerman
Dr. Natalie Whitaker

ABSENT: Sam King- Chairman
Dr. Michael Gould
Dr. Thomas Wallrichs
Dr. Gresham Orrison

ALSO, PRESENT: Rebecca McLeod, Health Director
Cathy Pritchard, Assistant Health Director

CALL TO ORDER

Susan Bingham called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one to address the Board.

PRESENTATION

Child Protection/Child Fatality Team 16/17 Annual Report – Rebecca McLeod, Health Director

Rebecca presented 2016/2017 Burke County Child Protection and Child Fatality Team (CFCPT) Report. This report was mailed to each member prior to the meeting. She reminded the Board that this is also a mandated requirement to present to both the Board of Commissioners and Board of Health annually. Rebecca presented a short report on what the local Child Fatality/Child Protection team has done this past year. This year, so far, Burke County CFCPT has reviewed 12 child deaths and identified (0) zero system problems. The majority of the deaths have been due to pre-maturity or babies being born to drug addicted moms. Burke Recovery provided an in-service training on what the effects of methamphetamine and cocaine use are on children. Burke County currently has a total of 230 children in foster care. The County does not have enough families to do foster care. Commissioner Carswell reported that the Burke County Commissioners have transferred 1.2 million into the budget to support foster care for the remaining of this fiscal year. Early Head start also provided an in-service training on the Legacy for Children program. Head Prevention Campaign is still going. Participated in Family Day Event. The Burke County CFCPT will receive \$618.00 from the State they are going to recommend purchasing lock boxes for foster care families. The Burke County Child Protection/Child Fatality Team name

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will be on the lock boxes. The CFCPT also had to go through a State Fatality review in which the death occurred two years ago in Catawba County, but was followed in Burke County in the previous year prior to the death. Two (2) full days were spent reviewing the case. Recommendations are coming back to the DSS Board and the CFCPT on the findings. The report should be out by May 17th with some issues for improvement in the report. Employees being burnt out and working under a lot of stress is a big issue in DSS. Commissioner Carswell shared with the Board about a bill in the Senate to Regionalize DSS. Tammy Barringer from Mecklenburg County has a strong contingency of Senators that are supporting her in her efforts to regionalize to thirty DSS's. Currently, Commissioner Carswell is not in favor of this bill until he sees something to convince him otherwise. He does not know how this will affect Burke County. The bill has made the crossover and he reports that we really need to keep an eye on this. When he has more concrete information, he will make a statement.

DISCUSSION:

None at this time.

DECISION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

With no changes to April 5, 2017 meeting minutes, the minutes were unanimously approved following a motion and second.

Motion: To approve the regular Board of Health meeting minutes of April 5, 2017. (Regular meeting).

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Richard Garrison
SECONDER:	Melinda Zimmerman
AYES:	Susan Bingham, Johnnie Carswell, Dr. Natalie Whitaker, Carol Ervin Largent, Adriana Morris, Richard Garrison, Melinda Zimmerman
ABSENT:	Sam King, Dr. Michael Gould, Dr. Thomas Wallrichs, Dr. Gresham Orrison

Fee and Eligibility Policy

Rebecca reported that a finding from our State Administrative Audit last month had some changes for Title X. Title X is where we get our money for Family Planning. Minor changes in our policy. Those changes were bolded in the copy sent to members prior to the meeting. Rebecca reviewed the changes and answered questions from board members.

Motion: To approve the Fee and Eligibility Policy as presented with required changes.

RESULT:	APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Carol Ervin Largent
SECONDER:	Adriana Morris
AYES:	Susan Bingham, Johnnie Carswell, Dr. Natalie Whitaker, Carol Ervin Largent, Adriana Morris, Richard Garrison, Melinda Zimmerman
ABSENT:	Sam King, Dr. Michael Gould, Dr. Thomas Wallrichs, Dr. Gresham Orrison

CLOSED SESSION:

A closed session was not needed.

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DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Rebecca informed the Board that we have Lisa Mangum, Nurse Practitioner working part time 20 hours a week seeing STD patients. She will continue to see STD patients until July and then she will do Primary Care and STDs. Rebecca talked with the State about a budget revision of \$2,000 to help pay for Primary Care but they said no due to the lateness of the contract. We will continue to work with Mountain Valley on referrals until July. Dr. Lafferty is still working 16 hours a week as well seeing all Maternity and Family Planning patients.

Rebecca updated the Board on our New Electronic Health Record, CURE MD. She explained that the practice management components would be live by the end of June. Hopefully, we will go live with clinical in August or September.

Commissioner Carswell informed the Board that the North Carolina County Commissioners Association will be doing seminars on Opioid Abuse across the State. He will be doing the seminar for the Western part of the Region. The seminar is called Opioid Use in a Box. This is a great program and it will be open for anyone who wants to attend. It is one of the initiatives for the Association this year.

Rebecca informed the Board that May is Mental Health Awareness month. A calendar of events and trainings are listed in the News Herald this week. Rebecca reminded the Board that Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Poverty are our main issues in this Community Health Needs Assessment. Carol Ervin shared with the Board that they have had some great presentations and trainings. They started with the Burke Substance Abuse Network meeting on Friday, and she was very pleased with participation and there was a lot of questions and discussions. They focused on patients who are dually diagnosed. They also had a panel discussion with the Residents' Group at the Hospital. They will be doing a Community Forum with the same kind of format with a panel discussion the questionable location is at the New Day Christian Church. It will be a breakfast and the community will be invited. Partners Behavioral Health is offering Mental Health First Aid training on every Wednesday this month.

Rebecca reported that Burke Integrated Health is set to move to One North Square on June 1st, 2017 if construction goes well. Burke Health Network will also be there. High Country Community Health is working to do treatment for Hepatitis C patients here in Burke County. Right now, the patients are being transported to Boone for treatment weekly. This will be another referral avenue for our department if the person has no medical home.

Commissioner Carswell informed the Board that his term on the State Water Infrastructure Authority is ending in June. He would like to remain on there. He was a Governor's Appointee and is not sure what the new Governor will do. He informed the Board that we only have two (2) representatives west of I-77, and they need to remain on there to keep our water clean and money flowing. If he needs a letter of recommendation to remain on the Board, Rebecca assured him that he would have the Board's full support. She asked him to send her the contact information if a letter needs to be written.

Rebecca informed the Board that she will not be here for the June 7th Board of Health Meeting. She will be at the Health Directors' Legal Conference in Chapel Hill on Wednesday and Thursday. Cathy will be working with Chair on Rebecca's behalf. There are some issues that need to come before the Board in June. Rebecca is updating the Imaging Policy, due to the new Electronic Health Record this will need to be Board approved. Cindy Hasson will present the Annual Communicable Disease Report. Nate Hall from Environmental Health will be here to discuss changing the Environmental Health Policy from refunding all the permit money if no septic tank is put on owner's property, to keeping a percentage of the permit money to pay for time and effort spent on

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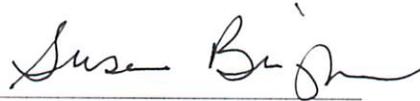
checking the property for sustainability. The Board discussed making this an administrative fee and take to the Commissioners for next year's budget.

Rebecca also informed the Board that the Animal Control Ordinance is now on decision. Johnnie said it would not be an item of decision it will be a second vote. Rebecca said it is a lot better than what it was but some things will still need to be changed.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Susan Bingham, adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Approved this the 3rd day of May 2017.



Susan Bingham, Vice-Chair
Burke County Board of Health

Attest:



Rebecca McLeod, MPH
Health Director, Burke County