

June 7, 2023 (Regular)

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF
HEALTH REGULAR MEETING**

The Burke County Board of Health met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:00p. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 700 East Parker Road in Morganton, North Carolina. Members present were:

PRESENT: Isaac Crouch, Chairman
Dr. Anthony Frank, Vice Chairman
Gwen Stephens
Dr. Joel Welch
Johnnie Carswell
Dr. Laura Gratton
Jessi Stout
Dr. Nicholas Thomas

ABSENT: Barry Nelson

ALSO PRESENT: Danny Scalise, Health Director
Connie Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Bobby Smith, Director of Nursing
Ashley Jarrett, Public Health Nurse

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Isaac Crouch called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Anthony Frank made the motion to approve the agenda and it stands approved.

RESULTS: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Isaac Crouch, Dr. Anthony Frank, Gwen Stephens, Dr. Joel Welch, Johnnie Carswell, Jessi Stout, Dr. Nicholas Thomas
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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 Regular Meeting.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Isaac Crouch, Dr. Anthony Frank, Gwen Stephens, Dr. Joel Welch, Johnnie Carswell, Jessi Stout, Dr. Nicholas Thomas

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business to come before the Board.

PRESENTATION

Strategic Plan Draft – Danny Scalise

Mr. Scalise reported that he had received a draft copy of the Strategic Plan from our facilitator Steve Orton. A copy of the draft was included in the Board materials. Mr. Scalise reviewed the highlights of the Plan and noted that we are on our way to having a robust 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. The Plan was narrowed to three strategic topics substance use and mental health, workforce ecosystem and community engagement for the action planning. He asked the Board to please review the plan to make sure everyone agrees with the draft Mr. Orton has written.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Scalise reviewed the 23-24 Budget with the Board. He reported the Budget will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on June 20, 2023 for final approval. He reported the Health Department Budget includes one (1) new position and that will be the addition of an Assistant Health Director. He stated that we are in the last month of our current budget, and we are on track with our spending.

BOARD DECISION

- **APPROVAL OF POLICIES**
 - ✓ **Clinical Policies:** 1) Non-Stress Test (NST) Policy

RESULTS:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYFS:	Isaac Crouch, Dr. Anthony Frank, Gwen Stephens, Dr. Joel Welch, Johnnie Carswell, Jessi Stout, Dr. Laura Gratton, Dr. Nicholas Thomas

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Danny Scalise reviewed the year-to-date budget report with the Board. He reported that our Preparedness Coordinator, Todd Staton, has completed setting up our preparedness exercises for the next several years which prepares us on a day-to-day basis for whatever possible disaster may come.

He then reported that Commissioner Carswell, Ashley Jarrett, and he attended the NC ACC Summit on Reducing Overdose. He noted the keynote speaker was the Rev. Michelle Mathis, Executive Director of Olive Branch Ministry. Rev Mathis is one of our partners through the Dogwood Trust Fund Grant.

Mr. Scalise reported that on July 12, 2023 Beth Macy, author of *Dope Sick*, will be at the CoMMA to introduce her new book *Raising Lazarus*. This will be an open forum and will be open to the public.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No Report

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Crouch adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Approved on August 2, 2023.



Isaac Crouch, Chairman
Burke County Board of Health

ATTEST:



Danny F. Scalise II, MBA, MPH, CPH, FACHE
Public Health Director
Burke County Health Department