

Moore County Board of Health May 1st, 2023

Members Present

Tony Price, Chair
Benjamin Wacker, OD
Leo Santowasso, PE, PLS;
Robert Lupski, R. Ph., M.S.
Tom LoSapio
Alex White, Dr.P.H, M.S., M.P.H., D.D.S.
Julie Baugher, M.D.
Kurt Cook, Moore County Commissioner
Pauline Sandness R.N., B.S.N
Janice Baker, D.V.M., M.S., D.A.C.V.P.M.
David Williams, B.S., M.A.
Matt Garner, Secretary to the Board

Members Absent

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Community Room of the Rick Rhyne Public Safety Center in Carthage, NC. Chair Tony Price called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Health Department staff present were Jennifer Wallace, Administrative Officer; and Miriam King-Gill, Administrative Officer. Stephan Lapping, Associate County Attorney, was present for the meeting. Miriam King-Gill called roll for all members.

Invocation:

Interim Director Matt Garner gave the invocation.

Secretary to the Board:

The following statement was read: *“Does any Board Member have a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board will address in this meeting?”* None were noted.

Approval of, and/or Adjustments to, Agenda:

Chair, Tony Price, requested a motion to approve the agenda minutes with no adjustment. Dr. Alex White made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Leo Santowasso. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Presentations/Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

Board of Health Education/Staff Reports:

Public Health Preparedness Update
Communications Committee Report
Nursing Director's Report
Health Director's Report

Public Health Preparedness Update: *(Presentation is attached in the Appendix as **Document 1**)*

Jessica Liens who serves as the Moore County Health Department's Emergency Preparedness Liaison with On Target Preparedness LLC, presented on Emergency Preparedness Operations within the Moore County Health Department. All questions from board members regarding the presentation were addressed by Jessica Liens and Matt Garner.

Communications Committee Report:

Dr. Janice Baker shared that the Communications Committee held a meeting on Monday April 3rd, 2023 to discuss potential partnerships with other county organizations and possible upcoming educational presentations for the Board of Health.

Nursing Director's Report:

There was no report.

Health Director's Report:

Interim Director Matt Garner shared that the monovalent COVID-19 vaccine has been discontinued by manufacturers; however, the bivalent vaccination will remain available to all individuals free of cost. Detailed COVID-19 reports can be found on the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) website. Vaccination appointments are available at the Moore County Health Department by appointment. For Moore County, COVID-19 cases have fallen to an average of 15 cases per week, with only 4 COVID-19 related deaths since January of 2023.

The completion time for permitting through our Environmental Health division has decreased to: four weeks for septic permits, two weeks for well permits, and one week for well recertifications.

Vector borne disease incidents typically increase as warm weather approaches. To mitigate harm of these diseases, the health department will offer education and resources to county citizens. The resources include several distributions of Mosquito Dunks and print materials free of charge. Information concerning location and date/time for the distributions will be forthcoming. Local partner agencies including the Moore County Department of Aging are providing fans and in special cases, air conditioning units to at-risk-at-need elderly citizens.

The Moore County Health Department's Family Planning Program will engage in outreach and research. Angela Williams, RN, serves as the Nurse Coordinator for the program. Angela will conduct surveys, focus groups, and media reviews to reach county citizens in need of these services. There are online and print ads with

The Pilot, in the local movie theater, as well as billboards that give information to the public about Family Planning services offered at the health department.

Approval of Agenda Minutes:

Chair Tony Price requested a motion to approve the March 6th, 2023 agenda minutes. Leo Santowasso made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Julie Baugher. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Matt Garner presented the Performance Measures Report for the Moore County Health Department.

New Business:

Opioid Settlement Funding Update

Proposals that came to the Moore County Opioid Task Force are under review. Services will be available to citizens and aim to support opioid control. Collaborative strategic planning, recovery support, recovery housing support, employment support, early intervention, post overdose response, syringe exchange, criminal justice diversion, are all proposals which will be fully funded. The Task Force will recommend best practices and a plan for implementing these services.

US Open Planning (*Presentation is attached in the Appendix as Document 2*)

The Moore County Health Department's Environmental Health Division will be charged with regulating aspects of onsite water, sewage, food and lodging for the 124th US Open set to take place in Pinehurst in 2024. Crystal Hodges, and Holly Wright presented on Environmental Health's role in tournament regulation. All questions from board members regarding the presentation were addressed by Holly Wright and Crystal Hodges.

Topics in turn:

Chair Tony Price opened the floor to board members for topics in turn. The Chair reiterated the purpose behind *topics in turn* and expressed that anyone on the board was able to share. No member had a topic to discuss.

Closed Session:

There was no closed session.

Adjourn: The Chairman of the Board requested a motion to adjourn. Leo Santowasso made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Alex White. All members were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Appendix

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Document 1

Preparedness Updates

Jessica Leins

Emergency Management Planner
On Target Preparedness, LLC.

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Document 2

