

Moore County Board of Health July 8th, 2024

Members Present

Alex White, Dr.P.H, M.S., M.P.H., D.D.S.;
Benjamin Wacker, OD
Tom LoSapio
Pauline Sandness R.N., B.S.N
David Williams, B.S., M.A.
Julie Baugher, M.D.
Nick Ellis, Ph.D., M.B.A
Kurt Cook, Moore County Commissioner
Tyler Brady, DVM
Matt Garner, Secretary to the Board

Members Absent

Phillip Picerno, P.E
Robert Lupski, R.Ph., M.S.

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 to the Board, Dr. Alex White, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Health Department staff present were: Melissa Fraley, Nursing Director; Jennifer Wallace, Administrative Officer; Melissa Chestang, Social Work Supervisor; and Miriam King-Gill, Administrative Officer. Stephan Lapping, Associate County Attorney was present for the meeting. Dawn Gilbert, Moore County Human Resources Director, and Dee Ann Purvis Moore County Assistant Human Resources Director were present.

Invocation

Matt Garner gave the invocation followed by a reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

Public Comments

None

Closed Session

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) to preserve the attorney-client privilege and (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, and conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Alex White requested a motion to move to Closed Session. David Williams moved seconded by Kurt Cook. All members were in favor.

The Moore County Board of Health appointed Matt Garner to the full-time position of Health Director. Matt Garner took the oath of office which was administered by Dawn Gilbert.

Approval of, and/or Adjustments to, Agenda

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to approve the consent agenda with no adjustment. David Williams moved, seconded by Tom LoSapio. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Board of Health Education/Staff Reports

Moore County Health Department

The following reports were presented for the Moore County Health Department's Fourth Quarter: FY24 4th Quarter Activity Report; FY24 4th Quarter Fiscal Report; FY24 4th Quarter Performance Measures.

Communications Committee Reports

There was no report.

Health Director's Report

The 124th US Open was held in Pinehurst June 13th -16th. There were no public health emergencies, no communicable disease and no food borne illness outbreaks. Matt gave a kudos to all Environmental Health department staff as well as county staff. For the full week of the tournament approximately 262,000 attendees were counted. The average daily attendance was 40,000 spectators. A total of 44 Temporary Food Establishment permits were issued and 412 food inspections completed. An estimated 200 million dollars was generated for the county economy. Pinehurst resort has been named as an “anchor site” for the US Open. The large tournament will return in the years of: 2029, 2035, 2041, and 2047. The US Open held in 2029 will be a back-to-back Men’s and Women’s Open.

A successful session of Electronic Health Record (EHR) staff trainings took place during the first week of July. Staff will continue working with CureMD to integrate the system’s billing, scheduling, charting, reporting, and records retention capabilities into daily workflow.

The health department lab received renovations allowing a direct access doorway to the clinic area for: patients and staff carrying specimens and soiled equipment. In addition, a non-slip flooring treatment was installed. As a result of the renovations, the Women Infant and Children program (WIC) received a private height and weight room where they will also conduct blood draws for clients.

The Moore County Health Department is currently accepting applications for: WIC Nutritionist III, Social Worker II and Public Health Nurse III. Laura Jordan, Registered Environmental Health Specialist joined the department on July 1st, 2024.

The Board discussed redirecting a public comment to the appropriate channels as the question asked was not in the arena for public health, rather private health cared. Tom LoSapio will relay the messaging to the individual who asked.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to approve minutes from the May 6th, 2024 regular meeting with no adjustments. Dr. Nick Ellis moved, seconded by Tom LoSapio. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to approve minutes from the June 19th, 2024 called meeting with no adjustments. Dr. Tyler Brady moved, seconded by Dr. Ben Wacker. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

An upcoming tour of the FirstHealth Cancer Center will occur for Moore County Board of Health members. Matt Garner delivered the Local Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Report to board members.

Topics in Turn

There were no topics in turn.

Adjourn

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. David Williams moved, seconded by Tom LoSapio. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.