

Moore County Board of Health March 4th, 2024

Members Present

Alex White, Dr.P.H, M.S., M.P.H., D.D.S.;
Benjamin Wacker, OD
Tom LoSapio
Kurt Cook, Moore County Commissioner
David Williams, B.S., M.A.
Tyler Brady, DVM
Phillip Picerno, P.E
Julie Baugher, M.D.
Robert Lupski, R.Ph., M.S.
Matt Garner, Secretary to the Board

Members Absent

Nick Ellis, Ph.D., M.B.A
Pauline Sandness R.N., B.S.N

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; Marisa Ramos, Health Educator; and Miriam King-Gill, Administrative Officer. Stephan Lapping, Associate County Attorney was present for the meeting. Interim Health Director Matt Garner called roll for all members.

Invocation

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

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

Public Comments

A public comment was offered by Ken Matthews.

Special Presentations/Recognitions

Steven Garner, Public Health and Medicaid Consultant for the North Carolina Alliance of Public Health Agencies (NCAPHA) along with Patrick Brown, Executive Director of the North Carolina Public Health Collaboration (NCPHC) presented on the history and processes that govern the establishment of fee schedules for local health departments.

Health Director's Report

Food and Lodging anticipates permitting 75 food and beverage vendors for the upcoming US Open. There is an April 1st deadline for application submission. Additional registered consultants and regional staff will aid in planning meetings for this event. Onsite Sewage received a ground penetrating radar unit that will allow for mapping and identifying sub ground systems. Federal funds have been approved to reimburse the cost of the unit.

On February 21st 2024, accreditation for the health department occurred. Official results will be received by the close of March.

The successful vendor for the health department's new Electronic Health Record system (EHR) has been revealed as CureMD. This particular system is being customized to meet the needs of the health department's clinical operations. Operability trainings will occur for staff over the next few months. The contract with current EHR, Patagonia, will be held through July 1st, 2024.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its respiratory illness guidance to recommend that individuals experiencing any respiratory illness, to include COVID-19, stay home and away from others until symptoms have improved for 24 hours. If fever is present, it is recommended to isolate until the fever breaks without the use of fever reducing medications.

Vacant positions at the health department are for the Foreign Language Interpreter II position and Nutritionist III position. A conditional offer is anticipated to be signed by the successful Nutritionist III candidate next week.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8th, 2024 meeting. David Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Julie Baugher. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

State Health Plan Coverage for Obesity Treatments

Dr. Julie Baugher shared her concern that the state of North Carolina has made the decision to discontinue coverage and provision of semaglutide medications. Due to the abuse of prescription, many patients who rely on these lifesaving medications to treat comorbidities will be disadvantaged. She requested that The Board act together to advocate for continued provision of these medications through the appropriate channels.

FY 25 Clinical Fee Schedule

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to approve the Clinical Fee Schedule for the 2025 Fiscal. Dr. Tyler Brady moved, seconded by Dr. Julie Baugher. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

FY 25 Environmental Fee Schedule

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to approve the Environmental Fee Schedule for the 2025 Fiscal Year. David Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Tyler Brady second. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

BOH Committees/Workgroups

Dr. Alex White clarified committee meeting rules and shared protocol and procedure for the calling of meetings.

Closed Session

The board voted to enter Closed Session. No action was taken during closed session. Dr Tyler Brady moved to re-enter regular session which was seconded by Phillip Picerno.

Adjourn

Commissioner Cook requested that the Pledge of Allegiance be recited at the opening of all Moore County Board of Health meetings, beginning at the May 2024 regular meeting.

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Tyler Brady moved, seconded by Dr. Ben Wacker. All members were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.