

Moore County Board of Health October 7th, 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.
Tyler Brady, DVM
Matt Garner, Secretary to the Board, Health Director

Members Absent

Phillip Picerno, P.E
Robert Lupski, R.Ph., M.S.
Nick Ellis, Ph.D., M.B.A
Kurt Cook, Moore County Commissioner
Julie Baugher, M.D.

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; and Miriam King-Gill, Administrative Officer. Stephan Lapping, Associate County Attorney was present for the meeting.

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

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.

Presentations/Recognitions

None

Board of Health Education/Staff Reports

Cancer Care- Sushma Patel, M.D., FirstHealth

Presentation attached in the appendix as Document 1

TS Helene Public Health Response, Western NC-Matt Garner, MPA,

A moment of silence was observed for the loss of life because of Hurricane Helene.

Presentation attached in the appendix as Document 2

Health Director's Report

Russ Kelly, Environmental Health Technician, has been reclassified to an Environmental Health Associate. Moore County is the first county in North Carolina to include this position in its Environmental Health Department. As defined by the North Carolina Office of State Human Resources (NCOSHR), the minimum requirements for this position are as follows “Graduated with an associate, bachelor's, or postgraduate degree from a program that is accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) and satisfactorily completed general and specialized instruction and training in environmental health approved by the Department. Graduated with an associate, bachelor's, or postgraduate degree and earned minimum of 15 semester hours in the physical, biological, natural, life, or health sciences and satisfactorily completed general and specialized instruction and training in environmental health approved by the Department.”

Environmental Health will host a Septic Systems conference on November 13th and 14th. This conference has been designed by Soil Scientist Nathan Hinson, who has been employed with Environmental Health since 2023.

Seasonal Respiratory Illness season peaks between the months of December and February. Recommendations are to receive both regular flu and covid19 vaccinations. The RSV virus impacts older adults, young children and those with medical conditions; RSV vaccinations are also highly encouraged.

According to the North Carolina K-12 Immunization Report for the 2023-2024 school year, Moore County Schools (MCS) displays better immunization non-compliance rates than overall state averages. State averages of immunization non-compliance versus MCS rates are as follows: State Kindergarten average of 4.68%, MCS Kindergarten average of 1.35%; State 7th grade average of 6.32%, MCS 7th grade average of 2.01%; State 12th grade average of 9.24% MCS 12th grade average of 0.75%.

Moore County Health Department received approval to remodel its Health Education wing which will be used as a collaboration and knowledge resource area. This remodel will allow for a more effective disease surveillance and response effort as well as improve workspace confidentiality for health education staff. The total cost of the remodel is approximately \$23,000.00 and is expected to have a three week start-to-finish time frame.

The department currently has vacancies for its Nutritionist II and Nutritionist III positions. A contract with Nutrition Plus to provide part-time nutrition services is in its final stages.

Oreya Bright and Nataya Redd have joined the Care Management program as Social Workers, while Jada Harris and Jean Boatman have joined the clinical team as the Maternal Health Program Nurse Coordinator and

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Foreign Language Interpreter, respectively. Jacob Odom joined Environmental Health as an Environmental Health Specialist Intern.

Moore County Health Department 1st Quarter Activity Reports

The following reports were presented for the Moore County Health Department's First Quarter: FY25 1st Quarter Activity Report; FY25 1st Quarter Fiscal Report; FY25 1st Quarter Performance Measures.

Old Business

FirstHealth Cancer Center Tour Rescheduling

FirstHealth has agreed to host the Moore County Board of Health and health department Management Team members at the newly opened FirstHealth Cancer Center. Members will work together to select a time and date for the tour.

New Business

None

Topics in Turn

David Williams inquired of the requirement for regular meetings, and the potential need for more meetings throughout the year. It was discussed that in the new year, modifications would be made to the schedule if the majority of members agreed. It was also reiterated that Called meetings remain an option if discussion needs to be had between regularly scheduled meetings.

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.

Chair, Dr. Alex White requested a motion to move to Closed Session; Dr. Ben Wacker moved, seconded by David Williams. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. David Williams moved, seconded by Tom LoSapio. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPENDIX



Document 1 (Double click on image to open the presentation)



Document 2 (Double click on image to open the presentation)