

Moore County Board of Health January 6th, 2025

Members Present

Alex White, Dr.P.H, M.S., M.P.H., D.D.S.;
Benjamin Wacker, OD
David Williams, B.S., M.A.
Tyler Brady, DVM
Phillip Picerno, P.E
Robert Lupski, R.Ph., M.S.
Julie Baugher, M.D.
Nick Ellis, Ph.D., M.B.A
Tom LoSapio
Pauline Sandness R.N., B.S.N
Matt Garner, Secretary to the Board, Health Director

Members Absent

Kurt Cook, Moore County Commissioner

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; 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.

Approval of, and/or Adjustments to, Agenda

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to approve the consent agenda with no adjustment. Dr. Julie Baugher moved, seconded by Dr. Tyler Brady. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Public Comments

None

Presentations/Recognitions

None

Board of Health Education/Staff Reports

Moore County Health Department 2nd Quarter Reports

Matt Garner presented the Moore County Health Department's 2nd Quarter Activity Report, 2nd Quarter Fiscal Report and 2nd Quarter Performance Measures. Detailed explanations of metrics were discussed by board members and all questions posed by board members were answered by Matt Garner.

Health Director's Report

An updated Community Health Assessment (CHA) is set to be completed in March. The Moore County Health Department collaborates with FirstHealth, who also has their own Community Health Assessment due in 2025. For this cycle's CHA, the use of focus groups will be implemented to ensure firsthand data from community members.

The Moore County Development group was established in December of 2024 and is comprised of representatives from: County Administration, Environmental Health, Planning and Zoning, Permitting and Inspections, Public Works, and Emergency Management. The group meets monthly to assess and review emerging and ongoing development projects within the county. Matt Garner, Crystal Hodges and Nathan Hinson are the health department representatives for this group.

Matt Garner shared the state respiratory dashboard which gives rates and metrics of respiratory illnesses and their prevalence in North Carolina. The dashboard is updated weekly to reflect changes statewide.

There remain no cases of the Avian Flu in North Carolina, surveillance and outreach continues in Moore County. An initiative to vaccinate farm workers within the county has been made accessible to Moore County farms and their workers. An update will be given when response to the initiative is received.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Alex White requested a motion to approve minutes from the December 2nd, 2024 regular meeting with no adjustments. Dr. Tyler Brady moved, seconded by David Williams. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Election of Board of Health Chair and Vice-Chair

Dr. Alex White inquired of additional nominations for the Board Chair appointment. Following no additional nominations, a motion was requested to appoint current Vice Chair, Dr. Ben Wacker to the Chair position. Dr. Julie Baugher moved, seconded by Dr. Tyler Brady. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Dr. Ben Wacker requested nominations for the Vice Chair—Robert Lupski was nominated to fill the Vice Chair vacancy with a motion made by David Williams and seconded by Dr. Tyler Brady. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

Health Director Performance Evaluation Tool

Board members discussed the performance evaluation tool format and delivery. It was suggested by Dr. Wacker that the evaluations be sent out several months in advance to provide adequate time for receiving responses and

discussing feedback. A motion to accept the current tool with the addition of an addendum detailing grading criteria was made by Tom LoSapio and seconded by Dr. Julie Baugher. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

FY 25/26 Budget Resolution

Dr. Ben Wacker requested a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Budget Resolution for the Moore County Health Department with no adjustment. Dr. Tyler Brady moved, seconded by Dr. Alex White. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Board of Health Policy Review

Board members reviewed the following policies: Policy on Policies, Board of Health Orientation and Training Policy, Board of Health Approval of Minutes Policy, Environmental Health Fee Policy, Clinical Fee Policy. Dr. Ben Wacker requested a motion to approve all policies simultaneously. Tom LoSapio moved, seconded by David Williams. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

Closed Session

No closed session was held.

Adjourn

Dr. Ben Wacker requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. David Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Tyler Brady. The meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m