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# PENDER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Minutes January 13, 2022

The Pender County Advisory Board of Health held a regular meeting on Thursday,

January 13,2022 at 5:00 p.m. in board room of the Pender County Health Department, Burgaw.

Board Members Attending:

* Kim Collins, Chair
* Shannon Jennings, Vice Chair
* Jan Dawson
* Beth Caveness
* George Brown Board Members Absent:
* Samenthia Jones
* Denise Houghton
* Frank Perez

Health Department Staff Attending:

* Carolyn Moser, HHS Director
* Vence Dodge, Environmental Health Supervisor
* Shirley Steele, Director of Nursing
* Marti Smith, Administrative Officer
* Casey Laf leur, RN
* Kimberli Trotman, RN Supervisor

Visitor:

David Piepmeyer, County Commissioner Chair

Meeting called to order by: Kim Collins, Chair Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Moser welcomed new Board Member, Beth Caveness as our Pharmacist Representative. Ms. Moser introduced Commissioner Piepmeyer as the new chair for the Board of County Commissioners thereby making him the new chair for the Board of Health. Introductions were made by current board members and health department staff. Ms. Caveness shared a little bit about herself as owner of Village Pharmacy in Hampstead. Commissioner Piepmeyer shared he has been a county commissioner for 8 years and thanked the Advisory Board for allowing him to sit in on the meeting.

Public comment: None Action Items:

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was presented for approval by Shannon Jennings. Jan Dawson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# )- Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the October 14,2021 board meeting were presented for approval by Shannon Jennings. The motion passed unanimously.

# Program Updates

)- 2021 TB Report

Communicable Disease Nurse, Casey Lafleur shared there has been an increase of TB cases in 2021. She stated TB can affect any area of the body not just the lungs. Today, TB is normally treated successfully if the patient seeks medical attention but if left untreated , it remains lethal. Standard treatment consists of a 4-drug treatment, which is a 26-week state mandatory therapy. Active TB disease can only be treated at the health department. Private doctors cannot treat TB. It is a directly observed therapy. Currently Pender County has 7 active TB cases which is the highest number of cases in the state. Discussion was made.

# )- Environmental Health Update

Environmental Health Supervisor, Vence Dodge, stated 100% of all food and lodging, daycares, pools, and tattoo parlors were inspected last quarter. Mr. Dodge stated the long awaited new on-site septic system rules are on the horizon, and they hope to pass legislature soon. Mr. Dodge provided the board members with an Environmental Health handout and reviewed the numbers with the board. Mosquito control to start mid-March with ,larvaciding followed by spraying. A contract to spray the downtown areas of Surf City has been agreed upon this year. Discussion was made.

# )- COVID-19 Update

Shirley Steele shared as of today the Pender County Health Department has given 27,030 vaccines, 10,909 positive cases, 13 hospitalized and 107 deaths.Ms. Moser stated most of the people dying are unvaccinated and we are averaging about 100 new cases a day.Ms. Steele continued with Pender Correctional having 14 positive cases, the Pender jail having 17 positive cases and the schools have had a total of 909 students and staff out with either exposure, diagnosis, or symptoms. The Discussion was made.

# )- Budget Update

Ms. Moser referred to the 151quarter FY 21-22 financial budget handout given to the board in their packet, drawing attention to the YTD expenditures being less than the YTD revenues. Mrs. Moser stated the health department has received COVID money and an advantage to that money is that is able to be carried over into the next fiscal year. Ms.Moser stated we will be looking into using some of the money to add another reverse isolation room. Discussion was made.

# Discussion/Information

Re-Accreditation Update

Due to COVID, re-accreditation will cover the previous five years. This year there will be 41 benchmarks and 147 activities, many of which will require back-up documentation since the last re-accreditation in 2016. The site visit will be in August and all requested documentation must be turned in to Raleigh by June 1, 2022.

# 2022 Community Health Assessment

We are currently getting the vendor approved to help with the 2022 Community Health Assessment.

## Staffing Update

Ms. Moser stated we currently have five nurse vacancies, one animal shelter attendant vacancy, and a Social Worker vacancy. Discussion was made.

## Capital Project Update

Ms.Moser stated there are plans to continue moving forward with a new facility for Health and Human Services. Commissioner Piepmeyer stated several county buildings are in poor condition and he supports a plan for a new building. Next step is a formal design. Mrs. Moser stated Medicaid Maximization money is available to pay for the design and may not be available inthe future.

## Other

Shannon Jennings shared information on the African Swine Fever, and the Avian Flu.

**Adjourned meeting:** Motion to adjourn was made by George Brown. Jan Dawson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**Next meeting: April 14, 2022,** at 5:00p.m. in Hampstead