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Jones County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2020

In Attendance: Candace Andrews; April Aycock; Shivon Cannon; Rev. Charlie Dunn, Jr.; Wayne Hurley; Bob Jolly; Mandy Marshburn; Beth Meadows and Dr. Steve Stelma

Staff: Wesley P. Smith, Health Director; Diana Vetter Craft, Public Health Educator II; Ann Pike, PH Nursing Supervisor I; Jennifer Thomas, Administrative Officer I

Absent: All members of the board were present.

Public: No members of the public were present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Dr. Steve Stelma. He welcomed everyone to the May meeting.

Invocation

The invocation and blessing for the meal was given by Rev. Charlie Dunn, Jr.

Discussion/Adjustments/Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Shivon Cannon to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Beth Meadows. There was no additional discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by April Aycock to approve the minutes from March 24, 2020. Motion was seconded by Cannon. There was no additional discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

The floor was opened for public comment; there were no members of the public present.

Old Business

Health Director Wesley Smith started the meeting by providing an update on the Grant Application for the NC Office of Rural Health. The Health Department did not receive the grant funding for FY 2020-21. We have been waiting to see who got awarded this

grant period to determine if it would be beneficial to reapply next fiscal year. Smith mentioned that the department is discussing applying for a Golden Leaf Foundation grant, as well as possibly with Duke Endowment, as better options to put our efforts into.

An update of the Health Departments response to COVID-19 was provided. The County Manager is anticipating reopening county offices to the public on June 1st. Each department will determine their plan for reopening. Smith discussed the waiver for services that has been granted by Dr. Mandy Cohen and how this has effected services that are offered. Pike provided a summary of how the clinic has been functioning through the pandemic. The Health Department never shut down, it was just operating differently. Accreditation has been extended by 12 months until 2022 due to COVID-19. The May rabies vaccination clinic has been cancelled due to COVID-19, but we plan to resume our vaccination clinic in November. Health Department employees are back to a normal schedule today after working a split schedule to limit possible exposure. On May 16th a drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinic coordinated between Jones County Community Hope and Goshen Medical Center was held at the Civic Center. Smith and Theresa Carpenter, Clinical Nurse, handed out packets of PUI (Person under Investigation) guidance that Carpenter created. Goshen has since reached out to the County Manager to do additional testing using the CARES Act funding the county has received for COVID-19 response, to which Smith disagreed with. StarMed Healthcare has also contacted the Health Department, expressing interest in offering COVID-19 testing and antibody testing to the county. Their program requires clients complete a screening with a provider prior to testing. With the Board of Health's approval the Health Department would like to proceed with collaborating with StarMed to offer testing. The Health Department will begin to offer testing to contacts of positive cases to Jones County residents.

Reports

Smith presented the Monthly Summary Report for March and April 2020. March was the beginning of ramping up response to the Coronavirus. The waiver for the requirement of face-to-face contact for WIC participation has led to an increase in WIC clients. So far there have been 22 cases of rabies investigation for the year, including dog bites and potential exposure to rabies.

The Monthly Spending Report for the period ending April 2020 was discussed. A couple of areas are slightly over budget. The Health Department received funding through the hurricane relief grant. All the grant funds have been spent, with the largest purchase being the three-bay shower trailer that can be utilized during any emergency situation. The Monthly Revenue Report for the period ending April 2020 was reviewed. The budget has been exceeded for Medicaid revenue in several programs. A summary of budget amendments submitted to the finance office for the year was provided. The WIC director applied for additional WIC funding that was available and has been awarded \$2,607.00. The funding will be used next fiscal year to facilitate expansion of offsite WIC services, specifically due to COVID-19.

New Business

Smith presented the Jones County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) annual report for FY 2019-20. There were two (2) child fatalities reviewed during the last fiscal year. The Health Departments Provider, Leslie Chitwood, has completed the necessary training to serve as Medical Examiner for Jones County, and will fill that slot on the CFPT once approved by the Chief Medical Examiner. The Health Department has been focusing on the child passenger safety program. Smith stated that they've joined the Safe Kids Eastern Carolina Coalition, through which we are able to purchase car seats for \$25. In turn, we are able to provide these car seats for eligible participants for \$25. The income restrictions have been put back on the program as a requirement from purchasing the car seats from the coalition. Funding has been received for the Cribs for Kids program to purchase crib pack and play safe sleep kits. Virginia Freeman, Social Worker II, is in charge of the program. She has handed out several Cribs for Kids kits. ***A motion was made by Meadows to approve the Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Report for FY 2019-20. Motion was seconded by Rev. Dunn. There was no additional discussion. Motion carried unanimously.***

Smith discussed COVID-19 antibody testing for Health Department employees. Employees would be responsible for paying the \$11 draw fee and the test would be billed through the lab. There were various discussions on the drawbacks and benefits of having an antibody test. There was no official vote on this, since it is the option of the employee to request antibody testing.

Cannon requested an update on the solid waste complaint on Wildwood Lane. Smith stated he had worked with the individual, and the owners have cleaned up their property to his satisfaction. The State Environmental Health Director was notified that the complaint has been closed.

Other Business

Board of Health member attendance information was provided without discussion.

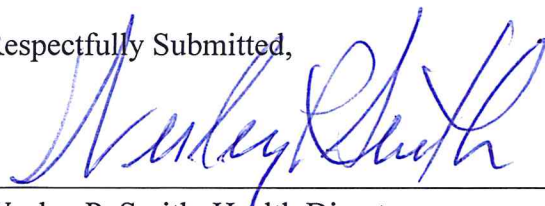
Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Meadows to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Cannon. There was no additional discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wesley P. Smith, Health Director
Secretary, Ex Officio

7/28/2020

Date