



Henderson County Department of Public Health

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Class Room of the Henderson County Department of Public Health

1200 Spartanburg Highway Hendersonville, NC 28792

February 21, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

- Call to Order..... Maggie Hayes, Chairperson
- Approval of the Meeting Agenda Maggie Hayes, Chairperson
- Approval of the January 10, 2023 Minutes Maggie Hayes, Chairperson
- Public Comments Maggie Hayes, Chairperson
- Presentations
 - State of Environmental Health Seth Swift, Environmental Health Director
 - 2022 State of the County’s Health Report. Camden Stewart
Community Health Improvement
- Specialist
- Reports
 - Public Health Capacity Update Steve Smith, Health Director
 - Health Director’s Monthly Report Steve Smith, Health Director
 - Budget Review Committee & Proposed FY 2023-2024 BudgetsCraig Poole, Committee Chairperson
- Old Business
- New Business
 - FY 2023-2024 Budget Proposal Maggie Hayes, Chairperson
 - NC Dept. Of Health & Human Services FY 2024 Consolidated Agreement . . Steve Smith, Health Director
- DiscussionMaggie Hayes, Chairperson
- Adjournment Maggie Hayes, Chairperson

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I. Call to Order

The Henderson County Board of Health meeting was called to order by Dr. Maggie Hayes, Chairperson, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present	John Bryant, General Public Member Maggie Hayes, Physician – Chairperson Jennifer Hensley, General Public Member Bill Lapsley, County Commissioner Leslie Leidecker, Veterinarian Alison Reid, Dentist Craig Poole, Optometrist Jeffrey Young, Professional Engineer
Members Not Present	Kathleen Baluha, Registered Nurse Kenesha Smith, Pharmacist – Vice Chairperson Scott Prechter, General Public Member
Staff Leadership Present	Steve Smith, Health Director Seth Swift, Environmental Health Director Stacy Taylor, Community Health Director

Quorum Present

II. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Dr. Maggie Hayes requested that board members review the proposed agenda and to consider approval if no changes were needed. **Motion:** Dr. John Bryant made a motion for the agenda to be approved and Dr. Jennifer Hensley seconded the motion. **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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III. Approval of the January 10, 2023 Minutes

Dr. Hayes indicated the minutes for the January 10, 2023 meeting needed to be approved.

Motion: Dr. Hensley made a motion for the minutes to be approved as presented and Mr. Jeff Young seconded the motion. **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

IV. Public Comments

Dr. Hayes asked if there were any public comments for the board. There were none.

V. Presentations

State of Environmental Health

Mr. Seth Swift, Environmental Health Director, began by introducing many of the environmental health specialists that were present for the meeting. Mr. Swift then started the presentation by outlining the variety of program activities within the scope of the Environmental Health Division which included food and lodging establishments, onsite wastewater systems and onsite drinking water wells. It was noted that local establishments like restaurants, summer camps, day care centers and public swimming pools had generated approximately 1,500 inspections in 2022.

Inspection visits for onsite wastewater systems (septic tank systems) were approximately 1,900 in 2022 paired with an increasing number of private sector submissions for permits equaling 385 for 2022. Mr. Jeff Young inquired about the general cost of the private sector work for septic tank system permit proposals. Mr. Swift responded that he had never seen any specific numbers, but assumed there was a broad range depending upon the degree of engineer and soil scientist involvement. The general perception is that many of the permits range in cost from \$1,500 and up dependent upon the timeframe and complexity of the property.

Mr. Swift also referenced some key accomplishments for the Division in the past year including its integration into the new countywide “Smartgov” permitting and inspection system; full implementation of the food & lodging software; stabilization of staffing levels; and a substantial development now transitioned from aging septic tank systems to municipal sewerage. Examples of the software reports and functions were shared with an emphasis on improved public access to information including aspects like current grades for food and lodging establishments.

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2022 State of the County's Health Report

Mrs. Camden Stewart, Community Health Improvement Specialist, shared that the report was required every year outside of the primary community health assessment cycle which occurs every 3 years. The report's stated intent was to provide an update on current efforts with the chosen community health priorities and to identify any new or emerging issues that were impacting health in the community. Current priorities centered on mental health, substance misuse, physical activity & nutrition, interpersonal violence, and affordable housing. Multiple action steps were described in each of these categories including the formation of the ACE's (adverse childhood experiences) Resilience and Trauma Collaborative; opening of HOPE Coalition's Recovery Community Center; expansion of double SNAP (supplemental assistance nutrition program) benefits at farmers markets and onboarding of additional sexual assault nurse examiners.

Emerging issues included lack of access to affordable childcare which negatively impacted the workforce and the local economy. The ongoing aging of the local population was also identified as a pressing concern with the Council on Aging working on additional strategies to support aging in place. And a final concern highlighted ongoing challenges with mental and emotional health among youth in the county. Ms. Stewart noted it has been a long-standing need in the community to develop additional capacity for behavioral health services specific to children under the age of 18.

VI. Reports

Public Health Capacity Update

Mr. Steve Smith reported that staffing levels were stabilizing and that vacancies had decreased.

Health Director's Monthly Report

Mr. Smith mentioned the upcoming implementation of the RAVE emergency notification system to be used by public health personnel; the likelihood of Medicaid expansion moving forward in North Carolina; and a few details about Attorney General Josh Stein's recent visit to connect with communities involved in proactive strategies to deal with the negative impacts of opioids and substance misuse.

Budget Review Committee & Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budgets

Dr. Craig Poole, Chairperson for the Budget Review Committee, informed the board that its members which included Mr. Jeff Young and Dr. Scott Prechter, had reviewed the individual revenue and expenditure line items for the Health and Environmental Health budgets. He

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also shared that the committee members had a chance to hear more specific information about trends with revenue streams, changes with Medicaid reimbursement and grant funds. Dr. Poole stated the values and items incorporated in both budgets appeared to be consistent with the board's direction, the strategic plan and the 4-year budget plan. Dr. Poole made a recommendation from the committee that the budget proposals be approved by the board.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

FY 2023-2024 Budget Proposal

Mr. Smith thanked the Budget Review Committee for its work and emphasized that it was extremely helpful to gain additional perspective from the board on various budget components. Mr. Smith said it was important to assure the board that the budget proposal satisfied core expectations including the ability to provide essential public health services; the financial position to support maintenance of effort requirements; the standing to accomplish the department's legal obligations and commitments in various plans; and the capacity to reasonably support workforce recruitment, retention, and training needs.

Dr. Hayes thanked the committee members and staff for the work on the budget proposal and then asked the board if they had any additional questions or were prepared to proceed. **Motion:** Dr. Poole made a motion for the Health and Environmental Health budget proposals to be approved and for them to be submitted for consideration to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners. Dr. Bryant seconded the motion. **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

NC Department of Health and Human Services FY 2024 Consolidated Agreement

Mr. Smith referenced the FY 2024 Consolidated Agreement with NC DHHS and highlighted some of the minor changes with language and obligations. Mr. Smith added that the document had been reviewed by the County Attorney as requested by the board and that no concerns were noted. Dr. Hayes asked board members if there were any questions. Hearing none, Dr. Hayes asked the board to proceed with an action to approve. **Motion:** Dr. Bryant made a motion to approve and for the agreement to be forwarded to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for their consideration and final approval. Dr. Hensley seconded the motion. **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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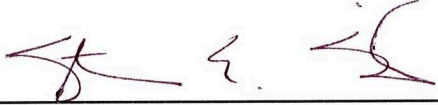
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IX. Discussion

None.

X. Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Poole made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Dr. Bryant. **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted: 
Secretary to the Board/Health Director

4/11/2023
Date

Approved by the Henderson County Board of Health at the April 11, 2023, meeting.