

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
August 28, 2017 6:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: The regular monthly meeting of the Brunswick County Health and Human Services Advisory Board was called to order by Dr. Flint King at 6:37 p.m. in the Health Services Board Room (Building A).

A. PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. King asked for public comments. There were none.

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Dr. King asked if there were any special presentations. Mrs. Lytch introduced Dakota Evans, Income Maintenance Caseworker II, as Social Services Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Evans was nominated by three of his peers, each complimenting him for always being willing to help, a team player, and having a positive attitude. He thanked everyone for the award. Mr. Stanley presented Cherie Browning, Nursing Director with recognition from the North Carolina Immunization Branch for assuring that greater than 90% of children served are age-appropriately immunized by two years of age. Ms. Browning thanked the staff for their achieving this honor and noted that Brunswick County actually achieved 100%.

II. REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS:

A. ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:

Dr. Flint King, Chairman
Mr. Haywood Miller
Ms. Lisa Narron
Dr. Jerry Smith
Mr. Gene Ward
Dr. Kathryn Lawler
Mr. Michael Norton
Dr. Allen Williams

2. Members absent:

Mrs. Pat Sykes
Dr. J. Michael Howard

3. Staff members present:

David Stanley, Health & Human Services Director
Anita Hartsell, Veterans Services Director
Cathy Lytch, Social Services Director
Jay Murray, Business Manager
Danny Thornton, Environmental Health Director
Cherie Browning, Deputy Director of Nursing
Scott Milligan, Personnel Director
Marjorie Rayl, Quality Assurance Specialist
Dakota Evans, Income Maintenance Caseworker II

4. Guests present: None
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for the monthly meeting held on **July 24, 2017** were reviewed. Dr. King asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. **There were no corrections. Mr. Ward moved to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Lawler seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous. (Closed)**
- C. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** Dr. King asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. **Mr. Stanley answered that there are no changes to the agenda. Mr. Norton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Lawler seconded the motion. The vote to approve the agenda was unanimous. (Closed)**
- D. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
1. **CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAMS:** Ms. Browning noted that the next meeting will be held on October 10th. **(Info)**
 2. **HEALTH SERVICES:** Mr. Stanley distributed a calendar of flu outreach including schools. Outreach can be scheduled for any group that will assure at least 20 people who need the vaccine. Mr. Norton questioned if Brunswick Community College is part of the outreach. Mrs. Browning noted that she believes it has been in the past but has not been recently. She offered to reach out to the college. The flu clinic will be opened at Health Services on October 2nd. Mr. Stanley explained that the clinic had been opened earlier in the past and was successful but, in recent years, the supply of vaccine received in September was not enough to meet the demand. Dr. Williams noted that his office uses Health Services for staff flu vaccinations and praised Health Services for flawless service. **(Info)**
 3. **HHS CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT REPORT:** Mr. Stanley announced an item initiated with the Quality Improvement Team to work with Environmental Health staff and improve process to approve plan reviews for restaurants, pool, etc. Plans must be submitted prior to opening businesses and the goal is to deliver the best product as fast as we can. **(Info)**
 4. **VETERANS SERVICES:** Mrs. Hartsell reported that, earlier this month, President Trump signed into law the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, also known as the “Forever GI Bill”. This legislation contains 34 new provisions, the vast majority of which will enhance or expand education benefits. Most notably, Veterans who transitioned out of the military after January 1, 2013 will not be limited to the 15-year deadline to use their GI Bill benefits. This law also restores benefits to Veterans who were impacted by school closures since 2015. Mrs. Hartsell also noted that on August 12th President Trump signed an emergency spending bill that will pump more than \$2 billion into The Choice Program and another \$1.8 billion will go to core VA health programs. This program allows veterans to receive care from non-VA doctors, if they must wait at least 30 days for an appointment or drive more than 40 miles to a VA facility, and the VA feels it is medically necessary for the veteran to be seen and treated prior to when they can see them. Also new, President Trump signed into law last week a bill to reform and speed up the appeals process on disability ratings for veterans.

Currently there are more than 470,000 veterans awaiting appeals decisions which can take as long as six years to process. This new bill will apply to newly-filed appeals and not the existing backlog of appeals. The bill creates three “lanes” for appeals. The “Local Higher Level Review Lane” in which an adjudicator reviews the same evidence considered by the original claims processor; the “New Evidence Lane” in which the veteran could submit new evidence and have a hearing; and the “Board Lane” in which jurisdiction for the appeal would automatically go to the Board of Veterans Appeals. **(Info)**

5. **PUBLIC HOUSING SERVICES:** Mrs. Lytch stated that staff attended annual training this month. Mrs. Lytch is working on administrative plan changes to present to this board in September for a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval. She is also reviewing the Voucher Home Ownership program. Mrs. Lytch will bring more information at the September meeting. **(Info)**

6. **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Mrs. Lytch announced the Daycare Program has been moved into NC-FAST. The providers will key their attendance into the system so the county will no longer be a pass through for funds. Providers will be paid in September for their August services. Mrs. Lytch reviewed the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) program. Public Law 114-198, also known as the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery ACT of 2016 (CARA) was a response to the nation’s prescription drug and opioid epidemic and addresses various aspects of substance use disorders. Section 503 of CARA, the Infant Plan of Safe Care, aims to help states address the effects of substance abuse disorders on infants and families by amending provisions of CAPTA. CAPTA requires states to have policies and procedures requiring health care providers to notify CPS if they are involved in the delivery of an infant born, and identified of being, affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. DSS staff will receive a notification, then perform an intake, develop a Plan of Safe Care and refer the infant and family to the Care Coordination for Children (CC4C) program prior to a decision to screen in or screen out the report. Mrs. Lytch explained the reporting requirements. Counties will report this data through NC-FAST to the NC DSS through a monthly survey. **(Info)**

7. **HHS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Mr. Milligan announced he is currently recruiting for 12 positions. Open positions include two Social Work Supervisor positions (Foster Care & CPS), Senior Processing Assistant. Open in Health Services are the Lead Public Health Nurse for Child Health/Immunizations, LPN, Health Educator, and CD nurse. Thursday will be the last day for the Senior Accounting Clerk with interviews being held this week and a recommendation made. **(Info)**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **NC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Mr. Stanley discussed Senate Bill 16 which was recently approved and ratified but vetoed by the Governor. The bill addressed a lot of items including Section 19 that would extend the expiration date of septic permits written since January 1, 2000. These permits, typically good for five years, would be extended to the year 2020. **(Info)**

- B. **OPIOID/STEPPING UP INITIATIVES:** Mr. Stanley distributed an invitation to the Stepping Up Initiative being held September 18th at the Odell Williamson Auditorium Event Center. The purpose of the meeting is to link people in our jail with the mental health resources that they need. Also distributed was an invitation to the Opioid Summit for Faith-Based and Community Leaders being held October 28th at the Leland Senior Center. **(Open)**
- C. **RABIES EXPOSURE PLANNING:** Mr. Stanley asked to postpone this item to next month. **(Open)**
- D. **PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY:** Mr. Stanley discussed two resolutions by the Brunswick County Commissioners. One is asking the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to take steps needed to protect our water system, including looking at all regulated chemicals being discharged into the Cape Fear River Basin and ensure safety. The other asks that our Governor and legislature work together on the issue by stating clearly what is needed and answering questions. **(Open)**

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **TRI-COUNTY HOMESLESS INTERAGENCY COUNCIL:** Mr. Stanley presented the PowerPoint that was included in the packets. This was presented by Cecelia Peters last Monday to the Commissioners. Mr. Stanley will keep this Board updated on the issue. **(Info)**
- B. **NC MEDICAID PROPOSAL:** Mr. Stanley distributed a Medicaid handout that is asking for input on the Medicaid Managed Care proposed program design. He noted that other states have seen significant changes, specifically what is and is not covered. The state is looking to roll the Mental Health Managed Care program into the new Medicaid MCO. The more complex patients needing more case management would continue to be handled by the LME. **(Info)**

V. **BOARD INPUTS:** Dr. King asked if there were any additional Board inputs and there were none. **(Info)**

VI: **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with a motion by Dr. King. Mr. Norton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The next BCHHS Advisory Board meeting will be held on **October 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**



Chairperson



Secretary

Brunswick County Health and Human Services

**Advisory Board
Attendance Roster 2017-2018**

NAME	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
King	X	X										
Miller	X	X										
Williams		X										
Smith	X	X										
Ward	X	X										
Norton		X										
Howard	X											
Sykes												
Lawler		X										
Narron	X	X										

A = Month Appointed/Installed

C = Conflict with CC's Meeting

O = Off Board

X = In Attendance

AA = Approved Absence

Blank Space = Absent

Quorum equals six members present.

^ = Specially Called Meeting

*** = No Meeting**