

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 25, 2018 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 6:33 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 and there were none.
- II. REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS:**
- A. ATTENDANCE:**
1. The following members were present:
 - Dr. Flint King, Chairman
 - Dr. Allen Williams
 - Dr. J. Michael Howard
 - Dr. Kathryn Lawler
 - Mr. Michael Norton
 - Mr. Gene Ward
 - Ms. Lisa Narron
 - Mr. Haywood Miller
 - Mrs. Pat Sykes
 - Dr. Jerry Smith
 2. Members absent:
 - None
 3. Staff members present:
 - David Stanley, Health & Human Services Director
 - Cris Harrelson, Health Services Director
 - Scott Milligan, Personnel Director
 - Daphne Green, Social Work Program Administrator
 - Anita Hartsell, Veteran Services Director
 - Cherie Browning, Director of Nursing
 - Danny Thornton, Environmental Health Director
 - Marjorie Rayl, Quality Assurance Specialist
 - Allison Campbell, Health Educator
 4. Guests present: None

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for the monthly meeting held on **May 21, 2018** were reviewed. Dr. King asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. **There were no corrections. Dr. Howard moved to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Williams 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 asked that “DSS Energy Plan” be added under New Business as Item B. Dr. Williams moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned change. Mr. Norton seconded the motion. The vote to approve the agenda was unanimous. (Closed)**
- D. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- 1. VETERANS SERVICES:** Mrs. Hartsell reported that, earlier this month, the President signed into law the “VA Mission Act” which will provide \$5.2 billion to continue and expand the Choice program through May 2019. This funding allows veterans to be seen by private physicians when VA care is not readily available. The law also establishes programs to improve the VA’s recruitment of high-quality healthcare professionals, and will be expanding the caregiver program to veterans who served prior to 9/11. Agency officials are now tasked with drawing up regulations under law. The VA has released the data for the Veteran Benefits Experience Center (VBEC) event that took place back in March. The VA saw 766 veterans at the event and currently, just over one million dollars has been paid out in retroactive benefits. The VA received 363 claims at the event, completed 42 ratings, moved 10 appeals forward, completed 11 dependency adjustments and upgraded 23 E-benefits accounts. For 28 veterans, this was their first interaction with the VA. Mrs. Hartsell announced that Glen Hartung will be retiring as Veterans Services Officer on July 27th. Frankie Beam, has been hired to fill that vacancy and will be introduced a future Health and Human Services Advisory Board meeting. **(Info)**
 - 2. CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAMS:** Ms. Browning reported the Child Fatality Prevention Team last met on June 12th and reviewed three cases. Two cases had no system problems and the third has been continued for more information. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14th. **(Info)**
 - 3. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** Mr. Thornton reported that all pools have been inspected except for four or five that have not opened. By the end of the fiscal year, all Food & Lodging inspections will be completed. New wastewater site evaluations have a turnaround of five to six weeks and staff is working to get that to four weeks. New on-site staff will be fully trained soon with the State being scheduled to authorize and delegate authority. **(Info)**

4. **HEALTH SERVICES:** Mr. Harrelson noted that the WIC office recently received a State WIC audit. The corrective action plan for any minor corrections has been submitted to the State. Mr. Harrelson discussed Medicaid Transformation that is expected in July of 2019. Staff will be required to screen for social determinants of health such as: income, education, access to healthcare, and access to food. These are determined to account for 70% of a person's wellbeing. A social determinants resource platform, including a database and call center, has been proposed and request for proposals issued. The State Center for Health Statistics has a N.C. Social Determinants of Health Mapping Tool on-line. This will be helpful with the Community Health Assessment. Mr. Harrelson also announced beta testing being done so that immunizations entered into the electronic medical record will be automatically interfaced to the North Carolina Immunization Registry, eliminating the need for double data entry. **(Info)**
5. **HHS CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT REPORT:** Mrs. Browning reported that recent diabetes program participants were asked to complete a short survey about their assessment and 6-hour diabetic class. Five participants completed the survey. Many positive comments were given including: "excellent class, very informative and taught on a level that we all could understand"; "thank God for this lifeline"; and "good bonding with other clients and staff". One student suggested an additional, refresher class be added. **(Info)**
6. **PUBLIC HOUSING SERVICES:** Ms. Green noted that staff continues to work on removing individuals from the waiting list. **(Info)**
7. **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Ms. Green said that the Department of Social Services, Brunswick Senior Resources, the Sheriff's Office and the Area Agency on Aging collaboratively recognized Elder Abuse Awareness Month with a tree planting at the Shallotte Senior Center on June 1st. Last fiscal year in Brunswick County, 136 reports of elder abuse were evaluated and, through April of this fiscal year, 127 have been evaluated. The National Center for Elder Abuse Research reports that knowledge about elder abuse lags as much as two decades behind the fields of child abuse and domestic violence. Ms. Green explained that every four years the state comes to Brunswick County and monitors every adult program. This occurred last week and the reviewer noted a good job, staff are compliant with policy, and there were no corrective actions. **(Info)**
8. **HHS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Mr. Milligan reported the following positions are being advertised: Medical Office Assistant, Public Health Nurse, Housing Inspector, Social Worker I, and Social Worker III positions. **(Info)**
9. **NC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Mr. Stanley discussed the push in the state, as well as nationwide, for more access to raw milk. In the past, raw milk could be sold only for pets, but with the newly ratified Senate Bill 711, it allows an individual to share a lactating animal. Increases in outbreaks have occurred as more access has been allowed to raw milk in other states. Outbreaks can occur from milk or products made from the milk. Mr. Harrelson added it is especially dangerous for children and those who are immunocompromised. **(Info)**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY:** Mr. Stanley discussed the release of a draft Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) report that was released last week. The report has been shared with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Division of Water Quality. Those agencies reported that they are not recommending any additional steps or actions at this time based on the draft report. **(Open)**
- B. **CHILD WELFARE REFORM:** Mr. Stanley noted there are a lot of changes at the state level. The Memorandum of Understanding is prepared and will be signed by the DHHS Director Cohen and the county. Some of the metrics being put into place have never been measured before and this year will set the baseline to see how the data rolls out. Ms. Green added that performance measures fall on partners, not just Social Services. Mr. Stanley gave the example of opioid issues and court dates. The court system would need to have enough available dates to review cases. He added the MOU goes into effect on July 1. **(Open)**
- C. **AIR QUALITY PERMITS:** Mr. Stanley distributed a letter that the County Commissioners sent to the N.C. Division of Air Quality concerning a methyl bromide application which asks that air quality permits not be issued, and that an alternative be found. **(Info)**
- D. **AMERICA SERVES PRESENTATION:** Mr. Stanley introduced Jerrick Vernon, Program Director of the N.C. Serves Coastal branch. He explained how his group coordinates services, resources, and care for service members, veterans and their families. **(Info)**

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **HEALTHY CHOICES HEALTHY FAMILY:** Mr. Stanley explained that staff has worked to develop some programming like Pender County to address issues with substance use disorders and families with babies being born addicted. Issues include safe sleeping habits, no crib, and co-sleeping. There are many types of assistance and referrals available such as substance abuse treatment, family planning services, and medication lockboxes. All educational programs are voluntary programs. If a caseworker identifies a need they can refer someone to the class which will be held twice a month. The training is still in the draft stage. It is possible that a judge could choose to order someone to take the class. A certificate will be given. Mrs. Sykes asked about the federal government changing the law on food stamps to require a person to work a set number of hours to be eligible. Mr. Stanley offered to add this item to the agenda to look at. **(Info)**
- B. **DSS ENERGY PLAN:** Mr. Stanley distributed the Brunswick County DSS Energy Outreach Program for fiscal year 2018-2019. This is required to be sent to the state each year. There have been no changes to the plan for the last couple of years. It details what is done with these federal funds. **Dr. King moved to recommend the Energy Outreach Program be forwarded to the Brunswick County Commissioners for their approval. Dr. Howard seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. (Closed)**

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 7:37 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Sykes. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The next BCHHS Advisory Board meeting will be held on **July 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

B. H. King, DVM Chairperson

D. M. Davis 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	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
Miller	X	X		X	X	*	X	X		X		X
Williams		X	X		X	*	X		X		X	X
Smith	X	X	X		X	*	X	X	X	X		X
Ward	X	X			X	*	X		X	X		X
Norton		X	X		X	*	X		X	X	X	X
Howard	X		X	X		*		X	X		X	X
Sykes				X	X	*	X	X		X		X
Lawler		X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X
Narron	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X		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