

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 20, 2019 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 6:34 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. There were none.

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
Dr. Allen Williams
Mr. Gene Ward

2. Members absent:

Mrs. Pat Sykes
Mr. Michael Norton
Dr. Donna Bacchi-Smith
Dr. J. Michael Howard
Dr. Kathryn Lawler

3. Staff members present:

Cris Harrelson, Health Services Director
Scott Milligan, Personnel Director
Danny Thornton, Environmental Health Director
Cathy Lytch, Social Services Director
Anita Hartsell, Veteran Services Director
Cherie Browning, Nursing Director
Marjorie Rayl, Quality Assurance Specialist

4. Guests present: None

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for the monthly meeting held on **April 22, 2019** were reviewed. Dr. King asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were no corrections. **Dr. Smith moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Narron 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. There were none. **Dr. Williams moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Narron seconded the motion. The vote to approve the agenda was unanimous. (Closed)**
- D. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- 1. VETERANS SERVICES:** Mrs. Hartsell reported that no appeal was submitted regarding the federal court decision granting Agent Orange disability benefits to Navy Veterans who served within the 12 nautical miles of Vietnam. The VA and Department of Defense are still working on compiling the list of ships that meet the 12 nautical mile requirement. She also announced that the Veterans Experience Action Center event held in April was a success. She noted that 738 veterans from all over North Carolina and as far away as Texas were assisted during the 3-day event. The VA has not released the amount of retroactive benefits that were paid to the veterans in attendance, but it is expected to be close to the \$1.2 million that was paid out at last year's event. **(Info)**
 - 2. CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAMS:** Ms. Browning reported the CFPT has not met since the last Advisory Board meeting. The next CFPT meeting is on June 11th. **(Info)**
 - 3. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** Mr. Thornton reported that some on-site wastewater applications are eight weeks out. Twelve applications are less than four weeks out. He noted that it is pool season and all staff is needed in order to complete the pool inspections. Pool season also affects the Management Entity program although inspections currently remain at 3-4 weeks on average. Food & Lodging staff is continuing to work through the cold-holding campaign. Inspections still show around 30% of sites being out of compliance, primarily due to behavioral issues. Mr. Thornton announced a recent recall for tattoo ink. His staff has provided information to all Brunswick County artists, including makeup artists that use permanent ink. BCHS inspects artists two times per year and facilities annually. **(Info)**
 - 4. HEALTH SERVICES:** Mr. Harrelson discussed the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). It provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow-up to eligible women in North Carolina. Services offered include clinical breast exams, screening mammograms, pap tests and some diagnostic procedures. Beginning July 1, the federal reimbursement rate will be \$325 per screening, a rate increase of \$75 per screening. This change is the result of several years of heavy lobbying for a rate increase. He added this is a welcome change for counties, such as Brunswick, who have to supplement the program with local dollars. Mr. Harrelson reported that several citizens have called or visited with questions and concerns regarding the nationwide measles cases. The bulk of their concerns were associated with their immunity or possible lack of immunity. From January 1st to May 10th of this year 839 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 23 states. This is the greatest number of cases reported in the United States since 1994 and since measles was declared

eliminated in 2000. Currently, no cases of measles have been identified in North Carolina this year. Mr. Harrelson reviewed several things staff have done to prepare, as well as, address the public's concerns. Mr. Harrelson gave an update on the May 2nd Brunswick County Substance Use and Addiction Commission meeting. Captain Lanier reported a number of drug arrests and heroin confiscations. He had also told the commission that cocaine and methamphetamine are the growing problems in Brunswick County. Commission members are continuing to write media articles and submit them to the Brunswick Beacon for publishing. **(Info)**

5. **NC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Mr. Harrelson listed House Bill 103 (Small Dairy Sustainability Act) and House Bill 386 (Ensure Safety of School Drinking Water) as bills that did not make the cross-over. Two bills that are still alive include HB 268 (Disapprove Certain Onsite Wastewater Rules) and Senate Bill 11 (ABC Regulation and Reform). Mr. Harrelson discussed HB 268 noting that, if passed, it would stop 42 on-site wastewater rules and create a task force to debate and come up with alternatives. It would also create an Authorized Wastewater Evaluator option who would be able to complete site evaluations and, along with engineering options, write permits. **(Info)**
6. **HHS CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT REPORT:** Ms. Browning noted that the Maternal Health program gave out surveys in January. There were 44 surveys completed and they all rated the program overall as excellent or good. Many comments were written including "just right", "very pleased", "staff friendly", and "great staff". One person noted that the "health department needs to update the building". Ms. Browning noted that plans are in place for a facelift including painting and new flooring. **(Info)**
7. **PUBLIC HOUSING SERVICES:** Mrs. Lytch announced that staff are meeting to review the Admin Plan and will recommend changes. They have been asked to compile their list of recommended changes by the end of July. This will allow the special committee (Dr. Williams, Mr. Ward and Mr. Norton) time to review recommendations prior to presenting to this Board. Staff continue to receive applications for the Hurricane Florence waiver. To date, there have been four referrals, with two families assisted. The other two applications are currently in process. Staff is also working to schedule the next Landlord Outreach session. **(Info)**
8. **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Mrs. Lytch reminded everyone that the month between Mother's Day and Father's Day is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Last year a tree planting was held at the Shallotte Senior Center. This year the tree planting will be at the Leland Senior Center at 10am on June 7th. This fiscal year there were 305 reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Of those, 151 were accepted and investigated. Mrs. Lytch reported that May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month. A dinner was held last month for all of the foster parents. She added that Brunswick County is very fortunate to have these foster parents. Mrs. Lytch announced that staff is currently updating kits and policies for the Hurricane Season beginning on June 1st. **(Info)**

9. **HHS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Mr. Milligan announced that the SW Program Manager position has been filled with the new staff member starting next Tuesday. Open positions in DSS include an Adult Medicaid Supervisor and Program Specialist in Daycare/Energy. Mr. Milligan noted that although they have made some gains in filling CPS Investigator positions, one became vacant again last week. He announced that the CPS Investigator position will remain as an open posting here on out. The WIC Nutritionist II position has been selected and is going through the hiring process. **(Info)**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **HURRICANE FLORENCE ACTIVITIES:** No report. **(Open)**
- B. **MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION:** Mrs. Lytch gave a Managed Care update. The State continues to conduct information sessions regarding Medicaid moving to Managed Care. DSS is still responsible for determining eligibility. This region will have five management care entities that recipients may choose from. Open enrollment will be October 15th through December 15th of this year. Participants will move into managed care in February 2020. Letters have been drafted to send to our NEMT providers regarding the change and will be mailed this week. The enrollment broker will begin mailing materials to individuals who have Medicaid in June. **(Open)**
- C. **COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT UPDATE:** Mr. Harrelson announced that, on April 11-13, trained volunteers surveyed door-to-door to see what residents of Brunswick County perceive as the major issues impacting the health and well-being of the community. Questions covered a range of health topics, including tobacco use, access to healthy foods and priority health issues. A total of 53 surveys were completed. To obtain an actual sampling of our county's population, an additional 75 surveys need to be collected. On May 16th, 430 surveys, including self-addressed stamped envelopes, were mailed to randomly selected neighborhoods. UNCW graduate students will begin analyzing the data in June and focus groups will be identified in July to touch on populations and topics not addressed in the surveys. **(Open)**

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **TIDES PROGRAM:** Mr. Harrelson distributed a handout on the TIDES program. TIDES, Inc. is a comprehensive, intensive outpatient treatment program for women with Opioid Use Disorder and is open to women who are pregnant, anticipating pregnancy, or postpartum. The goal is to keep the mother and baby together. The program uses a comprehensive, evidence-based, therapeutic approach where existing community partners integrate their services to engage women in the recovery process. Brunswick County has proposed \$39,000 in support of TIDES to fund three beds for one year for Brunswick County women. **(Closed)**

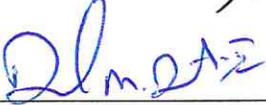
B. ANNUAL ENERGY PLAN: Mrs. Lytch pointed out the Energy Outreach Program Plan that was included in the packets. Annually, DSS is required to submit a plan to the State regarding how the department will advertise and manage energy funding. Energy funding consists of CIP and LIHEAP funds. CIP is a heating and cooling crisis program, although some individuals often think that it is a power bill assistance program. CIP funds can only be used when an individual has a “shut off” notice and the temperatures are such that being without power could be life threatening. LIHEAP season runs from December 1st through March 31st or until funds are exhausted. It offers a one-time payment and is to help offset the expense of winter heating costs. **Dr. Williams made a motion to approve the Energy Outreach Program Plan and recommend forwarding it to the County Commissioners for approval. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The vote to approve and forward the Energy Outreach Program Plan was unanimous. (Closed)**

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

VI: ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. with a motion by Dr. King. Dr. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The next BCHHS Advisory Board meeting will be held on **June 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Services boardroom.**


_____ Chairperson


_____ Secretary

Brunswick County Health and Human Services

Advisory Board Attendance Roster 2018-2019

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