

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 27, 2020 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 6:35 p.m. in the Health Services Lobby (Building A).

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

B. ATTENDANCE:

1. The following members were present:

Dr. Flint King, Chairman
Ms. Lisa Narron
Mr. Hubert Reaves
Dr. J. Michael Howard
Dr. Kathryn Lawler
Mrs. Pat Sykes
Mr. Michael Norton

2. Members absent:

Mr. Gene Ward
Dr. Allen Williams
Dr. Jerry Smith
Dr. Justin Asbury

3. Staff members present:

David Stanley, Health & Human Services Director

4. Guests present: None

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CD REPORT: Mr. Stanley presented a summary of the 2019 Communicable Disease Report. The report consisted of the top five reportable diseases, the diseases which have a higher incidence rate than the state, and notable decrease in disease incidences. **Dr. King made a motion to submit the CD Report to the County Commissioners order as presented. Dr. Lawler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. (Closed)**

B. **Fair Market Rent:** Mr. Stanley reported that HUD allows PHAs to set Fair Market Rents from 90% to 110% of the HUD published FMR. Currently, Brunswick County's FMR for efficiency and one-bedroom units is 100% of the FMR. Given the difficulty that Housing Choice Voucher program participants are encountering in their search for safe and affordable housing, staff is recommending and requesting approval to increase the FMR for efficiency and one-bedroom units from 100% of the FMR to 110% of the FMR. Specifically the rate would change from \$664 to \$730 for Efficiency and from \$700 to \$770 for a one-bedroom. All changes are subject to commissioner approval. **Commissioner Pat Sykes made a motion to recommend to the County Commissioners the Fair Market Rent Proposal as presented. Dr. King seconded the motion. The vote to recommend the Fair Market Rent Proposal as presented was unanimous. (Closed)**

C. **COVID-19:** Mr. Stanley reported on the current status of COVID-19. The report included general information on the virus, the current number of cases, as well as general demographics on the cases. Mr. Norton asked what services are continuing to be operated at Health Services. Mr. Stanley explained that routine services which can be handled virtually such as certain prescriptions are being handled in that fashion. Other services are being handled in person and staff are following the COVID-19 precautions such as masking patients and staff and screening before folks enter the building. Commissioners Sykes asked about playgrounds, if they were ok to reopen in parks. Dr. King explained that with COVID-19 being a brand-new virus that we should probably not recommend those opening yet as that is where children can congregate. **(Info)**

III. **BOARD INPUTS:** Dr. King asked if there were any additional Board inputs. Commissioner Sykes reminded everyone about the importance of the US Census and that, so far, it looks like the census numbers are down from prior years. There was discussion among the Board about the importance of the Census and they suggested that members distribute the links to the US Census widely among their networks. **(Info)**

IV: **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Sykes. Dr. Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The next BCHHS Advisory Board meeting will be held on **June 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Services lobby.**



Chairperson



Secretary

Brunswick County Health and Human Services

Advisory Board Attendance Roster 2019-2020

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