

Columbus County Board of Health

Minutes

☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

December 14, 2016 6:00 P.M.

Columbus County Health Department, 304 Jefferson Street, Whiteville NC

Members Present	Dr. Darryl Diefes Dr. Nicole Martin Patty Hobbs Shane Cartrette Dr. George Floyd Dr. Christy Perdue Dr. Randy Kirby Charles McDowell Franklin Boone
Members Absent	Drew Cox
Staff Members Present	Kimberly L. Smith, Sandra Harrelson

Quorum was present.

Public Hearing was called to order by Dr. Randy Kirby, Chairman at 6:05 p.m. Kimberly L. Smith read the "Public Hearing Rules".

Dr. Randy Kirby asked Kim Smith to explain the purpose of the regulations.

Kim Smith stated the following:

The Compendium of Animal Rabies and Prevention Control, 2016 published on March 1, 2016 by the National Association of Public Health Veterinarians set forth new guidelines for rabies post exposure management control measures for dogs and cats. Prior to the 2016 Compendium, the guidelines were that animals that were exposed to potential rabies and were not current on their vaccinations should either be (a) euthanized; or (b) immediately vaccinated and placed in quarantine for six months. The principal change under the 2016 Compendium is that animals that are not current on their rabies vaccinations should receive a booster within 96 hours of exposure and kept under observation for 45 days. The Compendium makes other changes dependent upon whether animals are currently vaccinated, un-vaccinated or overdue with no documentation. The guidelines as set forth by the 2016 Compendium will most likely result in fewer dogs and cats being euthanized, shorter quarantine periods, i.e. 4 months as opposed to six months and allow for at home quarantine for animals that have previously been vaccinated but are not current on their vaccines. The changes will result in reduced emotional stress and alleviate financial concerns to pet owners. Therefore, the North Carolina Department of Health

and Human Services Division of Public Health is recommending that the new control measures be adopted by local Boards of Health.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Charles McDowell to close the public hearing seconded by Dr. Nicole Martin and carried by the board.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Randy Kirby called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Welcome/Invocation

Dr. Randy Kirby welcomed everyone to the meeting. Invocation was given by Dr. Darryl Diefes.

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion to **amend the agenda by tabling "VI. Child Fatality Report"** was made by Dr. Nicole Martin seconded by Shane Cartrette and carried by the board.

IV. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the November 9, 2016 minutes as written was made by George Floyd seconded by Patty Hobbs and carried by the board.

VI. Child Fatality	This item was tabled. (<i>Benchmark 19, Activity 19.1</i>)
VII. Preparedness	Jeremy Jernigan stated the following: (<i>Benchmark 7, Activity 7.6</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has represented the Health Department for about 4 years at state and regional meetings including the Eastern Region Public Health Preparedness and the Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Coalition meetings. Callie Ezzell will be replacing him as our Preparedness Coordinator. • Conducted "Local Receiving Site" training for the Health Department staff this past spring and conducted "Points of Distribution Site" training in the fall
VIII. Chairman's Forum	Dr. Nicole Martin, Vice-Chair stated the following: A. Health Director's Evaluation (<i>Benchmark 37, activity 37.5</i>) Dr. Nicole Martin handed out the compiled Health Director's evaluation results to all Board of Health members with the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership in the department- responded

	<p>“Excellent” and one responded “Good”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership in the community-7 responded “Excellent”, one responded “Good” and one “Needs Improvement” • Sensitive to the diverse needs of the community-8 responded “Excellent” and one “No Opinion” • Motivation and enthusiasm-8 responded “Excellent” and one responded “Good” • Strong advocate for public health-all responded “excellent” • Delegates responsibility and authority, seeking staff input on critical decisions-8 responded “Excellent” and one responded “Needs Improvement” • Keeps staff informed on key issues-all responded “Excellent” • Promotes an environment in which employees are recognized and rewarded for achievement-8 responded “Excellent” and one responded “Needs Improvement” • Is willing to address difficult issues and if necessary, make unpopular decisions-all responded “Excellent” • Keeps Board of Health informed about all issues and conducts well organized meetings-all responded “Excellent” • Establishes a realistic budget and manages it effectively-8 responded “Excellent” and one responded “Good” • Is effective in obtaining money from grant proposals as well as seeking grant opportunities-8 responded “Excellent” and one responded “Good” <p>Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “A very difficult year! Good poise and leadership at all times” 2. “Shows true empathy, love and concern for Columbus County citizens as well as for her staff. Always tries to do her best” 3. “Great advocate for public health in our community.” <p>The tenth and final evaluation came in today and the comment is: “I believe Kim Smith does an excellent job as our Director. She demonstrated strong leadership abilities in navigating a tough decision with Home Health. In our county we need individuals who will address difficult issues with solid reasoning and also at the same time compassion for those involved. Kim is a tremendous Director.”</p>
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	<p>Motion was made to accept by Dr. Darryl Diefes seconded Dr. Christy Perdue and carried by the board.</p>
IX. Director's Forum	<p>Kim Smith gave the following updates:</p> <p>A. 2016 Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control <i>(Benchmark 34, Activity 34.4, 34.5)</i></p> <p>A motion to accept the "Regulations Governing the 2016 Rabies Compendium in Columbus County" was made by Dr. Nicole Martin seconded by Dr. Darryl Diefes and carried by the board.</p> <p>B. Annual Public Health Update <i>(Benchmark 38, Activity 38.1)</i></p> <p>Clinical Stats compared from previous year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase of 2 new TB cases • decrease of 21 HIV cases • increase of 2 Syphilis cases • Gonorrhea increase by 25 • Chlamydia increase of 8 <p>Vital Records compared from previous year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of 8 births • Increase of 69 deaths <p>Environmental Health Stats:</p> <p>Encounters down by 95 from previous year</p> <p>The University of Wisconsin released the 2016 County Health Rankings in March. Columbus County ranked 96 out of North Carolina's 100 counties.</p> <p>Women, Infants and Children (WIC)</p> <p>Columbus County WIC provided services for 1800-2000 participates per month with an annual amount of \$1.4 Million in revenue in 2015-2016.</p> <p>Health Education/Health Promotions:</p> <p>A total of 2000 residents have been reached through health education/health prevention efforts during this past year. Promotion has continued to work with our Teen Pregnancy Prevention grant, Making Proud Choices-a program designed for middle and high school your, which focused on adolescent pregnancy prevention.</p> <p>Animal Bites:</p> <p>Total reported: 31</p> <p>Total treated: 13</p> <p>Concerns for 2016 and Beyond:</p>

	here for a small reception.
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Next Meeting Date**February 22, 2017 at 6:00 pm****Adjournment****Respectfully submitted:***Kimberly R Smith*
Signature**Secretary***022217*
Date