

Columbus County Board of Health

Minutes

☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

October 24, 2018 6:00 P.M.

Columbus County Health Department, 304 Jefferson Street, Whiteville NC

Members Present	Dr. Randy Kirby Franklin Boone Patty Hobbs Dr. Nicole Martin Pat Ray Drew Cox Dr. Darryl Diefes Dr. Christy Perdue
Members Absent	Dr. George Floyd, Shane Cartrette, Charles McDowell
Staff Members Present	Kimberly L. Smith, Yvonne Richardson, Charlene Bush, Martha Faulk
Guests	

Quorum was present.

I. Call to Order

Dr. Randy Kirby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Welcome/Invocation

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept was made by Dr. Darryl Diefes seconded by Dr. Nicole Martin and carried by the board.

IV. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept was made by Dr. Nicole Martin seconded by Pat Ray and carried by the board.

VI. Quality Improvement

Martha Faulk, QA, QI, gave the following update:

A. Patient Satisfaction Survey Results

(Benchmark 9, Activity 9.5)(Benchmark 27, Activity 27.2)

- Until Florence, we were doing better about getting our surveys in. We still haven't done August, and I'm going to have to combine September and October. I will get those done after we complete our data for Accreditation.
- One thing that came out of the surveys, that we acted on, was where a gentleman had come in at lunch and wanted to get a flu shot, or TB test, can't remember what exactly, but he was upset that he couldn't be seen for something like that during his lunch hour, because everyone was at lunch. So now that was changed, and the nurses were very good about staggering their lunches to make sure someone would be available at lunch time, to read skin test, or give flu shots; whatever they need. Now of course you can't come in during this time, and schedule an exam. This was a big move for us and the nurses have worked great with this change.

Motion to accept the Patient Satisfaction Survey Results was made by Pat Ray, seconded by Patty Hobbs, carried by the board.

B. Quarterly Audit Results

(Benchmark 22, Activity 22.3)(Benchmark 27, Activity 27.3)

- This time I threw in the multi colored Corrective Action Plan (CAP). This was the one I had to respond to the state. The Board of Health is a very intricate part of our Accreditation, and what goes on. I don't know if you all realize just how important you are. Your input and everything you do is greatly appreciated. So that, and the color coded CAP, is where we've had to repeat and do a follow up, because we didn't get it right; but, we've got better. We have to go through major steps and milestones to get to where we need to go. None of us like to address CAP's but we get it done.
- In July, we had some out of compliance issues, but it was not like before. Patti Nance, our new Director of Nursing, is doing a lot of surveys on the ones we were having problems with getting them to do a survey and/or doing the reviews.

Motion to accept Quarterly Audit Results was made by Dr. Nicole Martin, seconded by Dr. Christy Perdue, carried

by the board.

C. Accreditation – Tobacco Products

(Benchmark 30, Activity 30.10)

- We're working tediously, despite the storms, illnesses and being out; we are behind on some things, but we are going to get it done. On Benchmark 30.10, it's the benchmark on tobacco products. We've got to revisit this or we're going to miss this benchmark. The County Commissioners had approved that you could smoke outside the door. This is not good representation of public health, as far as I'm concerned. So what we're asking is approval to make this a tobacco free campus. No tobacco on the campus of the Health Department. We're not talking about the other departments in the county, just here. I really think that the Health Department campus should be a tobacco free environment. So we want to see if we can get an approval from the Board of Health for this. If so, our next step will be to take it to the County Commissioners. What do you think about that?
- Dr. Darryl Diefes stated the following: when I came by yesterday during my lunch, to drop a piece of paper off to Yvonne, as I walked in through the main entrance, in the parking lot there was cigarette smoke lingering everywhere. I'm really glad that we are visiting this right now; because it's personally repulsive, but I'm thinking we need to do everything we can to present the healthiest environment, and promote healthcare. For people to walk up to the Health Department and waft cigarette smoke, is just wrong in my opinion; it's just the wrong message. That's not even taking into consideration the scientific evidence of the health problems associated with second hand smoke.
- Martha Faulk added: not to mention the cigarette butts that are crushed out in the parking lot. When Accreditation time comes around, we have to walk around and cleanup. You wouldn't believe some of the things we find, but cigarette butts are all over the place out there. So maybe the next Accreditation we won't have to do that, if we can get this passed.
- Dr. Darryl Diefes asked: What would the boundary of the tobacco free campus look like; just the

immediate property of the Health Department or would there be a range 50' beyond the building? Martha Faulk answered: Just the campus of the Health Department.

- Drew Cox asked the following: So that would include the Parks and Recreation area and 911 addressing; would it be this whole property? Martha Faulk answered: Anything that would be considered Public Health will be included. Dr. Darryl Diefes asked is that Environmental Health? Kim Smith replied: Environmental Health, Building Inspections and 911 Addressing are included with us because everyone has to come in through our front door.
- Pay Ray stated the following: This issue has been on the table for 15 to 20 years, and I think that it is time that we voice our opinions strongly about it. Martha Faulk added: needless to say, I was brought up on tobacco farms. My heart is there along with memories, but I'm also reminded of losing loved ones that couldn't give it up after their diagnosis. The health impact not only on the adults, but on the children. You know when I was a case manager, I use to tell the grandparents and the parents, even if you go outside to smoke, you'll bring it in on your clothing. It's a never ending battle. I was hoping, as the years went by, there would be improvement; there has been a little, but not enough.
- Mr. Franklin Boone stated the following: You know I'd rather be around someone who drinks than someone who smokes. I've never been a smoker, but now the thing is, what happens to the rule breakers? How do we enforce this? Kim Smith replied: I think the only thing we can do legally, is walk up to them and say, "I'm sorry sir or ma'am, this is a tobacco free campus, if you don't mind, put the cigarette out and when you leave you can do as you please; but while you are on the campus of the Health Department, it's not allowed." We've had a few where they were smoking right at the front door, and the security guard has gone out and said something to them. They'll put it out and come in. We've had one gentleman that I know of, who has come in with an e-cigarette. He was told that there was no smoking in the Health Department and he replied that he wasn't smoking. The staff upfront

informed him that as far as they were concerned, yes sir you are, and we cannot have that in the Health Department. He was nice enough to take it out. If you watch the news, they're saying that e-cigarette's are as dangerous as tobacco cigarettes.

- Drew Cox stated the following: That was my other question is shouldn't this cover everything? Kim Smith replied: Yes, it's moving that way.
- Dr. Darryl Diefes stated the following: I know a few years ago we tried to get this passed with all the county buildings, and the commissioners wouldn't agree to that. Kim Smith replied: They did agree to no smoking in the county buildings. In which I had a lot of the county employees to call and say thank you. Dr. Darryl Diefes went on to say: I think we need to start here at home.
- Dr. Darryl Diefes asked Martha Faulk if we were required to be a tobacco free campus, in order to be accredited. Martha Faulk replied: no, we are required to attempt to bring it to our Board of Health and to our County Commissioners for approval. Dr. Darryl Diefes went on to say: when we bring it before the County Commissioners, perhaps they should be enlightened that the state is mandating that we consider it. Drew Cox added: I understand the difficulty of passing something like that here, but if it's not for the whole property, I don't know how you would define what line you cross to smoke. I know at the hospital you have to go out to the sidewalk by the road. I personally think it would be plausible to have something that is consistent with the hospital, and just say it's not allowed on the property. It's not different from what they are doing. Kim Smith stated: true and they went tobacco free a couple of years before we were able to here. I can tell you that the 911 dispatchers smoke right outside their door. They don't go off the platform from their building; they stand there and smoke.
- Pat Ray stated the following: I know we can all agree that this is an emotionally charged issue; and people can argue their individual rights, and they can't be stopped, but when our rights negatively impact children and other people's health, then I think we have to take a stand and make a proposal.
- Dr. Randy Kirby stated: very good, I think that is

well said. If we are ready to move forward with this, then we simply need a motion to that fact. Dr. Darryl Diefes asked to clarify what exactly the motion would be.

- Pat Ray asked: how far does the sidewalk come; is it just to the campus here out front? Kim Smith answered: On the side it's to the driveway, from the door that you all came in at, and goes down to the back where the dumpsters are. Pat Ray asked: So where does the sidewalk that the hospital uses for their smokers, where does it go? Kim Smith replied: It comes right in front of us. I don't think it goes around the hospital. Pat Ray added: It would be interesting to know how their policy is worded for the people who smoke on that sidewalk area.
- Charlene Bush added: I don't think they're supposed to be there. I don't think that's how it was worded to begin with. When they first started with the tobacco free campus, they first would go all the way across the road; even in our driveway, and by the flagpole here to smoke. Patty Hobbs stated: Anyone who is employed at the hospital isn't supposed to smoke in your car on campus. You're supposed to clock out and go somewhere else, and come back. They were getting people for that because you had some who were going to their vehicles and smoking. The way they'd enforce it, is they'd go out there and talk with the employee, then talk with their manager, and they would receive a disciplinary warning. This was for the employees. Charlene Bush stated: You won't have to worry about our employees.
- Dr. Randy Kirby asked Martha Faulk what was her due date to have this accomplished by. Martha Faulk replied: Well, we're accomplishing it tonight by bringing it to you; but we'd like to have it to the County Commissioners by the next meeting on November 5, 2018. The hospital never adopted the 50 foot rule. That's probably why they went out to the road, because the distance was in the road and somebody made that remark at the last meeting. Dr. Darryl Diefes added: You know I think the County Commissioners can tweak the wording the way that they want. Can I amend your motion Ms. Ray or can you restate it. Pat Ray added: Well, I didn't state it, but I was supporting a tobacco free campus

for the Health Department. Kim Smith stated: The activity states that the local Health Department shall make efforts to prohibit the use of tobacco, in all areas and grounds, within 50 feet of the Health Department facility. So this wouldn't involve Parks and Recreation; I think this would affect 911, which is on the back end and I don't consider them part of the Health Department.

- Dr. Randy Kirby stated: so everyone agrees that the campus would certainly cover 50 feet, which makes that go away. Yvonne could you restate the motion so that we are all clear? Yvonne Richardson stated: The motion was to support a tobacco free campus. Dr. Nicole Martin stated: A tobacco free campus. Dr. Christy Perdue asked: Do you really want it to say tobacco free instead of smoke, because with saying tobacco does that mean chewing tobacco or snuff; because what we really want is a smoke free campus. Dr. Randy Kirby stated the following: Dr. Perdue I say we go for the whole thing and leave it tobacco. Get rid of it all, tobacco, e-cigarettes, the whole nine yards. Dr. Darryl Diefes stated: I think it's going to be extremely hard to enforce the chewing tobacco and snuff. The smoking and vaping will be more obvious to spot as opposed to the other. Martha Faulk stated: I think that the tobacco free campus would suffice because you don't see to many people with their chewing tobacco. Drew Cox added: Most places you see do this it's a tobacco free, not smoke free environment. My question is how do we do this; with including the e-cigarettes and vaping. Do you get into an issue with wording on that? Dr. Darryl Diefes stated: In my opinion, we just need to have a blanket statement. We aren't going to call the cops for someone chewing tobacco, but I think that by us doing this, we'll be sending a message as the Health Department, that's why I'd like to see a blanket statement for tobacco free. Martha Faulk added: If I'm not mistaken, before Hurricane Matthew, there was something that was supposed to be presented about the e-cigarettes. I'll have to find that. I think Sarah Gray was going to do that. So for right now, I guess tobacco free.

Motion to accept a Tobacco Free campus was made by Pat Ray, seconded by Dr. Darryl Diefes, carried by the board.

Policy on Policies

(Benchmark 37, Activity 37.2)

- We have a long and difficult process of writing policies and saving them to an old file, and then the policies are to be reviewed. We periodically give you a list of policies that have been updated, and we can get you a copy, or give you the link for online. We don't copy all of those policies because that would just be horrible. Most of the policies that you are responsible for, like Public Comments, Public Participation, Workforce Development; anything to do with staffing that we have to write. Most of the time we have a consultant look at them beforehand, and then we bring it to have it passed by the Board of Health, before we enact it. That's basically the policies that we bring to you. Unless there is a questionable one; but we always bring you, periodically, a list of those that we have updated. If you want to look over them, in your packets when we send them or you can click on the link, and print them off. We have to save the old policies, along with having a policy review, once a year, for all staff to sign a statement saying that they have reviewed their policies.
- Every time I update a policy, I send out an email informing staff that it needs to be reviewed and to sign the signature sheet, on the bulletin board. That's about all I have on this.

Motion to accept the Policy on Policies was made by Dr. Christy Perdue seconded by Patty Hobbs, carried by the board.

BOH Representative

(Benchmark 41, Activity 41.3)

- We all know our Board of Health representative is Ms. Smith, this is in our Operations Manual, and we just want to make sure this still continues and that the Board of Health agrees to continue this.

Motion to accept Kim Smith as the Board of Health Representative was made by Dr. Darryl Diefes, seconded by Dr. Nicole Martin, carried by the board.

BOH Interviews by Site Visitors

- Next is that our site visit for Accreditation will be March 6th and 7th 2019. Once we get all of our information in, and they get back with us, there will be two or three Board of Health members they will want to interview, and I guess Kim Smith will

	<p>decide on that. Kim Smith stated: I was going to ask for volunteers. Dr. Randy Kirby stated: I will try and come. I will have to check my schedule. Dr. Darryl Diefes added: I wouldn't mind doing it again. Pat Ray stated: I don't mind either. Kim Smith emphasized that the Board of Health interviews would be conducted on that first day, March 6th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martha Faulk stated: They'll want to know about the participation and what we bring to you and your part. Home burial rules and regulations. Kim Smith added: It looks like the time frame will be 4:30pm to 5pm on March 6th.
<p>VII. Financial Update</p>	<p>Charlene Bush, Budget Director stated the following:</p> <p>A. Financial Statement August, September <i>(Benchmark 33, Activity 33.6)(Benchmark 39, Activity 39.2)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Financial Statement, you should have August and September in your packet. Are there any questions. • Kim Smith stated: We were closed for nine days in September, so September is horrifying. Charlene Bush added: September wasn't really showing the effects of us being out; you'll see more of it in October. • Dr. Nicole Martin asked the following: Were the employees paid during the days out of work? Kim Smith replied: Yes, that is a county decision. It is made by the County Manager and the County Commissioners. For Florence there were two staff members who did not work in the shelter. One being Martha, because she was working on accreditation, and the other was not physically able to go and work a shelter. Now during Michael, the other individual worked a shelter, and Martha was up here working on accreditation. The staff was not working shelters every single day, and what days they were not working, they received administration time. Charlene Bush added: They received administration time every day. Once we were declared to be in a state of emergency, then its overtime. FEMA will hopefully step in and pay it; if not, then the county's stuck with that. They get paid their regular pay no matter what. Dr. Diefes asked about dental having no patients. Charlene Bush answered: You know they got started right back to school, then we were closed for two weeks,

and the schools were out for a little longer than we were. Kim Smith added: We've also purchased Open Dental. It's a wonderful easy program, Dr. Thomas loves it. The staff is trying to get our MIS department to setup the computers where they can function with it out on the bus. We've just had some big glitches that hopefully after today, have been taken care of.

Motion to accept Financial Statement for August and September was made by Dr. Nicole Martin, seconded by Patty Hobbs, carried by the board.

B. Patient Counts

(Benchmark 33, Activity 33.6)

- You've got the Patient Counts. You can see where August and September are down.
- Kim Smith stated the following: The good news being that, as far as all of our pregnant ladies, we've got all of them in, and we are caught up.
- Charlene Bush asked if there were any questions.

C. Service Cost Update

(Benchmark 33, Activity 33.5) (Benchmark 39, Activity 39.3)

- MMR vaccine has gone from \$91.00 to \$95.00
- Proquad (MMR Varicella) is \$226.00.
- Are there any questions about this, this is our cost to purchase these?

Motion to accept the Service Cost Update was made by Dr. Darryl Diefes, seconded by Dr. Nicole Martin, carried by the board.

D. Family Planning Financial Report.....August, September

(Benchmark 33, Activity 33.6)

- I found out that I have to do a program with you all each time. So this time it's going to be Family Planning. (A handout was given.)
- This is where the funding comes from for Family Planning. Each item tells you where the funding comes from and what I can use that funding for.
- TANF Funding.....12039.00
(Public education/media campaign, Birth Control Pills and Condoms) We've got two billboards in the county. One of them is on the Eastern end, near Delco. I saw it the other night when I was coming back from Wilmington. The other is located in front of Wal-Mart. If you're at the light, and look right, towards the church, you can see it. They're pretty and pink and bi-lingual.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Mothers/Healthy Children.....1933.00 (Services for clients with no insurance/Medicaid and purchase and maintain hardware/software) • Women's Health Services.....8023.00 (Long-Acting Birth Control) • Title X32199.00 (Services for clients with no insurance/Medicaid including salaries. Also, to purchase and maintain hardware/software) • State Funding.....9483.00 (Salaries and clients with no insurance/Medicaid) • All of this Total's.....63677.00 <p>Motion to accept the Family Planning Financial Report for August and September was made by Dr. Nicole Martin, seconded by Pat Ray, carried by the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlene Bush added: As of right now, we are at 19% of our revenue, we've received 19% of the self-pay state funded insurance and we've used 17% of our local appropriations.
VIII. Chairman's Forum	<p>Dr. Randy Kirby, Chairman, gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In your packet you should have gotten the Columbus County Health Department Director Performance Review. If you would like to join the club, and fill this out before you leave, and put it in the envelope, that will take care of it and one less thing you'll have to worry about. Yvonne does write sneaky little numbers on the envelopes so you are being watched. Just think on that; but you can take it home and mail it in if you like. That's all I have on that. So we'll move on to the Director's Forum.
IX. Director's Forum	<p>Kim Smith, Health Director gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like to start out with the question that Mr. Boone asked last time on the STD rates. You had asked could we get it by race and zip code. We can get it by race but are unable to by zip code. So I'll be glad to pass this around showing the number of each race that we keep up with on that topic. <p>A. Flu Vaccine Update (Benchmark 38, Activity 38.1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patti is off at a conference in Greensboro so I will be speaking about the Flu Vaccine. We have in inventory 3 different doses of Flu vaccine this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fluzone High Dose – for 65 years old and older. ○ Flublok Quadrivalent – For 18 years of age

and older.

- Fluzone Quadrivalent – For 6 months of age and older.
- Each vaccine is designed to protect people against 2 Influenza A strains (H1N1 I H3N2) and 2 Influenza B strains (Victoria Lineage & Yamagata Lineage).
- We have administered approximately 389 vaccines: 290 Adults, 99 Children.
- We have provided Flu Clinics at all of the Senior Centers with the exception of Tabor City. Tabor City had already held a flu clinic through Walgreens. In addition to the flu clinics at the senior centers, flu clinics were held at Whiteville United Methodist Church and Tabor Commons.
- Are there any questions on the flu vaccine?
- Patti was also called about a flu clinic at Southeastern Community College.

B. Community Action Plan Update

(Benchmark 22, Activity 22.1)

- Daniel and Jamika are at a conference in San Diego California, so I will be presenting the Community Action Plan Update.
- Our Community Health Action Plan addresses current health priorities in Columbus County, 2015-2019. At this time, we will continue to work on the following items that our Action Plan addresses – Pending the end of the Community Health Assessment period that will end March 1, 2019, we will reconfigure our Community Health Action Plan to address the needs of the community (identified with the health assessment).
- Our Community Health Action Plan addresses:
 - Chronic Disease
 - Obesity
 - Substance Abuse
- These three issues were identified by residents as the most concerning during our last Community Health Assessment.
- During this time period, 2015-2019, we have done the following to address the issues previously mentioned – these efforts are outlined in our 2015-2019 Community Health Action Plan (these were conducted by Sarah – going forward we will be starting over in March when we choose new Goals and Objectives according to new survey data):

- Conducted Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshops
- Conducted Faithful Families Diabetes Prevention workshops
- Worked with Columbus County Sheriff's Office to adopt the use of naloxone
- Conducted Booze it or Lose it Campaign
- Currently, as we move forward, we are focusing most on the new community health assessment data – from that point we will start a new Community Health Action Plan – this will cover 2019 through the next 4 years.

C. Florence Hot Wash

- Our Management Team has completed a Hot Wash, which is an after action review of what we did great and what we can do to improve. Then we had all of the Health Department staff, also including the two nurses from the Department of Aging and eight school nurses (five from the county and three from the city). The two meetings were somewhat of the same with likes and dislikes. The National Guard were great, they were easy to work with, very good looking, we just wish that we had our own team; because the thing we found out, was that they were out doing what everyone else wanted them to do, which placed us on the back burner. When you have someone out at a shelter, who has been there all night, and its 9, 10, or 11 o'clock in the morning, they're ready to go home. So this was one thing that we'll mention at the overall Hot Wash, that maybe we can get a National Guard unit assigned to ourselves.
- Of course the Red Cross was not favorably spoken of. They were letting people go in and out of the shelters, and not having a quiet time. Some of the staff felt uncomfortable.
- The Law Enforcement that was provided for the shelters were mainly probation officers. Here in Columbus County we had 50 come in from across the state. They carried guns, but they were not apt to speak up and do.
- There were several items, the nurses suggested, that needed to be put in the bins. We have taken care of most of those items.
- They were thinking that rules needed to be posted, for the occupants to view, upon arrival and

throughout the duration of their stay.

- It was asked if other shelters would have oxygen. Edgewood is our only oxygen dependent shelter. That's because their generator runs that whole side of the school. Every plug had a concentrator plugged in. Those that their concentrator did not come with them, we had an oxygen manifold setup where we could service 12 people. The hospital would like for us to have more manifolds out there; considering a manifold is about \$3,000.00 a week to rent. We have two that our regional preparedness group was able to put together. They are not purchased. The respiratory therapist at New Hanover put ours together, so all the pieces we need are there. It may not be the prettiest system in the world, but it works. At the height of the storm, we only had five people who had brought their concentrators. I was just amazed.
- Some of my personal issues I had during the storm were:
 - We need a shower in the Health Department
 - We also need a larger water heater
- We found out that after the electricity goes down, after a while, our wonderful keypads' batteries go dead. We had to take one door off the hinges, but we got it done.
- I also wrote down protocols for shelters.
- The big issue I had personally with this storm was DaVita Dialysis. I was sitting in the EOC, and I was coordinating rides for dialysis patients to get to dialysis. I personally don't think I should have been doing that. I had the patients on one phone and DaVita Dialysis on the other. So we are going to get that taken care of.
- Rules for pets, needs to be posted and handed out to pet owners when they come in. Some of the pet owners didn't like having to go out, into the rain, and walk their pets. I don't think that's fair to the pet if it has to go to the bathroom.
- We also had an issue at West Columbus with two sex offenders; after we found out that they were sex offenders. We had no place to put them. We had no protocol in place. We've now come up with a protocol for that.
- We also had a mental health facility that brought ten of their residents and dropped them off, and

left. The state now has the owner's name. We took care of that.

- We're also going to work on getting lights; because at these schools, once the electricity goes out, they have no lights. I think we can use some of our preparedness money to buy the stand-up lights, but they'll have to have generators to run them. We've learned a lot from Matthew, and even more with Florence. So we're going to work hard to get done what we can get done, and then we're going to definitely go to the overall county Hot Wash, and voice our concerns.
- Dr. Nicole Martin asked Kim Smith: Did you lose all the perishables like the vaccines? Kim Smith replied: Oh no, I have to brag. We have a generator that runs all of our freezers and refrigerators. We've had that in place since Marie Simons was our Preparedness Coordinator. Now Pender and New Hanover County weren't so lucky. Dr. Christy Perdue added: The state makes you responsible for those vaccines, and you'll have to replace them out of your own pocket. Kim Smith replied: That's right. Dr. Christy Perdue added: All of our vaccines went to the hospital. Kim Smith stated: We had Dr. Waldman's vaccines. His office called to see if we had room. I'll give out room until I have no room left. Dr. Nicole Martin asked: What about dog vaccines? Kim Smith answered: If you want to call me and see if we have room, you're more than welcome to it. Feel free to call, and if there is room, we'll put it in there.

D. Grant Updates

- Today hopefully will be the end of that dialysis issue. The state has what's called the Bright Ideas Funding; it is for preparedness, and we've put in for a grant that would bring in :
 - Assisted Living
 - Skilled Nursing
 - Dialysis
 - Hospital

We would be working in conjunction with Emergency Management, and the Hospital, to help these facilities come up with their own preparedness plan. I think all of them except Tabor Commons; Tabor Commons evacuated everyone to the mountains. They went to Jockey's Ridge during

Florence. Everyone else had called the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) needing something. They were stating that they hadn't prepared for this, or they hadn't prepared for that. Well, according to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid, they are supposed to have a preparedness plan. We had thought about this before Florence came in.

Florence just helped to reinforce that they need a plan; and I don't mind helping them to get that plan, because that will help to ease the stress on the EOC. This was just submitted today. So by mid-December we should know the outcome of that.

- The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant. We were given a two week extension on that. That was sent last Friday. Jamika Lynch and Daniel Buck worked very hard on that. It was submitted on time. Hopefully in a couple of months, we'll know the results of that.
- The third grant, unfortunately, we did not receive this grant. It was the grant for the Emergency Overdose, Local Mitigation to the Opioid Crisis for Local Health Departments. I have asked for the scoring sheet, which I have not received yet; but we need to know what our issues were with that grant. Hopefully we'll get that so we can learn from it.
- Before I go to the last item, the news was released today that North Carolina did receive the Federal approval to implement the transition to Medicaid Managed Care. If you can remember, this will be bringing everything into managed care. Dr. Perdue I'm pretty sure you'll see some changes depending on how much Medicaid your practice has. Dr. Kirby you'll see a little bit and Dr. Diefes you won't see anything; it excludes dental, for the time being.

E. December Meeting

- As for the last item, I'm asking that the Board Meeting, that was scheduled for December 12th, to be changed to another date. This is due to the conference that Patti and I were to attend in September; it has been rescheduled for the 12th through the 15th, all due to Hurricane Florence. This is the North Carolina Public Health Association Fall Conference. So I'm asking can we pick another date for our meeting.
- Dr. Randy Kirby stated the following: We have

	<p>looked at it, and the only day that really comes to mind is the 5th of December. Everything else starts to bleed very close to Christmas and travel. So if you can, look at your calendars, and we will need a motion to move it to the 5th, if you all are comfortable with that.</p> <p>Motion to move the December meeting to the 5th was made by Dr. Christy Perdue, seconded by Patty Hobbs, carried by the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Smith stated: For that meeting we will have some finger foods, and if you'd like to bring your spouse. It'll probably be a short meeting since we moved a lot of things to this meeting. Martha has been preparing us for a while now. We'll all be glad when next Wednesday comes and goes.
<p>Comments-Board of Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Christy Perdue asked: Do we have any information on the safety of the water quality at Lake Waccamaw? I'm sure the water quality was not good after Florence, and I'm a little concerned about the safety of the lake now with the boards, nails and other debris. I haven't talked with anyone at the State Park but is there anyone who still does that? Kim Smith stated: I use to get messages from Kristina of the Waccamaw River Keepers. Pat Ray added: They use to test on Tuesdays. Patty Hobbs asked: Do they test now or is it only done during the summer? Kim Smith replied: I think the testing is conducted year round. I'll get in touch with Kristina and see what I can find out. Dr. Christy Perdue added: Good, because it's just a mess. I don't know what other wording you can use other than that. Kim Smith stated: I know, and I think we're going to have a mess for a while. Just trying to get around the city, here in Whiteville, can be dangerous because of the piles of debris that is still sitting. I didn't notice this before Florence, but just today, I had called about the water here at the corner of Jefferson and Thompson Street. Then Monday I called about this big spot of water in the middle of the road down here. It hadn't rained, so I couldn't figure where it was coming from. Yesterday they fixed the corner, and today they were down the road fixing that one. When I called the second time, I had to leave a message saying "hello guys this is Kim calling from the Health Department again, but it has nothing to do with the

Health Department, there's water at such in such and its bubbling up." I can only imagine Fair Bluff. West Columbus, those people were prepared; they knew what Matthew brought and they were prepared. The only thing we sent out to West Columbus was diapers. I hardly got any calls from that end of the county. I had received the call about the sex offenders, but other than that, the folks at the Western end of the county were prepared.

- Pat Ray made the following announcement: I'd like to mention the Columbus Faith Collaborative. They're sponsoring mental health first aide at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Tabor City next week, on October 30th and November 1st, from 1-4pm in the afternoon. It's free; and I don't know about you all, but we've talked about this a lot, and we've all suffered from compassion fatigue; no matter the extent of what we've lost. Trillium will be leading the instruction. They've been really cooperative with us in planning this. They'll be talking about ways that laypeople, and professionals, can better recognize mental health issues like depression and anxiety, and how we can best respond and support this. If any of you are interested, or if you know of anybody in your communities who are interested, give me a call and come. Kim Smith stated: We had that class here for our front office staff and a few of our nurses. I sat in on it and it's very good. It really makes you think. It is a very good class; you learn a lot. Eastpointe did ours before we switched. Pat Ray added: They did one for us before the county switched. Trillium has been extremely helpful in helping us plan this. You also get a great big manual with this, free of charge. We also have mental health information for faith based communities and we'll be giving those out also. We'd like to see as many people as possible. If you'd like some brochures let me know.
- Drew Cox stated: I know you had brought up the debris issue; from the DOT perspective, the governor did an executive order for DOT to pick up C&D and whatever blocks the right of way. We're completing in Columbus County this week, our first pass of what fell into the road. We've done that with DOT crews from here, and from the

	<p>mountains. We're letting a contractor pick up all the C&D debris; we don't want our folks handling any of that. So that's scheduled to start around November 7th. We want to give folks a little bit of time, to get everything to the road, so we can do one pass. By the middle of November that should be underway.</p> <p>Dr. Randy Kirby asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns.</p>

Next Meeting Date

December 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted: Kimberly L Smith Secretary 120518
Signature Date