

MINUTES
PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
CLASSROOM OF THE
PERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
October 24, 2016

A regular meeting of the Person County Board of Health was held in the Classroom in the Person County Health Department. The following members constituting a quorum were present: Steven Bailey, Dr. Christopher Atkins, Jack Hester, Dr. Kimberly Yarborough, Dr. Jeffrey Noblett, Dr. Ben Tillett, Tracey Kendrick, Dr. Stephen Saunders, Ted Michie, and Patsy Clayton. Board member Dr. Claudia Berryhill was absent. Also present were Sharon Rose, Nursing Supervisor, Pam Cook, Administrative Assistant, and Janet Clayton, Health Director. Also present was Ron Aycock, County Attorney.

A. Call to Order

Dr. Jeffrey Noblett, Vice Chair of the Board of Health called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Public Comment Period

Jimmy Clayton of 717 Berman Clayton Road, Timberlake appeared before the Board to request that the board consider adjusting the water sample fees for residents living near the Duke Energy Coal Ash area and residents living near the landfill. He stated that he had spoken with a citizen that was dealing with cancer and was concerned with the cost of the water sample fees. Mr. Clayton stated that he feels this is a public health issue and needs to be looked at.

C. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dr. Stephen Saunders, seconded by Jack Hester and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Water Sample Fees

Janet stated that at the October 3, 2016 meeting of the Person County Board of Commissioners there were questions and discussion regarding the amount of the Environmental Health water sample fees. Janet provided a spreadsheet, which included the State Laboratory fees, our current fees, and fees from surrounding counties. She stated that she had contacted Chris Hoke, Division of Public Health Attorney regarding our fees and adjusting them for residents in different areas of the county. He informed Janet that your fee is your fee. You must treat everyone the same. In addition, Ron Aycock, County Attorney stated that you should not have a different set of fees for different residents. After the health director explained the department's review of state examination of the threat of coal ash to drinking water wells outside the 1500 feet from the ash ponds, Board member, Dr. Ben Tillett commenced a Board discussion of the responsibility of the Board concerning this issue. After discussion, involving all members of the Board, upon a motion of Dr. Ben Tillett, seconded by Dr. Chris Atkins the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Person County Board of Health is charged with promoting, preserving and protecting the public health of the citizens of Person County; and,

Whereas, concern has been raised regarding the effect of coal ash on certain drinking water wells in the County; and,

Whereas, the Board of Health has no specific expertise in this matter; and,

Whereas, the Board of Health has been informed that North Carolina State Government agencies including the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services have examined this issue; and,

Whereas, the Board of Health understands that such state agencies have concluded that there is no scientifically supportable reason to conclude that danger from coal ash extends beyond 1,500 feet from the site of a coal ash repository; and,

Whereas, The Board of Health has the right to rely on such State of NC examination and conclusion; and,

Now, therefore, the Person County Board of health resolves that:

1. It has made a reasonable inquiry into the matter of the danger to drinking water wells in Person County from coal ash repositories,
2. The burden of determining any risk in this matter lies with the state of North Carolina
3. The Board stands ready to take further action on this matter when and if the State of NC informs the Board that such action is necessary or desirable

E. Home Health & Hospice Quality Improvement Overview / 2015-2016

An overview of the 2015-2016 Annual Agency Review for Home Health and Hospice was presented. The Quality Improvement Program indicated improvement in CAHPS Scores and that the agency is compliant with standards and regulations. The Annual Report statistically reveals that Alzheimer's disease was the lead hospice diagnosis. The Annual Report also indicated that the agency is compliant with regulations. The Corporate Compliance Annual Evaluation was discussed. This report identified the need for additional hospice volunteers, more speech therapy availability, and the agency's plan for increasing these services.

F. Staff Liaison Updates

- **Environmental Health**
 - Adam Sarver and Harold Kelly attended a training on mold.
 - Things are going well. Staff are very busy.
- **Personal Health**
 - We spoke with Rebecca Frye at UNC to participate in a manganese biomonitoring study for our maternity patients. We can add additional minerals if we feel necessary.
- **Home Health & Hospice**
 - Accreditation – We are expecting surveyors somewhere between the middle of November or first of December.
 - We currently have 2 nurse vacancies. The vacancies are posted on our website.
 - Deborah will be chairing the PR/Outreach marketing committee.
 - We are exploring a “Bridge Program” that would transition patients from HH to Hospice services.

G. Health Director's Report

In addition to the health director's report, Janet redistributed the letter from the state regarding the Central Cancer Registry and the cancer cases in Person County.

❖ Various Updates-

- Kelly and I attend the DPH & DHHS meeting regarding CAMA and well water in Greensboro on September 27th. The State Health Director called the meeting with all of the health departments with coal ash ponds in their counties. We also attended the October 3rd County Commissioners' meeting and the October 4th public hearing regarding the renewal of the discharge permits.
- The Home Health Advisory Board met on September 28th. Quality Improvement reports and stakeholder feedback were shared.
- We provided the remaining MedAssist over the counter medicines to Person Family Medical on September 30th for distribution to their primary care patients.
- LeighAnn Creson, Sandy Mangum, Jennifer Melton, and Paola Stone supported the Person County Public Library on October 1st by participating in the Bookin' It Down the Road 5K event.
- I participated in the County Department Head retreat on 10/5 at Mayo Park.
- Cierra Elkerson and Deborah Tinnin participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness Event at PCC on October 6th. This event was organized by Person Family Medical Center.
- I participated in the Healthy Personians Advisory Board's quarterly meeting on 10/10. Cierra Elkerson was approved as a new member. She will fill a position that was recently vacated by Stacy Davis due to a change of employment.
- Personal Health staff spoke with Rebecca Frye at UNC to participate in a manganese biomonitoring study for our maternity patients. We can add additional minerals if we feel necessary.
- Dawn Coleman and Pam Cook attended a Cost Settlement workshop on October 19th.
- LeighAnn Creson, Dawn Coleman, Roberta Powell, and I have completed an application for a Family Planning Funding RFA.
- Our Health Director's Region, Region V, will be applying for a Diabetes Prevention grant through the Office of Minority Health. Alamance County Health Department will serve as the lead of this initiative.
- The WIC caseload continues to surpass the State numbers, and in July, the caseload number was 98.5% which is above the required 97%.
- On October 21st, Michelle White coordinated a meeting with Ben Midgette, Industrial Hygienist of DPH, EMS, Animal Services, County Safety Officer, and PCHD staff to discuss the safety issues regarding animal hoarding and material hoarding and responding to those residences.
- I am serving as the mentor for the new Caswell County Health Director, Dolly Clayton.
- I attended the monthly NCALHD meetings last week.

❖ Flu and MRC Information-

- PCHD staff members provided flu immunizations to the County Employees on October 3rd and October 12th. Thanks to Jennifer Melton, Roberta Powell, Carolyn Turner, and Judy Vickers for working those clinics.
- Michelle White and our Flu Virus, Dawn Coleman, participated in Relay for Life. They raffled off a set of 4 flu immunizations with proceeds going to Relay for Life.

- PCHD staff and a MRC volunteer provided flu immunizations and BMI checks to Certaineed employees on October 11th. Thanks to the PCHD employees, Judy Vickers and Mitzy Wilbourne.
- On October 12th, Michelle White, Dawn Coleman, Greg White, Glen Labar, and I taught Person High School Health Occupations' students how to teach hands-only CPR including AED use and Flu Near You to 8th graders, which they will be doing on 10/26 & 10/27. This is funded through the MRC Stayin' Alive and Pandemic Free Campaign grant.
- On October 17th, flu immunizations were provided to the staff of Bethel Hill Charter School and on the 18th to the staff of Roxboro Community School. Thanks to Kaye Kagley and Mitzy Wilbourne for your work at Bethel Hill, and to Jennifer Melton and Michelle White for your work at RCS.
- MRC Volunteers assisted with Operation Medicine Drop at the Person County Sheriff's Department on October 22nd.
- There will be a MRC Orientation on October 25th.

❖ **Personnel-**

- The vacant Personal Health PH Nurse II position is being posted.
- The one HHH PHNIII position has been posted and one is being held vacant.
- The vacant HHH Community Health Technician position was posted and is now being held vacant.
- Interviews are being scheduled for WIC Processing Assistant III position.

H. Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Stephen Saunders, seconded by Dr. Ben Tillett, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Clayton
Health Director/Secretary