

The Cleveland County Public Health Board met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Marty Hamrick, Robert Miller, Kale Meade, and Sara Karner

Board members present remotely: Deanna Moseley Lawrence, Patti Alexander, Henry Gilmore, Heather Bridges Moore and Street Hamrick.

Health Department staff present: Tiffany Hansen, DeShay Oliver, Alisa Leonard, Anne Short, Nathan McNeilly, Leslie McSwain, and Dashe' Lawton.

County Attorney's present: Tim Moore (remote) and Martha Thompson (remote).

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair Sara Karner called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and welcomed everyone.

Mr. Miller gave the invocation.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION:

No citizens requested to appear before the Board.

OATH OF OFFICE TO PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD:

DeShay Oliver presented new Public Health Board Member Appointments, Mr. Henry Gilmore and Ms. Heather Bridges Moore. Mr. Gilmore and Ms. Bridges Moore were present virtually.

Mr. Gilmore shared a brief introduction and appreciation for the Public Health Board. He is the Director of Community and Family Engagement with Cleveland County Schools. He works to engage parents and assists parents with navigation throughout the school system. Mr. Gilmore read the oath of office to accept appointment to the Public Health Board.

Ms. Heather Bridges Moore is the President of Communities in Schools, a local non-profit that serves at risk students focusing on areas such as attendance, school behavior, grades, and parents/student/family engagement and advocacy. Ms. Bridges Moore read the oath of office to accept appointment to the Public Health Board.

Ms. Oliver presented Public Health Board Member Reappointments, Mr. Robert Miller, Dr. Deanna Moseley Lawrence, and Mr. Kale Meade. Mr. Miller and Mr. Meade conducted the reading of their oath of office to accept reappointment to the Public Health Board in person. Dr. Moseley Lawrence read the oath of office to accept reappointment to the Public Health Board virtually.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2022 PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING:

Chair Karner presented the proposed agenda for the February 8, 2022 Public Health Board meeting for consideration of adoption.

Motion: A motion was made by Robert Miller with a second by Kale Meade to adopt the agenda for the February 8, 2022 Public Health Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2022 PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Chair Karner presented the January 11, 2022 Public Health Board meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

Patti Alexander stated that she was unable to attend the January 11, 2022 meeting, but was listed as in attendance remotely.

Motion: Robert Miller moved that the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Public Health Board Meeting be approved pending the revision to Ms. Alexander's attendance. Kale Meade seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTATION:

Deshay Oliver introduced Dashe' Lawton, the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Nurse Supervisor to present on the program. Ms. Lawton shared that she has been the Supervisor for the program since 2015.

NFP goals are reached because we pair a first-time mom with her own personal Nurse from pregnancy through the child's second birthday. By doing this they see improved pregnancy outcomes, child health outcomes and economic self sufficiency for families. This is an intensive program, where the Nurses see moms weekly, or bi-weekly throughout the program in order to achieve set milestones.

This program supports brain development in babies and assists in laying the foundational building blocks for future skill building. She shared that each dollar invested in NFP yields up to \$6.20 in returns.

This program started in 2008 in Cleveland County. The average age for moms in the program are 19-20 years old. The program receives several referrals from the CMHRP (Care Management for High Risk Pregnancy) program at the Health Department.

Chair Karner asked how moms are identified. Ms. Lawton shared that the majority of referrals come from the CMHRP program. They will have Medicaid and have been to a doctor's office if

referred through this channel. She also shared that although this is the majority of referrals, anyone can refer to the program as long as they are a first-time mom and their income meets the eligibility requirements. The goal is to enroll moms before 28 weeks.

Ms. Bridges Moore asked if the program serves teen mothers. Ms. Lawton shared that, yes, this program does serve teen mothers as well, as long as they meet the other criteria and are a first-time mom they can be enrolled.

Dashe' went on to provide more insight regarding the number of enrollments annually. The program allows for up to 75 clients to be enrolled annually. Each Nurse can have 25 clients enrolled under their caseload.

Mr. Gilmore asked if there were any opportunities to partner as he explores conversations throughout the community with parents/students. Ms. Lawton shared her contact information and voiced that she would be excited to attend and share more with the community about the NFP program.

Ms. Lawton also shared a video from YouTube that was created by the NFP National Service Office that summarizes Nurse Family Partnership.

COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE:

Tiffany Hansen presented a COVID-19 Status Update. She shared that there are a total of 28,374 cases reported since the start of the pandemic. Over the last 14 days, the average cases per day were around 124 cases/day and over the last 7 days, 73 cases/day were reported. She stated that since yesterday there were 38 cases reported.

She shared that the NC percent positivity remains high at 23.4% but is seeing decreases. Cleveland County's test positivity is currently 30.9%. She shared the age breakdowns for cases as compared to the previous update last month. Comparisons reflect a trend of decline in number of new cases, percent positivity and testing demand.

Ms. Hansen also provided an update on testing availability within the County, which includes StarMed Saturday testing events at the Health Department through 2/26/22 as well as numerous providers. Vaccinations for those 5 years old and older, are 56% for one dose administered and 52% for two doses or one dose of J&J.

She also shared that Pfizer will be seeking FDA EUA approval for their COVID19 vaccine for 6 months to 4-year-olds. The FDA is scheduled to review this request on 2/15/22.

DSS COLOCATION UPDATE:

Tiffany Hansen presented an update on the DSS Colocation project. She shared some background information that went into the decision-making process for the foundation of the DSS Colocation. The County conducted a Master Facility Plan, which identified the DSS building as a priority, as

well as some underutilization at the Health Department. It also provided for some personnel forecasting and standardized office space sizes.

She shared that as they worked through the process, they followed the Four Ps model. This takes into consideration the principles, programs, people, and properties as they planned for the colocation. Benefits of this project will be an increase in communication, customer service, shared operational costs and capital cost avoidance.

Ms. Hansen described that Talley & Smith Architecture was hired in April 2021 and they worked with the design team, which included herself, the DSS Director and several County Department Heads to create the best design. One feature that assisted in the design of the building is the utilization of more modular furniture which provides for more flexible and adaptable designs.

She reviewed the timeline for the project, with Phase 1 (upper floor) projected to take around 5 months and Phase 2 (lower floor) projected to take around 6 months to complete. She also shared that the Board of Commissioners had awarded the bid for the project to Beam Construction at their February 1, 2022, meeting.

Mr. Meade asked where the providers for the Ollie Harris Behavioral Health Wing were going to be relocating to. Ms. Hansen shared that the Behavioral Health Wing had already relocated to alternative locations throughout the County.

Ms. Alexander asked if there would be any construction impacting the exterior walls of the building, as well as once complete the number of total employees that will be in the building. Ms. Hansen shared that there was no impact to exterior walls. All construction will be happening within the interior portions of the building. Once complete, there will be around 350 employees in the building.

2021 CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM ANNUAL REPORT:

DeShay Oliver shared the 2021 Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) annual report. The CFPT reviews deaths of anyone under 18 years old in the County and evaluates any prevention strategies that can be used to mitigate future deaths.

In 2021, there were 11 deaths. Of those, 3 were identified as deaths in which potential prevention strategies could be deployed. The team recommended prevention strategies for these 3 deaths including continuing to support programs that are already in place such as DARE, and the GREAT program. The team worked to gather more information on human trafficking and disseminate those throughout the County. The CFPT also recommended the utilization of seat belt education, car seat safety checks, Kids Tips Education in 1st grade and additional ATV safety education.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Leslie McSwain presented the budget amendments.

ITEM NUMBER ONE

Cleveland County Health Department has been allocated an additional \$12,323 from NCDHHS for the WIC Client Services program. These funds will be used to support the purchase of furniture and department supplies for WIC office spaces. We request that the funds be budgeted in our WIC (540) department.

ITEM NUMBER TWO

Cleveland County Health Department has been allocated \$163,604 from NCDHHS through the CDC and ARPA funding. These funds will be used in our School Health Program to provide nursing coverage to assist with COVID public health response. We request these funds be budgeted in our School Health (534) Department.

Motion: Robert Miller moved that the Budget Amendment be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for approval as presented. Patti Alexander seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Chair Karner asked if there was any miscellaneous business to discuss.

No Miscellaneous Business was discussed.

ADJOURN: 7:02 pm

There being no further business, Chair Karner called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Robert Miller moved, with a second by Kale Meade that the Cleveland County Public Health Board meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tiffany Hansen, Secretary
Cleveland County Public Health Board