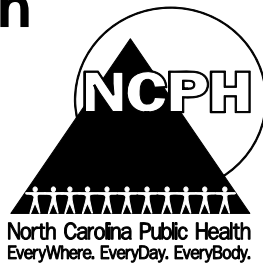


# Forsyth County Board of Health



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## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES December 2, 2009

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Vera Robinson  
Ms. Linda Petrou  
Dr. Willard McCloud  
Ms. Nancy Hardie  
Dr. James K. Doub  
Dr. Paul (Lee) Salisbury  
Dr. Allen S. Hudspeth  
Mr. Randall Kale  
Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko

### STAFF PRESENT

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe  
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries  
Ms. Tommie Bowen  
Ms. Lynne Mitchell  
Ms. Jackie Boggs  
Ms. Judy Southern  
Mr. Bob Whitwam

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Calvert Jeffers  
Mr. Beaufort Bailey

### **Call to Order:**

On Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. Ms. Vera Robinson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes of the November 4, 2009, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Upon motion by Dr. Lee Salisbury, and a second by Dr. Allen Hudspeth, the minutes were approved by the Board of Health.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

No one asked to be recognized.

### **Old Business:**

### **H1N1 Influenza Update:**

Dr. Monroe reported that even though the incidence H1N1 Flu seems to have lessened, we may well experience another wave of infection toward the end of December, first part of January, or even as late as February. The vaccine is currently arriving in large volumes. The health department, private providers, hospitals, and pharmacies have been receiving the vaccine. We will be holding a Flu Clinic on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be 33 vaccination stations set up throughout the clinics and meeting room areas. Availability is still limited to the originally identified five risk groups. The department has also identified tentative dates for vaccine clinics that may be held for the public if demand stays high. There will be a two day event, beginning Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Both clinics will be held at the Coliseum in the Education Building, lasting 12 hours both days, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are also considering holding two more events on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 29<sup>th</sup>, again, depending on demand. In response to a question, Dr. Monroe stated that unless a person has been tested positive for the H1N1 at the state laboratory, they should still consider receiving the H1N1 Vaccine.

### **Update on Syphilis outbreak:**

Dr. Monroe gave an update on the Syphilis outbreak in Forsyth County. He presented each board member with copies of graphs that reflects the cases of early syphilis in Forsyth County, for the time period of July 2008, through September 2009. There is a national and statewide trend at this time, and Forsyth County has the highest rate of syphilis in the state of the larger counties. Dr. Monroe said people living in poverty are more likely to engage in behaviors that place them at risk for many adverse health conditions including communicable diseases. The high levels in the state and our community are related to prostitution, trading sex for drugs, men having sex with men. Many individuals are co-infected with syphilis and HIV. Thirty percent of people infected with HIV do not even know their status. They receive HIV and Syphilis testing when they come in to the health department. If a patient is diagnosed with syphilis, then we follow up with them for a total of three months.

### **Report on Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Rule:**

Mr. Bob Whitwam, the Director of Environmental Health, presented the report on Childhood Lead Poisoning Activities for October-November 2009. Copies of this report were given to each board member, and a copy has been placed in the Board of Health files in the Administration Division.

### **New Business:**

#### **House Bill 2 Enforcement Plans for January 2:**

Mr. Bob Whitwam, presented a report on the House Bill 2 Enforcement Plans, that will begin January 2, 2010. This new law prohibits smoking in certain public places and certain places of employment, including food service facilities permitted by the Health Department and many bars. Copies of this report were given to all board members and may also be found in the board of health files in Administration.

#### **Fiscal Management Assessment Survey Results (MPH Practicum Project):**

Judy Southern, RN, the Clinic Manager, presented the Fiscal Management Assessment Survey Results. Hard copies of this assessment survey were also given out to each board member, and copies have been placed in the board of health files in Administration.

**Youth Risk Behavior Survey, YRBS Results (tentative):**

Dr. Monroe reported on the YRBS that was conducted in the middle schools and high schools. He also presented each board member with copies of the results. Ayo Ademoyero will make a full report of the results at the January meeting. Copies of the reports are also filed in the board of health files in Administration.

**Other Business:**

None at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

None at this time.

**Adjourn:**

Ms. Linda Petrou made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Jane Bradner Mosko seconded the motion. By majority vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Timothy Monroe  
Secretary to the Board

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