

MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
October 24, 2012

ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT: *To enhance the quality of life, promote the health, and preserve the environment for all people in the Orange County community.*

THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MET ON October 24, 2012, at the Orange County Library, 131 West Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, NC.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Whitaker, Chair; Matthew Kelm, Vice Chair; Commissioner Steve Yuhasz; Corey Davis; Paul Chelminski; Susan Elmore; Carol Haggerty; Michael Wood; Liska Lackey; Mike Carstens; Alexander White

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Bridger, Health Director; Pam McCall, Nursing Director; Christy Bradsher, Finance and Administrative Services Director; Donna King, Health Promotions and Education Director; Kathleen Goodhand, Home Visiting Services Supervisor; Carla Julian, Dental Clinic Manager; Lisa Smith, Administrative Assistant; Sue Young, Nursing Supervisor; Stacy Shelp, Communications Manager; Nidhi Sachdeva, Senior Public Health Educator; Pam Diggs, Senior Public Health Educator

GUESTS PRESENT: Annette Moore, County Attorney; Carla Banks, Orange County Public Relations Director

I. Smoke Free Public Places Public Places Hearing

Tony Whitaker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Chair Whitaker reminded guest speakers of the 3 minute limit to address the board of any comments related to the proposed smoking ban.

Dr. Adam Goldstein, Public Health Researcher at UNC, thanked the board for their consideration of the proposed smoking ban and is in full support.

Ariel Smith, a senior at East Chapel Hill High and a member of TRU, emphasized the need for the ban to allow nonsmokers to enjoy the outdoors without the second hand smoking hazards. She is in full support of the proposed smoking ban.

Brinklee Bailey, a senior at East Chapel Hill High and a member of TRU, brought with her 2 visual aids as part of her statement to the board. Members of TRU had collected two bulk sized jars filled with cigarette butts in a couple of hours on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. She feels everyone can benefit from smoke free public places which will make public spaces and the air cleaner for everyone to breathe. She is in full support of the proposed smoking ban.

Laura Parkinson, Representative from the American Cancer Society, wanted to offer her support of the proposed smoking ban.

Terri Tyson, Chapel Hill mother and nonsmoker, spoke out against the Rule at the hearing. She thought the Rule was rather extensive and severe. In her opinion smokers will be forced to smoke in their cars where children could be present, and a bit of smoke on a remote sidewalk is much less harmful than a child ingesting it in a car.

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Dr. Rosemary Summers, Orange County resident and former Health Director, is in full support of the proposed smoking ban and is disappointed that it did not include smokeless tobacco products.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Steve Yuhasz, seconded by Carol Haggerty and carried without dissent.

II. Approval of October 24, 2012 Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda of October 24, 2012 was made by Matthew Kelm, seconded by Susan Elmore, and carried without dissent.

III. Public Comment for Items NOT on Printed Agenda: none

IV. Action Items (Consent)

- A. Minutes approval of September 26, 2012 meeting
- B. Operating Procedures Annual Policy

Susan Elmore requested the minutes of the September 26, 2012 meeting be removed from the consent agenda for corrections.

Motion to remove Item A. Meeting Minutes from the Consent Action Items and approve Action Item B. Operating Procedures Annual Policy was made by Steve Yuhasz, seconded by Matthew Kelm, and carried without dissent

Susan Elmore requested an addition to the minutes on the CD Report discussion to address why the number of rabies exposures was up since 2004.

Motion to approve the Consent Action Item A. Meeting Minutes with the addition to the minutes as requested by Susan Elmore was made by Susan Elmore, seconded by Liska Lackey, and carried without dissent.

V. Action Items

- A. Smoke Free Public Place
 - a. Results of survey/public comment
 - b. Review of Community Leaders Forum
 - c. Deliberation and Vote

Board members reviewed and discussed data gathered from the public input period and discussed nuances of the Rule.

Board member Michael Wood opposed the Rule, citing concerns about the portion of the Rule that bans smoking on sidewalks.

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Board member Matthew Kelm, who works in Durham, said he has seen the effects of Durham's Smoke Free Public Places Rule after several of his staff quit smoking following the ban. He has seen the benefits in his workplace from the smoking ban.

If the Board of Health votes in favor of the Rule, the next step would be for the Rule to be discussed by the Board of County Commissioners at its November 20, 2012 meeting. There will be an additional public hearing at that time prior to the Board of County Commissioners deciding to vote on whether to approve the Rule.

If the Board of County Commissioners supports the Rule, it will go into effect with an educational period beginning on January 1, 2013. Full enforcement of the Rule would go into effect beginning on July 1, 2013.

Motion to accept the Rule to adopt the Smoke Free Public Places as written was made by Susan Elmore, seconded by Carol Haggerty. The motion passed 10 to 1 in favor with Michael Wood voting against.

VI. Reports and Discussion with Possible Action

A. Health Director Annual Review

The Health Director's Annual Review is due to the County by November 30. The proposal from the Chair is to complete a 360 degree feedback-style evaluation. This will include soliciting feedback from: 1) *All Direct Reports* (Tom Konsler, Pam McCall, Carla Julian, Michael Day, Donna King, Stacy Shelp and Christy Bradsher); 2) *10 randomly selected Health Department Employees* (~10%); 3) *County Management* (County Manager, Assistant County Manager); 4) *Board of Health members* and 5) *Co-Workers* (HR Director, DSS Director, Finance Director, Emergency Management Director, Dale Pratt-Wilson - Executive Director of Chapel Hill/Carrboro Drug and Alcohol Free Partnership, and Brian Toomey – CEO Piedmont Health Services.)

A feedback tool will be developed and emailed to the list above. County Management will also be given the opportunity to discuss thoughts/concerns in person.

The Chair will review the results with the full Board during the November Board of Health meeting in a closed session. The Board will then vote on the rating for the Health Director (needs improvement, proficient, exceptional). The Chair will share the results with the Health Director after the meeting. The minutes will reflect the rating and the completed forms will be sent to HR no later than 11-30-12.

B. Informational Items

a. Health Director's Report

See attached Health Director's Report

VII. Board Comments

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VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was made by Alex White, seconded by Steve Yuhasz, and carried without dissent.

The next Board of Health Meeting will be held November 28, 2012 at the Orange County Health Department, 300 West Tryon Street, Hillsborough, NC at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Bridger, MPH, PhD.
Health Director
Secretary to the Board