



Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County
Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022

A regular meeting of The Public Health Authority Board was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

All board members attended virtually via Microsoft TEAMS with the exception of Chairman James Mack and Vice-Chair Lara Pons, MD who attended at CHA. The meeting was live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: James T. Mack, Jr., Chairman
Lara Pons, MD, Vice-Chair
Mark Spitzer
Kimberly Dehler, DDS
Dan Hagler, MD
Cecilia Plez
Asha Rodriguez

Members Absent: Steve Morris, Daryle Adams

Staff Present: Dr. Bonnie Coyle, Erin Shoe, Sue Yates, Ryan McGhee, Tammy Alexander, Marcella Beam, Julia Patterson, Ryan McGhee, Elly Steel, Raquesha Franklin.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Mack called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm, and offered the invocation.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Chairman James Mack asked for a motion to install new Board member, Asha Rodriguez. She will be replacing Chris Bowe from Atrium Health-Cabarrus. Mark Spitzer made a motion to install. Dr. Kim Dehler made a second motion. Motion approved and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman James Mack stated that there is an amendment to the agenda. He advised COVID-19 updates will be moved to Business Agenda. Chairman James Mack asked for a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Cecilia Plez made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Lara Pons made a second motion. Motion approved and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman James Mack asked for a motion to approve the November 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Cecilia Plez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The second motion was made by Mark Spitzer. Motion and approval carried unanimously.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Dr. Bonnie Coyle administered the Oath. The Oath was accepted by Asha Rodriguez. Chairman James Mack announced Raquesha Franklin as new Clerk to the Board.

Chairman James Mack asked for a motion for Dr. Lara Pons to assume the role of Chairman/Chairperson beginning Feb. 2022. Mark Spitzer motioned. Cecilia Plez second the motion. Motion and approval carried unanimously. Dr. Bonnie Coyle confirmed that Dr. Pons will finish the FY term and nominations will be held in June.

REPORTS

Financial Summary Reports- Financial Summary Report, CHA Snapshot, Variance Analysis Year-to-Date Sue Yates presented the CHA Financial Reports.

Financial Summary Report: The monthly financial summary report covers through December 31st 2022. Original budget started at \$24 million; additional funding brings budget to \$32 million. Sue Yates advised the year will end with amount around \$400,000. The estimated Medicaid cost settlement is anticipated to come in by December 2021, however, there has been a delay due to questions around how to code COVID clinics.

CHA Snapshot: The snapshot shows where the budget is through the end of December 2021 which includes all CHA departments. Sue Yates advised Dental Health has not been fully operational in the schools due to COVID-19. Clinical Services moved to Managed Care which caused a few billing issues. State and local health directors are working to fix issues.

Variance Analysis Year-to-Date: This Variance Analysis report compares the previous year to the current year. Sue Yates advised that CHA is cash basis; this report shows how much more CHA is spending and receiving this year compared to past years. Additional funding is increasing the budget more than previous years which causes the monthly variance to increase.

Dental Scorecard: The Dental Scorecard was presented by Dr. Elly Steel, Dental Director. Dr. Elly Steel advised that the scorecards show performance and population accountability. Under population accountability, the emergency room visits for dental related causes remain stable over the course of three years. The scorecards focused on two measures; Kindergarten Decay Screenings and Preventive Services. All eight schools that have been screened have an increase in decay rates. Performance measures are high for caries risk assessments completed and low for self-management goals completed by patients.

Health Director's Report: Dr. Bonnie Coyle briefly presented the Health Director's Report. She thanked the staff and all departments/programs for stepping up to a challenging year. Dr. Bonnie Coyle asked that everyone review the report and to reach out to her if there are any questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Budget Revisions: Sue Yates presented the budget. The revisions consists of COSSAP grant, Mecklenburg PrEP funding, budget agreement addendum funds, Rowan County – Harm Reduction funds, Provider Relief funds – Phase 4, NCCU Medicine Pilot funds, Contributions and Donations, Viral Hepatitis Prevention grant, CLC Opioid grant, funds for BCCCP, payer mix in Clinical Services, AMCHP award, COVID billing revenues, and creating a new department for Behavioral Health Services.

Chairman James Mack asked for a motion to accept the budget revisions. Dr. Kim Dehler motioned to accept. Mark Spitzer seconded the motion. Motion and approval carried unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Board Membership: Dr. Lara Pons presented the updates regarding the board membership. She advised because Chairman James Mack is stepping down, he will be replaced with a community member on the board. Dr. Lara Pons states that Dr. Chip Buckwell has expressed interest and the nominating committee recommends the full board approves him as the community representative for the rest of Chairman James Mack's term.

Chairman James Mack asked for a motion to nominate Dr. Chip Buckwell. Dr. Kim Dehler motioned to nominate. Mark Spitzer seconded the motion. Motion and approval carried unanimously.

Chairman James Mack inquired if there will be a nominations for a Vice Chairman at the March 2022 meeting. Dr. Bonnie Coyle confirmed this to be true. Chairman James Mack asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

COVID Update: Erin Shoe and Dr. Bonnie Coyle presented COVID-19 updates. Erin Shoe presented the Cabarrus Case Data; she advised new cases in the past seven days are three thousand plus; the number of deaths are four hundred plus. Erin Shoe states the percent positivity rate increased to 35% and hospitalizations have decreased. Erin Shoe presented the following graphs: Cases by Date, 0-18 age, COVID testing, Active Case, and Vaccine Tracking.

Dr. Bonnie Coyle asked board to think about what it means to be “fully” vaccinated”; info is being gathered. Dr. Bonnie Coyle states CDC includes booster. States the CHA policy may need to be modified to account for changes so that it is not constantly being updated. Dr. Bonnie Coyle presented what CHA has been working on with Cabarrus County Schools and the recommendations which include that all schools have a mask requirement and for tests to stay in a mask optional environment be paused while transmission rates are very high; masking metrics presented. The Resolution to Recommend COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies for Cabarrus County was presented to board to review on the screen. Dr. Bonnie Coyle asked if there are any questions regarding adoption.

Mark Spitzer inquired about the reason for the 728 cases and the 10% positivity rate. Dr. Bonnie Coyle advised that they are two different metrics that represent the total spread within the county. Dr. Kim Dehler asked if there was reference to the overload of resources in the community. Erin Shoe advised that there is no WHEREAS statement however, it can be added by the board. No other questions.

Chairman James Mack asked for a motion to accept the Resolution. Dr. Kim Dehler motioned to accept. Cecilia Plez seconded the motion. Motion and approval carried unanimously.

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments. Floor closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Award Presentation: Dr. Bonnie Coyle presented Chairman James Mack with an award of appreciation.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Enter into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(1) to prevent the Disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to North Carolina Law was made by Dr. Lara Pons. Cecilia Plez seconded the motion. Motion and approval carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

No further business to come before the Board, Dr. Kim Dehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Celia Plez. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Lara Pons, MD, Chair
Public Health Authority Board of Commissioners

ATTEST

Bonnie Coyle, MD
Public Health Director

Raquesha Franklin
Minutes Taken by Raquesha B. Franklin