

The Warren County Health Department

Board of Health Meeting

August 21, 2018

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 @ 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Members present: Chairman Dr. Brown, Dr. James Crenshaw, Mrs. Eva Brown and Ms. Cheryl Coffman.

Others present: Margaret Brake, Sharon Bartholomew, Karen Prince and Tanisha Lyons.

There were four Board Members present and a quorum was not achieved. The meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2018 @ 7:00 pm.

Non-binding discussions were held.

Karen Prince gave an overview of Staff Development Day. Also, a short video was shown of pictures that captured highlights of the day.

- Welcomed everyone to our first Staff Development Day
- Ms. Brake gave a preview of the day and the purpose.
- Updated the staff on the New Social Media Policy
- Provided a fitness activity as well as some team building activities.
- Cardinal Innovations Healthcare showed a video on Resilience and Adverse Childhood Experiences. (ACES) We would like to become a trauma informed practice for our patients and possibly work with the Rural Health Group.
- Brainstormed on our Strategic Plan and we are continuing to work on the strategic plan.
- A survey was given to the staff to evaluate the day and Tanisha Lyons presented the results. There were 25 of 32 employees gave feedback. Staff members overwhelmingly enjoyed the event and would like to have other opportunities to staff to interact.
- We would like to Thank Dr. Brown, Commissioner Baker, and Cheryl Coffman for attending our Staff Development Day.

Health Director's Report:

Mrs. Brake announced that in July we received a grant from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare for \$63,966.00 to work with local law enforcement and Sheriff's Office to improve care for people are experiencing crisis with Mental Health and Substance Abuse. An officer would be hired that is specifically trained in Mental Health Substance Abuse Awareness that can work with other local law enforcement to ensure that some officers have training and can partner with community agencies to help navigate people to get adequate treatment.

The Health Department also partnered with the Warren County Senior Center to apply for a grant with Triangle North Healthcare Foundation to implement Diabetes Self-Management. The goal is to train the health leaders to be peer educators and offer those resources throughout the county to help those diagnosed with diabetes to learn self-management skills. The grant is for \$20,000. On tomorrow, Mrs. Brake and Dr. Brown along with the Senior Center will be presented with the check.

We partnered with Granville Vance Public Health they applied for a federal HRSA grant to develop an integrative care network that will focus on medication assistant treatment and telehealth for Opioid Use Disorder. We signed a letter of support for this is a one-year planning grant for \$100,000.

Mrs. Brake informed the board that she and Mrs. Eva Brown attended the NALBOH August 8-10, 2018 in Raleigh, NC. The focus was strengthening the Public Health Board. The sessions were centered on the 6 areas of governance for local Boards of Health through policies, stewardship, legal authority, partnering, engagement, continuous improvement and oversight. This was both Mrs. Brake and Mrs. Brown first time attending the conference. Mrs. Brown mentioned that she wished that more NCBOH members were in attendance.

Dr. Brown asked about if there were important things on the agenda could the members teleconference, video conference, etc. if they were unable to make it. We will check with the UNC School of Government to see if board members can participate by phone or videoconference.

The Community Health Assessment is a mandate by the state. The first phase was to establish a Community Health Assessment Team and Mrs. Brown represents the Board of Health. We are currently in phase 2 of data collection; we have community surveys that are circulating and the team has a goal of 200 surveys to be completed by the end of this month. We need to increase male participation; also Native American and Caucasians are under-represented. The assessments have been distributed in public places, events, churches, and email. Board members were asked to share copies of the surveys with residents in their local communities.

The next meeting is October 16, 2018 @ 7:00 pm.

Submitted by



Margaret Brake, Secretary



Dr. Elton Brown, III Board Chair