

Warren County Health Department

Board of Health

July 21, 2020

The Warren County Board of Health held its meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 in the Conference Room of the Health Department.

Members present: Dr. Elton Brown, Mr. Jerry Bolton and Dr. James Crenshaw.

Others present: Dr. Margaret Brake, Sharon Bartholomew, Scott Capps and Tanisha Lyons

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Elton Brown and a moment of silence was observed.

The Board Chair requested roll call for members that are on the conference call.

Conference Call attendees: Ms. Linda Baker, Mrs. Eva Brown, Dr. Dieckmann, Commissioner Baker, Ms. Cheryl Coffman and Michael Kilian.

Board chair asked if anyone had any conflict with anything on the agenda (in lieu of reading the Conflict of Interest Statement).

There was no public comment.

The May 2020 minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Baker moved to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Dr. Dieckmann. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the FY21 Adopted Budget. The budget was approved by the county of 3.3 million dollars. The only additional expense was for Environmental Health to hire an additional position, purchase equipment so the inspectors will be able to upload data while they are in the field. \$639,440 in State Health Grants is in the budget; however, we anticipate this number to increase as we get the Agreement Addendums which are being completed. Dr. Crenshaw moved to approve the FY21 Adopted budget and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Brake presented the Health Department revised fees FY 20-21. The Medicaid Cost Settlement has been revised. The board previously approved the fees but the State has increased the Medicaid reimbursement rate for local Health Departments. The revised list is based on the new rates. Dr. Dieckmann moved to approve the revised Health Department Fees and seconded by Ms. Linda Baker. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

Scott Capps, Clinical Manager presented the Home Health Annual Report. Ms. Capps stated they have 2 interviews for the Public Health Nurse II position. Home Health does not currently have a Medical Social Worker on staff. The incident/accident report is as follows: 28 patient falls and 5 of these had repeat falls, 1 broken county cell phone and 1 damaged well cover top.

There were two complaints, but both were resolved. Medicare audit of September 2018 was deficiency free and is done every three years. Home Health passed the Quality Assessment only Annual Performance Report with 97.5%. We also received a 3.5 star rating which means the Home Health Agency performed better than average on the measured care practices and outcomes. Home Health has provided 4,503 visits and increase of 726 from last year. Expenses continue to be greater than revenues. Our cost study showed revenues per episode of \$2,469 but the actual cost is \$3,022. The visits cost more than what we are paid. The advisory board is no longer required by CMS. Dr. Crenshaw moved to approve the report and seconded by Mr. Bolton. There being no further discussion the motion unanimously passed.

## **Health Directors Report**

### **1. Staff Updates:**

- The following positions have been filled: WIC Director/Nutritionist II – Ashley Evans and Social Worker II (CMARC, Care Management for Children) – Shantice Champ.
- Currently have applicants and scheduling interviews for Public Health Nurse II (Home Health), Public Health Nurse II (Exerstyle/Clinical)
- Vacant Positions: Nutritionist I, Public Health Nurse II (Communicable Disease) and Public Health Nurse II (Family Planning)

### **2. Other Updates:**

- As of today, we have 212 Confirmed Positive Cases, 187 Recovered Cases, 3 Hospitalized Cases and 6 Deaths
- Health Department is partnering with Dr. Demaura Russell, HOPE Regional Medical Clinic to host COVID-19 Testing Events. To date, there have been two testing sites on June 6<sup>th</sup> (180 specimens collected) and July 11<sup>th</sup> (206 specimens collected) at the Armory in Warrenton. We are currently working on plans to expand COVID-19 testing in various communities across the county.
- Health Department is also engaging community leaders to discuss COVID-19 issues among marginalized communities – African American, Native American and Hispanic. Dr. Brake and Kaye Hall presented at Coley Springs Baptist Church on June 23rd. Also, conference calls were held with local Pastors, NAACP President, and Former Congresswoman Eva Clayton. Our first Community Leaders Call was held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Eva Brown participated representing our local and state BOH.
- Applied for a Bright Ideas Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to provide public education and outreach to build community resilience and preparedness to address COVID-19. Grant was submitted on July 10, 2020 to the NC DDHS, Public Health Preparedness & Response.

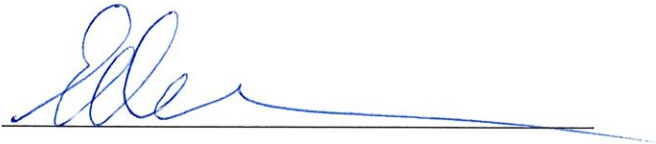
- Health Department will also receive funding from NC Central University in the amount of \$20,000 to conduct COVID-19 testing in underserved communities.

Dr. Brake also mentioned the Health Department received a donation of 500 masks from United Health Care that will be given to seniors of Warren County as well as a \$25 gift card.

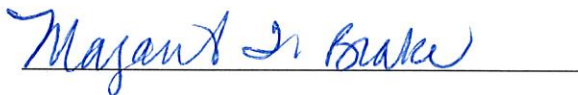
Board Chair Dr. Brown thanked Dr. Brake for her continued hard work during this pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned by the Board Chair. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Health Department.

Submitted by:

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Dr. Elton Brown III, Board Chair

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Dr. Margaret F. Brake, Secretary