

HHS BOARD REPORT

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HHS Board Chair

HHS BOARD ROLE

Except as otherwise provided, the consolidated human services board shall have the “powers and duties conferred by law upon a board of health, a social services board and a Mental Health, DD, and SA board if applicable”

[G.S. 153A-77](#)

HHS BOARD ROLES RESPONSIBILITIES

APPROVE

ASSURE

ADVISE

ADVOCATE

AMBASSADOR

ACCREDITATION

APPROVE

- Set Fees and recommend to County Commission
- Recommend creation of human services programs
- Establish Local Rules to protect health
- Conduct or recommend audits and programmatic reviews of HHS programs

WHAT IS A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH RULE?

- A local law that is deemed necessary to protect or promote public health and that is adopted by the local board of health
- Applies to the jurisdiction covered by the Local HHS Board
- Has the “force of law” – there are legal means to enforce the rule against those who do not comply

ASSURING COMPLIANCE

- **Monitoring**

- Understand the areas of success and struggle for the agency
- Maintain awareness about how pressures and demands are changing

- **Budget**

- Ask questions & provide feedback during budget planning process
- Endorse/recommend a budget prior to Commissioner approval

- **Appeals/Adjudication**

- Adjudicate disputes about local health rules or the imposition of penalties for violations of public health laws

Advise: Standing Program Committee Structure

Community Health

- Executive Committee Member
- 5-7 Board members
- Public Health Director
- HHS Program Representatives as needed
- Community stakeholders as needed

Community Safety and Support

- Executive Committee Member
- 5-7 Board members
- Social Work Director
- HHS Program Representatives as needed
- Community stakeholders as needed

Community Opportunities

- Executive Committee Member
- 5-7 Board members
- Economic Services Director
- HHS Program Representatives as needed
- Community stakeholders as needed

Board Chair and HHS Director are members of all committees



ADVOCACY:

the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal

Advocacy happens in many ways

- *Advocacy can be done on a federal, state or local level*
- *Can be done through expertise, knowledge or relationships*

On a local level it could be:

- *Recommending the creation of local human services programs or providing public relations for existing programs*
- *Supporting equity in service delivery*



PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION



The Role of the Board

1. Assure the agency has required policies and procedures in place
2. Hear or review Local Health Department reports that demonstrate through data, the health and social conditions of the community
3. Discuss service costs, need for new/amended rules or ordinances
4. Approve fees and endorse budgets
5. Take other actions or be involved with efforts to assure the agency has what it needs to do its job

In 2014, GS 130A.34.4 established the requirement for LHDs to obtain and maintain accreditation status to be eligible to receive State and Federal public health funding.

AMBASSADORS

| Name | Statutory Position | Term |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Amanda Edwards | County Commissioner | N/A |
| Amy Lenell | Pharmacist | 4 yrs. |
| Lucy Lawrence, Vice-Chair | Social Worker | 4 yrs. |
| Steve Valeika | Veterinarian | 4 yrs. |
| Elizabeth Lima | Psychologist | 4 yrs. |
| Mona Ellum | Engineer | 4 yrs. |
| Greg Narron, Chair | Psychiatrist | 4 yrs. |
| Carol Coulson | Physician | 4 yrs. |
| Linda Weldon | Registered Nurse | 4 yrs. |
| Jesus Amadeo Valdez | Dentist | 4 yrs. |
| Vacant | Optometrist | 4 yrs. |

| Name | Statutory Position | Term |
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| LeeAnne Tucker | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |
| Johnnie Grant | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |
| Jacquelyn Hallum | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |
| Yvette Jives | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |
| Rachel Keener | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |
| Jim Pitts, PhD | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |
| David Thompson | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |
| Martha Salyers | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |
| Dan Frayne | Public/Consumer Advocate | 4 yrs. |