

The Buncombe County Health and Human Services Board met on April 27, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at 200 College St.

- Health and Human Services Board Members: Susanne Swanger, Chairperson; Frank Castelblanco, Vice-Chair, Johnnie Grant, Stephanie Kiser, Rick Elingburg, Sharon West, Ellen Frost, Sonya Greck, Ken Putnam, Ed Coryell, Thomas Priester, Lucy Lawrence and Ed Coryell.
- Health and Human Services staff: Phillip Hardin, Amy Davis, Rebecca Smith, Jennifer Mullendore, Rob Morrell, Christina McEntee, Zo Mpofo, Becky Kessel, Brad Watts, Katie Swanson, Sue Ellen Morrison, Ellis Vaughn, Mary Backlund, Carolyn Brown, Felissa Vazquez, Tracy Shinn, Jessica Silvers and Christa Lance.
- County Staff Attorney Brandon Freeman was in attendance.
- Evan Richardson with MAHEC was in attendance.
- Michael Wood, Executive Director for the Western Carolina Rescue Mission was in attendance
- Emma Cassell a Junior at UNCA was in attendance.
- Commissioner Joe Belcher was in attendance.
- Community member Lisa Baldwin was in attendance.

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

- Susanne Swanger, Health and Human Services Board Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:00

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Susanne Swanger, Health and Human Services Board Chairperson asked to amend the agenda to move the Directors Report up on the agenda to number 3 and to also add an action item to the agenda. Board Member Ellen Frost moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Board member Richard Oliver seconded the motion and the motion was unanimous in approval.
- Board Member Stephanie Kiser moved that the Board approve the minutes of the December 15, 2017, meeting. Board Member Sonya Greck seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval. Board Member Sonya Greck moved that the Board approve the minutes of the January 26, 2018, meeting. Board Member Richard Oliver seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval. Board member Ellen Frost motioned that the minutes are the February 23, 2018 meeting. Board member Stephanie Kiser seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval. Board member Rick Elingburg motioned that the minutes are the March 23, 2018 meeting. Board member Sonya seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval. The December 2017 and January thru March 2018. Board Minutes are attached and made a part of these minutes

#### **ABBA HOUSE PRESENTATION**

- Michael Wood, Executive Director of Western Carolina Rescue Mission presented a PowerPoint on the Abba House, a recovery facility for mom's and babies. The PowerPoint is attached and made a part of these minutes. Ed Coryell asked for a 6 month follow up.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Susanne Swanger read the Nurses Week Proclamation.
- Christina McEntee read the Registered Environmental Health Specialist Week proclamation
- Christina McEntee read the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

#### **OPIOID TOWN HALL REPORT**

- Commissioner and Board of Health member Ellen Frost provided an update on the Opioid Town Hall meeting held Jan 30, 2018 at AB Tech. Commissioner Frost and Commissioner Fryar hosted the Opioid Town Halls with three goals: to educate the community on the impact of opioids on our youth and citizens; to hear from those in our community concerned about or affected by opioid use and to outline the multipronged response led by Buncombe County and community partners. State Senator Terry Van Duyn, Board of Health member, was also present at the town hall. Commissioner Frost recalled the pain and anguish of family members who spoke of

losing their loved ones. She gave examples of how medical, educational, law enforcement and faith community partners across our county are working together to educate and engage citizens, including drug takeback events to restrict access to opioids, alternative pain treatment education, a teen opioid summit, the collaborative development of an array of treatment and support services for those struggling with addiction and Buncombe County's lawsuit against drug manufacturers. The Board discussed this topic after the presentation.

#### **CCPT/CFPT ANNUAL REPORT**

- Susanne Swanger spoke to the Board about becoming a member of the CCPT/CFPT Team. Information was given to the Board on the team. Susanne then asked if any Board member was interested to get in touch with Christa. Dr. Jennifer Mullendore presented to the Board on the CCPT/CFPT Annual Report. The presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.
- Dr. Jennifer Mullendore requested that the Board to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Buys, MAHEC OB/GYN attending physicians to the CCPT team. She would be in the local health care provider position. Board member Ellen Frost moved that Dr. Buys be appointed to the CCPT/CFPT Team. Board member Sonya Greck seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval.

#### **FY17-18 FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- Rob Morrell reviewed the FY 17-18 financials with the Board. The financials and the PAR are attached and made a part of these minutes.

#### **CHAIRS REPORT AND ADJOURNMENT**

- A survey will be sent on day and time of Board meeting to Board members.
- Lucy Lawrence invited the Board to attend the Realities of Poverty event at Warren Wilson College on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Christa will be asking one Board member and one staff member to tell a little about themselves beginning at the next Board meeting.
- Frank Castelblanco invited the Board to attend the Preventing & Responding to Youth Violence: Supporting Communities & School Age Youth at MAHEC on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Susanne recognized Board Member Richard Oliver for his years of service on the Board.
- Board Member Stephanie Kiser moved to adjourn the meeting, Richard Oliver seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes read and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Susanne Swanger  
Health and Human Services  
Board Chairperson

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Stoney Blevins  
Executive Secretary to the Board