

**Wake County Human Services Board
Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2016**

Board Members Present:

Ronda Bean
David Cottengim
Frank Eagles
Dr. Sharon Foster
Leila Goodwin
Fiorella Horna-Guerra
Kent Jackson
John Myhre
Margaret Raynor
Dr. Paul Scruggs
Dr. James Smith, III
Angie Welsh
Commissioner James West
McKinley Wooten, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

Lisa Cauley
Crystal Farrow
Dr. Sue Lynn Ledford
Ken Murphy
Regina Petteway
Dr. Caroline Loop
Dr. Edie Alfano-Sobsey
Gina Garcia-Somuk
Tokunbo Obe
Cristina M. Mirabile
Minerva Clarke
Carolyn Elliott
Petra Hager
Heather Schaffer
Tangela Keaton
Luz Opsal
Ginny Satterfield
Debra Baker

Guests Present:

Bucky Adekemi
David Horowitz
Dr. James Parham
Lissy Newton
Julie Buchanon

Call to Order

Chairman Dr. James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35am.

Reflections

(Reflections given by Dr. Sharon Foster)

Dr. Foster read from the book *The Language of God* written by Dr. Francis Collins. The book suggests the existence of God through quantum physics and genetic base pairing. Dr. Foster knew the author, Dr. Collins, when he was her chief resident in Internal Medicine at UNC. Dr. Foster spoke about a part of the book when Dr. Collins went to Nigeria to substitute for a full time missionary doctor for a couple of weeks and had to do a very dangerous procedure, sticking a large needle into the sac around the heart in order to save a young farmer's life. Dr. Collins was feeling discouraged about the whole mission experience because he felt the hospital needed a sanitation engineer not a doctor who was a bench researcher. The now improving young farmer told Dr. Collins the reason God sent him to Nigeria was to save his life. Dr. Collins pointed out that circumstances happen daily around us where we can say a kind word or buy a hungry person lunch, or coach some special needs kids. These are opportunities which we should embrace because there is a God providing us with the talent and skill set that we can make a very positive difference in the world.

Chairs Privilege

Dr. Smith called Leila Goodwin and Commissioner West to the front of the room. Dr. Smith proceeded to thank Leila for her services and presented a plaque in appreciation to her service to the Wake County Human Services Board. Ms. Goodwin's term ends on November 14, 2016 and she has chosen to resign from the Board. Ms. Goodwin spoke to the Board members thanking them as well as telling everyone how much she has enjoyed being a part of the Board and learning about so many things.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Smith asked for approval of the meeting minutes from the September 22, 2016 meeting. David Cottengim motioned for approval and Ronda Bean seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Next Board Meeting- November 17, 2016

2016 #ONEWake Volunteer Recognition Awards

(Presented by Crystal Farrow)

Ms. Farrow asked the Board members to help recognize the 2016 OneWake Volunteer award winners. Ms. Farrow then asked Dr. Smith and Commissioner West to join her for presenting plaques to the volunteers.

The following award winners were recognized:

- Sonja Riley
- Petra Hager
- Diana McLucas
- Dr. James Parham
- Monica Vallejos
- Lissy Newton
- Dr. David Horowitz
- Luz Opsal
- Tokunbo Obe
- Justice Church

Board Officer Elections

(Presented by Kenneth Murphy)

Mr. Murphy introduced Mary Boyce-Wells to the Board. Ms. Boyce-Wells is a new Senior County Attorney and will be working closely with Human Services. Mr. Murphy then asked Ms. Debra Baker for Board officer nomination form responses. The Executive Assistant, Debra Baker, reported that there was only one nomination form submitted which nominated Dr. James Smith for the position of Board Chair and nominated Margaret Raynor for Board Treasurer. Ms. Baker also reported that there was one email received that nominated Mr. David Cottengim for the Vice Chair position.

Mr. Murphy then asked individually for seconds for all nominations then asked the Board to vote for each nominated member. The Board votes were unanimous for all nominees. The Board officers for 2016-2017 shall be:

- ❖ Chair – Dr. James Smith, III
- ❖ Vice Chair – Mr. David Cottengim
- ❖ Treasurer – Ms. Margaret Raynor

Update on NC Mosquito Survey & Mosquito Transmitted Zika Virus

(Presented by Dr. Caroline Loop)

Dr. Loop attended an International Zika Conference in September and reported on some of the information that they learned:

- ❖ Zika Virus can be spread through sexual contact
- ❖ Zika Virus can be spread through blood transfusions
- ❖ Preliminary reports show that it may be possible that it can be transmitted through bodily fluids such as sweat and tears. There is a report that a caregiver taking care of someone with the Zika virus contracted it through contact with their body fluids
- ❖ 80% of people with Zika virus are asymptomatic
- ❖ As of October 14, 2016 there have been 128 cases of locally acquired vector borne cases

The next steps for Environmental Services are:

- 1) Issue an RFP to develop a plan for an evidence-based and judicious Integrated Mosquito Management program to target potential health impacts (not nuisances) and that incorporates health-related thresholds.
- 2) Form a sub-committee to evaluate findings and recommendations and proceed with updating Wake County's mosquito ordinance.

Public Health Injury Prevention Quarterly Report (PH Accreditation Benchmark #2.4)

(Presented by Dr. Edie Alfano-Sobsey)

Dr. Alfano-Sobsey spoke about the report and some of the results. Wake County for the first time is seeing a decrease in vehicle related deaths and at the same time an increase in poisonings. The five leading causes of death, hospitalizations and emergency department visits in Wake County by injury are:

- Motor Vehicle
- Falls, unintentional
- Poisoning, unintentional
- Firearm, self-inflicted
- Suffocation, self-inflicted

Dr. Alfano-Sobsey then went on to explain some of the data for the top five categories. She spoke about the poisoning, unintentional category which has a higher increase of white males. This correlates to the increase in drug overdoses. The largest cause for the increase in unintentional poisonings is opioid overdoses. Dr. Alfano-Sobsey then spoke about the fact that Wake County ranked among the highest prescribers of outpatient opioid medications in North Carolina at a rate of 113+ per 100 residents of opioid dispensing. Ms. Leila Goodwin mentioned that possibly the Wake County information was not totally accurate as some of the numbers may show prescriptions written at the largest hospitals in Wake County for individuals that actually live outside of Wake County but are being treated at the hospitals or pain clinics

in Wake County. Dr. Alfano-Sobsey also spoke about the Naloxone standing order and that in Raleigh alone there were 114 overdose reversals using Naloxone from August 1, 2013 to August 31, 2016. Dr. Alfano-Sobsey then spoke about the increase in suicides and that the age group most affected is the 25-44 age group which accounts for 35% of suicides in 2015.

Dr. Smith asked for the Board to receive and accept the report, John Myhre motioned and David Cottengim seconded, the Board then voted unanimously to accept the report.

Consumer Affairs Complaint Review and Satisfaction Report

(Presented by Brian Gunter)

Ms. Crystal Farrow spoke for Brian Gunter. Due to the manpower needed for Hurricane Matthew emergency food stamp distribution Mr. Gunter was unable to work with a key partner on this presentation. This presentation will be scheduled for the November Board meeting.

Board Committee Chairs' Reports

- Ms. Angie Welsh spoke about the systematic process that the Social Services Committee is using to evaluate the Committees Priorities. They are evaluating priorities across the County that relate to Health and Human Services, particularly to Social Services, to make sure the work plan going in to 2017 is aligned to the priorities. Ms. Welsh stated that the Human Services staff have been very supportive and have assisted the Committee in understanding the areas that relate to Social Services. Ms. Welsh invited Board members to attend the November 4th Committee meeting that will be dedicated to choosing their Committee priorities for 2017
- Dr. Sharon Foster spoke about several items that the Public Health Committee has reviewed that will assist them with choosing their priorities. They have seen presentations on youth health, prenatal health, adult injury prevention, and Summer Food Service Program information.

Human Services Department Report

(Presented by Crystal Farrow)

Ms. Farrow asked Dr. Ledford to speak about the hurricane response and shelter efforts. Dr. Ledford then spoke about the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Shelter that was opened up on October 8th:

- ❖ The EOC was staffed 24/7
- ❖ The EOC had three unique positions that were staffed 24 hours, mass care, public health volunteer and donations management
- ❖ The Shelter had 76 unique guests (non-duplicated guests)
- ❖ The high day time occupancy was 41
- ❖ The overnight high occupancy was 35
- ❖ There were a total of 55 Human Services Staff that worked at the shelter while it was open

The shelter was demobilized on October 11th.

Ms. Farrow then went on to discuss Emergency Food Stamp distribution. Unexpectedly Wake County was notified earlier in the week that we would likely be receiving a federal disaster declaration for Wake County. This declaration allows individuals in the county that may have lost food during hurricane Matthew to receive disaster replacement benefits. This is not for individuals in our usual population that are already

receiving food and nutrition benefits but for people that were affected by food loss or property damage and do not receive any benefits.

With less than 48 hours to prepare the Department of Social Services was informed that there could be as many as 7500 people that would be applying for emergency food stamps. Thanks to advance planning when Wake County was notified a few days ago to begin accepting applications we were able to quickly set up a process at three different locations and recruit volunteers to man these locations for receiving applications. Sites will be manned by volunteers and open for applications for five days, including over the weekend.

Environmental Services Director's Report

(Presented by Dr. Caroline Loop)

Dr. Loop spoke about manning the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and that Environmental Services is normally the planning section chief in the EOC planning. Environmental services had six staff members working the EOC and environmental specialists inspected the shelter daily to make sure that there were no health issues or concerns.

Dr. Loop gave a brief update on the State Fair: There were 148 temporary food establishments that were inspected by Environmental Health and Safety staff. These 148 establishments were the ones that serve potentially hazardous food, not popcorn or apples. These require plan review prior to permitting and the plans must show the equipment layout, the full menu and other details. In terms of the housing the wastewater and water quality inspectors were on sight daily and inspected a total of 298 living quarters. Inspectors were looking for water and sewer connections, making sure they were tight and that sewer drains were being directed and discharged in an appropriate location. There were three incidents of sewer being discharged in storm drains.

Public Comments – None

Participation in Community Events

- ❖ Ms. Margaret Raynor spoke about her visit to Hope Reins and the work that they do with both animals and children that have been abused. Ms. Raynor spoke about the support of partners that help the center keep up operation and encouraged other Board members to visit the center as well

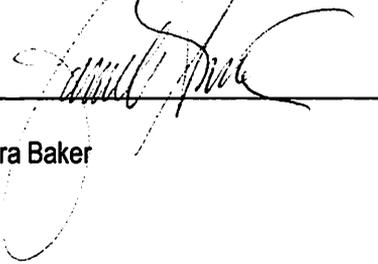
Action Items:

- Debra Baker – Send the Board information on the date of the grand opening for the Millbrook Center as soon as it is determined
- Debra Baker – Draft a thank you letter from the Board to all Human Services staff for a good job staffing shelters and responding to the Emergency Food Benefits Distribution after hurricane Matthew
- Debra Baker – Schedule a future Board meeting at the EOC center downtown
- Dr. Ledford – have Pokey Harris present to the Board on the operations plans for opening emergency shelters/EOC's.

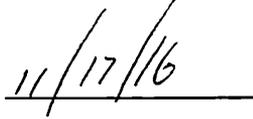
Adjournment

Chair Smith asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Ms. Margaret Raynor and seconded by Mr. David Cottengim. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

Board Chair's Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Baker", written over a horizontal line.

Date:

A handwritten date "11/17/16" written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Baker