

**Wake County Human Services Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2019**

**Board Members Present:**

Deborah Lawson  
Dr. James Smith, III  
John Myhre  
Dr. Randy Marsh  
Angie Welsh  
Dr. John Perry  
Margaret Raynor  
Mckinley Wooten, Jr.  
Dr. Patrice O’Connell  
Ann Rollins  
Stephanie Treadway

**Staff Members Present:**

Regina Petteway  
Derwick Paige  
Bridget Wight  
Debra Baker  
Ken Murphy  
Dr. Joseph Threadcraft  
Paige Rosemond  
Craig Burrus  
Andrew Sawyer  
Jane Tallis  
Liz Scott

**Guests Present:**

Frank Eagles  
Cristin DeRonja

**Call to Order**

Chair Dr. James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32am.

**Reflections**

(Presented by Dr. Patrice O’Connell)

Dr. O’Connell spoke about endangered animals and the vaccination of children in reference to an article called “Endangered & Threatened Plants & Animals of North Carolina” by Dr. John Cooper.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Dr. Smith asked for a motion to approve the March 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. John Myhre motioned and was seconded by Dr. John Perry. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **Treasurers Report**

(Present by Ms. Margaret Raynor)

Treasurer Ms. Margaret Raynor reported that the current balance of the Board fund is \$2,855.92

**Next Board Meeting** – May 23, 2019

## **Wake County Child Abuse Prevention Plan**

(Ms. Cristin DeRonja, Ms. Paige Rosemond)

Ms. DeRonja took a moment to speak about the partners in the Child Abuse Prevention Plan and how Wake County plays a very important role. Ms. DeRonja spoke about the vision of the plan and the purpose to building a safe, stable, nurturing relationship and environment for children in Wake County by educating, empowering, and supporting the community on effective child abuse and neglect prevention strategies. Ms. DeRonja took a moment to speak about connections to other agencies and plans and stated that we all need to do our part to keep children safe. Ms. DeRonja then spoke about the groups coming together and the focus on the challenge areas such as the parents lack of understanding of children's needs, child development and parenting skills. Ms. DeRonja then spoke about the different groups that are looking at different areas of focus on child abuse prevention.

Ms. DeRonja asked Ms. Paige Rosemond to speak about the connections Wake County has with this plan. Ms. Rosemond spoke about training that Wake County is providing to parents. She challenged each Board member to go review the training areas listed in the handout and think about a relative, friend, or associate that may be affected by these connections. She spoke about interviews with former foster children and that many of them have said that it was one adult that affected their life in a positive way that allowed them to make it through foster care successfully. Ms. Rosemond challenged the Board members to be that one positive person.

Mr. McKinley asked Ms. Rosemond how we will know if this program is successful? Ms. Rosemond spoke about how she is in the process of hiring a CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) Manager and they are actually building a whole section dedicated to evaluation and utilizing data to ensure that their efforts are equal to the impact that is needed and if its not they will have the ability to alter and make sure we are meeting the needs of these children.

There was further discussion and several questions asked about challenges, opportunities, basic needs and why this plan is so important to our community. Ms. DeRonja spoke about the small but significant changes that can all add up.

**Dr. Smith thanked both Ms. Rosemond and Ms. DeRonja for their presentation.**

### **Wake County Human Service Budget Request Update**

(Ms. Regina Petteway)

Ms. Petteway stated that there was nothing she could report at this time due to financial discussion not being complete with the County Manager Office. They are seriously vetting all department budget request and ours is still being vetted.

Mr. Derwick Paige spoke about why the budget is late this year. The impact being that the Wake County School system has come in with a tremendous increase for expansion requests. The other being the Sheriff's Department has a new Sheriff and he has been late in submitting their request. Mr. Paige said the total budget is \$1.1 billion dollars and of that 53% automatically goes to the school system and Wake County. Mr. Paige said that because of the normal growth a couple things are impacting the budget request for all departments. The County Managers Office did expansion reviews in the fall of 2018 last year. As a result, the County Manager, David Ellis is trying to budget with less than \$.6 cent property tax increase. Mr. Paige said the bulk is based upon request from the school system and Sheriff's Department. Mr. Paige stated they have been focusing on legally mandated requirements for the departments, safety and health concerns. If there is a new request for expansion of services, those are not getting as much consideration.

### **Wake County Human Services Accreditation Update**

(Ms. Jane Tallis)

Ms. Tallis discussed what Public Health Accreditation is: It's a status granted to local health department's that meets or exceeds North Carolina state criteria. Ms. Tallis said the criteria was established years ago and it's a code North Carolina uses to determine whether a health department is reaccredited or not. Ms. Tallis mentioned that it is 4-year cycle to get reaccredited. Ms. Tallis highlighted that some of the important benefits of accreditation are accountability, public confidence, and funding advantages.

Ms. Tallis then discussed the Boards role in the accreditation process. The governing Board should be active in the work of the Public Health as required by accreditation activities. Ms. Tallis then asked the Board if they could look at the bullet points and think of a time when this Board met that specific requirement:

- Adopt and enforce rules necessary to protect and promote the public's health
- Assure a fair and equitable adjudication process
- Provide training to Board members regarding their service on the Board. (BOH Handbook)
- Development, implementation and evaluation of local health services and programs to protect and promote the public's health
- Participate in the establishment of public health goals and objectives
- Assure the availability of resources to implement the essential services
- Advocate in the community on behalf of public health

- Promote the development of public health partnerships

Dr. Smith responded yes, that in his seven years on the Board, they have met all of these requirements.

Ms. Tallis then highlighted some important upcoming dates to the board:

- June 1,2019- Evidence is due within the dashboard
- July 18-19, 2019- Mock site visit
- September 19,2019- Remaining evidence is due
- October 1, 2019 - Dashboard will be unlocked at 7:30 am to respond to questions posed by site visitors and upload personnel record information.
- October 3-4,2019 – Site visit
- November 22, 2019- 10am-3pm Accreditation Board Meeting Adjudication Process (Health Director and AAC are invited to attend)

Ms. Tallis then discussed the mock visit and the Board had a chance to sign up to participate in this activity. Ms. Tallis went on to explain where exactly we are in the accreditation process. Total there are 147 benchmarks the Public Health Department needs to meet, we haven't 100 and have 47 still remaining. The Human Services Board has 54 benchmarks in total, 44 have been met and seven are still remaining. This includes the following:

1. Signup for Mock Inspection
2. Review of SOTCH
3. Review of Health Director PDQ
4. Review report on Local Public Health and Environmental Issue
5. Provide updated handbook, dated after 6/1/2018, to Board members
6. Provide two examples of the BOH or advisory committee on health taking actions to foster community input regarding public health issues Evidence could be: *notice of town meeting, public forum, public hearing, media article, web posting, etc.*
7. Provide two examples showing BOH or advisory committee on health action to foster the coordination of resources.

**Dr. Smith thanked Ms. Tallis for her presentation**

### **Board Committee Chairs' Reports**

(Dr. Randy Marsh, Mr. John Myhre)

Mr. Myhre reported the Public Health Committee will be meeting on Wednesday May 17, 2019 and Dr. Marsh reported the Social Services Committee will be meeting on Friday May 3, 2019. Both will report back during next months meeting on May 23, 2019.

## **Human Services Directors Report**

(Presented by Ms. Regina Petteway)

Ms. Petteway reminded the Board members of all of the activities and processes that are swarming around Wake County Human Services During this time. Ms. Petteway asked Ms. Rosemond to speak about Child Welfare regionalization. Ms. Rosemond spoke about Rylan's Law and with this going into effect changes needed to be made. Ms. Rosemond spoke about the state setting up regional offices and that we are unsure what that will look like at this time. This all includes changes in funding, training, expectations, etc. Ms. Petteway then spoke about Medicaid Transformation, a review of service delivery and business flow as we move forward through this transformation. This review is to find deficiencies in areas that we need to work on now before the transformation goes into effect. She also spoke about the 10-year plan that we are moving into as well, looking at Wake County Human Services building improvements, moves and changes. Ms. Petteway then spoke about Live Well Wake, and that it has been presented to several groups and everyone seems to understand the model. She spoke about the top five priorities that have been identified and groups were being formed to look in to these and will report back. Ms. Petteway also spoke about how active we have been in service delivery. She spoke about being in the community recently and saw that there were staff represented at two different health fairs. She stated that we need to encourage and support staff that are working these community events. Ms. Petteway spoke about Senator Price sponsoring an annual health fair at the Salvation Army and she encouraged all to attend.

Dr. Smith then said with the help of Public Health staff members, Sarah Plentl and Sonya Reid his grant request for prostate screening has been approved and it will be held on June 22, 2019 at the Sunnybrook Human Services building. Dr. Smith said as soon as he has more information he will share that with the Board.

## **Environmental Services Director's Report**

(Presented by Dr. Joseph Threadcraft)

Dr. Threadcraft noted that the Human Services Board and the Public Health Committee were involved in the updated Rabies Ordinance and that it scheduled to go to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Dr. Threadcraft then went on to say in March of 2019 there was an article released that North Carolina received an "F" in getting lead out of school drinking water. Stakeholders such as Wake County Public School Systems, municipal water providers, Wake County Environmental Services, and Wake County Human Services and the push now is to help everyone understand who is responsible for what. The Board of Commissioner goals had an update and even though solid waste does not actively involve the Human Services Board they have initiates that contributed to the public health in the County. Dr. Threadcraft discussed that

John Robertson has a comprehensive Solid Waste Master Plan and some of the things that does for the community are; extends life of the landfill that opened in 2008 and is scheduled to close in 2048. At the time of closing there will be no additional landfills in Wake County. John has been proactive in increasing Operation Fix the Seas, in terms of recycling and also looking at new technology. Dr. Threadcraft mentioned the President of the Philippines has threatened to wage a trash war with Canada and made the Board aware that recycling has been an issue globally not just locally.

**Participation in Community Events**

- Dr. Randy Marsh and Ms. Ann Rollins spoke about the upcoming Tobacco Free Community Forum. It takes place on Friday, May 3, 2019 and staff, students, Commissioners and the community are all invited.
- Dr. Perry reported that Grand Rounds are scheduled for next Tuesday at 8:30 am, Dr. Bradly from Duke will be speaking about population health and what should be in the curriculum.
- Mr. Myhre participated in the Eastern Regional Center forum.
- Opioid Overdose Prevention meeting next week.
- Monarch Behavioral Health Urgent Care will be holding an open house.
- Millbrook CAC's is sponsoring a Job Fair and Wake County will be represented as well.
- Peer Support Specialists hosting a Peer Support Celebration in October where a Peer Support Specialist will be honored. Dr. Smith will bring more information on this event as we get closer. Ms. Lawson stated that UNC is also very involved with peer specialists
- Mr. McKinley Wooten spoke about it being Volunteerism Month and Guardian Ad Litem are recognized.
- National Building Community Resilience efforts attended a national meeting in Washington, DC. Ms. Welsh about the fellow attendees and the great information that was shared with all.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

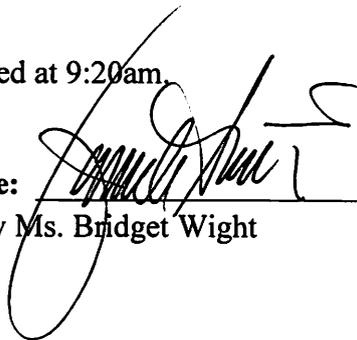
- Ms. Wight to look into name tags for Board

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20am.

**Board Chair's Signature:**

Respectfully submitted by Ms. Bridget Wight



**Date:** 5/23/19