

**Sampson County Health Department Advisory Committee Minutes
April 16, 2018**

Member Attendance: Dr. Jeffrey Bell, Paul Bradshaw, Robert Butler, Jacqueline Howard, Chair, Allie Ray McCullen, Commissioner Harry Parker, Linda Peterson, Dr. Beth Turner.

SCHD staff attendance: Wanda Robinson, Tamra Jones, Sally DeMay, Annie Fennell, Erin Ellis, Perry Solice. Administration staff: Edwin Causey.

I. Call to Order:

Jacqueline Howard, Chair called the Advisory Committee meeting to order.

II. Invocation:

Commissioner Harry Parker gave the Invocation.

III. Approval of minutes:

Motion was made to approve the March 19, 2018 minutes as presented and second made by Paul Bradshaw. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

- a. Maternal Health Program added as item IX in place of Health Directors Report
- b. Recall of Eggs/Romaine Lettuce added as item X

V. 2018-2019 Budget Presentation:

Handout attached. Tamra Jones presented the 2018-2019 Budget. Total budget for Health Department is \$3,682,132 and Solid Waste is \$937,940. County contributions requested is \$1,228,540 which is the same amount requested in FY 2018. Budget includes the final pay plan increase of \$77,613 for total salary and fringe, which has been absorbed by the Health Department using grant funds, fund balance and increased revenues.

Discussion on issues facing in the coming year are:

- a. Requested reclassifications of two office positions to Foreign Language Interpreter II due to need for increased bilingual staff.
- b. Scanning of paper medical records will be priority. Budget includes \$35,000 (estimated cost to scan one year's worth of records) to be covered by grant and state funds. We anticipate this process will take an additional 5 years to complete.
- c. Medicaid Transformation- first phase has already begun with official rollout scheduled for July 2019.

Question was asked about the difference in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Grant & Miscellaneous Revenue line. FY 17-18 figure includes Grants & Miscellaneous Revenue awarded/received during the year. FY 2018-2019 Grants & Miscellaneous Revenue has been applied for, but has not been received at this time, therefore not projected.

Motion made by Linda Peterson to accept the 2018-2019 Budget as proposed; second made by Dr. Jeffrey Bell. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. 2018-2019 Fee Schedule Review/Adoption:

Handout attached. Tamra reviewed the handout of fees that are new, has a price increase or decrease. New Codes 11976 Nexplanon Removal w/o Insertion; 11982 Nexplanon Device Removal & Insertion; 82239 Bile Acids- Labcorp were discussed. Increases in several Immunizations codes were discussed. Rhogam fee has decreased slightly. Rabies cost has increased, discussion on patients that are indigent are handled. SCHED has a good working relationship with the Sampson Regional Medical Center that all Rabies patients are seen through the Emergency Department for their initial round of Rabies injections. Health Department is contacted and obtains insurance information from patient. If patient does not have any insurance and is truly indigent, application is made through a state program to apply for funds to cover the cost of the Rabies vaccines. Process goes very quickly to keep the patient on their schedule to receive Rabies vaccines in a timely manner. Discussed the 340B drug pricing that is fixed through the state. Health Department is not allowed to mark-up any 340B drug prices.

Motion made by Dr. Jeffrey Bell to accept the proposed fees presented; seconded by Dr. Beth Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Medicaid Transformation:

Wanda Robinson presented a slide presentation regarding Public Health and Medicaid Managed Care. Handout attached. Discussed the Medicaid managed care in the future and goals. Effects and Challenges that could be felt by Health Department:

- a. Role could be removed from Health Department (Eliminated or given to MCO's)
- b. Could reduce our capacity and staffing which supports other critical community needs such as Preparedness and Communicable Disease outbreaks.
- c. Possible loss of Cost Settlements that offsets additional expense
- d. Provider of last resort-inability to discharge patients, complex patients
- e. Uncertain of qualifying as Advance Medical Home – Primary Care Role
- f. Questions about Medicaid Door being able to follow the patient for services
- g. Questions about how Health Departments would get paid for Social Determinants of Health Initiatives and Chronic Disease Prevention

VIII. Public Health Month Recognition:

April is Public Health Month

IX. Maternal Health Program:

Two handouts: Health Department New and Return Prenatal Visits; Hospital Births vs. Health Department Births.

Currently SCHED has a contract with Sampson Regional Medical Center for Maternal Health care services with physician Dr. Henry Hyman. Previously care was provided through Goshen Medical Center in Clinton until office closed; prior care was through Goshen Medical Center in Kenansville with patients being sent to Kenansville to deliver.

Wanda Robinson received notification on Friday, April 13 from Sampson Regional Medical Center CEO, Dr. Howerton, to review the current contract and the possibility of no longer providing Maternal Health care effective July 2018. Wanda Robinson has requested a meeting with Dr. Howerton.

