

**SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2021**

Attendance: Dr. Jeffrey Bell-Chair, Robert Butler, Cassie Faircloth, Yire Hernandez, Jacqueline Howard, Allie Ray McCullen, Leitha Lee, Linda Peterson.

Health & Administration: Wanda Robinson, Martina Copeland, Tamra Jones, Perry Solice, Kelly Parrish, Ed Causey, Joel Starling.

Motion made by Robert Butler for Jacqueline Howard to be acting chair until Dr. Jeffrey Bell arrives.

I. Call to Order:

Jacqueline Howard, Acting Chair called meeting to order.

II. Invocation:

Leitha Lee gave invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes:

a. January 25, 2021:

Motion made by Allie McCullen to approve minutes. Seconded by Jacqueline Howard. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. January 27, 2021-Dangerous Dog Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes as written made by Robert Butler; seconded by Jacqueline Howard. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. COVID-19 Update:

Governor Cooper announced last week, a continued easing of restrictions through Executive Order 204.

-Face Coverings: Wear a mask indoors and in all public settings.

-Businesses must maintain the appropriate 6 feet of distance requirement and continue to implement other safety protocols as they expand their capacity.

-Mass Gatherings: 50-person limit indoors, 100-person limit outdoors.

Also last week, the state announced an accelerated timeline for moving to Groups 4 and 5 for vaccine eligibility. The rest of Group 4 will be eligible on March 31 and then open to all individual eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine beginning April 7. The move will allow the state and vaccine providers to continue to get vaccines into arms quickly and continue to reach underserved and historically marginalized populations.

Updated CDC Guidance:

People are considered fully vaccinated:

-2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or,

-2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

If you've been fully vaccinated:

-You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.

-You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
-If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms. However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.
-You still have to wear a mask and maintain 6 ft. distance from others while in public and avoid large crowds.

COVID-19 Testing Report for March 29, 2021

-Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 19,772
-Positive Test Results: 7,507 (50 additional from 3/25 report)
-Negative Test Results: 12,265
COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 99 (no additional from 3/25 report)

The County Alert System was updated 03/18/2021 and has Sampson County listed as a yellow tier which is an improvement from the last report where we were red.

Sampson County's positivity rate remains above the state's rate at 8.4%. The state's rate is currently 5.7%.

Vaccine Update

SCHD continues to hold mass vaccination events on an ongoing basis. We are currently providing outreach to target our Historically Marginalized Populations (HMP). We are in the process of meeting with community leaders to help us achieve this goal.

14,199 people in Sampson County are partially vaccinated (22.3%)
SCHD has provided 12,461 total first and second doses.

Demographics of those vaccinated:

64.4% White (Of these, 12.4% are Hispanic ethnicity)
25.3% Black or African-American
6.5% Other
1.3% American Indian or Alaskan Native

Our upcoming events are as follows:

1. Wednesday, March 31st at Sampson County Agri-Expo Center 9am-4pm (1st and 2nd doses)
2. Wednesday, April 7th at Expo Center 12-8pm.
3. Wednesday, April 14th at Union High School 9am-12pm
4. Saturday, April 17th at Royal Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Ivanhoe 8am-12pm.

These events are open to anyone 18 years of age and older who have not received another vaccine in the last 14 days.

V. Financial:

- a. 2021-2022 Budget: Tamra reviewed budget (see attached). Tamra Jones reviewed the budget (see attachment) with a change to first line under 2020-2021 listed as \$5,014,121 correct amount should be \$3,014,121. Revenue by Programs, Tamra reported there have been an increase in the Communicable Disease, General Administration went down, BCCCP has went up. This is based on the Agreement Addendums from the state and federal funding.

Reviewed Expenses most of the funding is in salary and benefits and then contracted services which has been higher for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 due to bringing in COVID people, a lot is school nurse funding which is included as well.

Motion made by Linda Peterson to accept budget, seconded by Leitha Lee. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Fee Schedule Update: Tamra reviewed fee schedule (see attached). Robert Butler made motion to approve new fee schedule, Seconded by Linda Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. COVID-19 funding: Tamra reported there is two pods of money 1st pod is COVID response and vaccinations with total amount of \$194,963.00 which will be used in salaries and fringe, medical supplies, departmental supplies, advertising, telephone and postage, rental equipment, lab services, and contract services. Wanda reported funding can rollover to the next fiscal year. Jacqueline Howard made motion to receive COVID response funding, Seconded by Robert Butler. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2nd pod Enhanced Detection of COVID funding received in the amount of \$508,825.00 Tamra reported she would talk with Wanda to see where funding would be dispersed. Jacqueline Howard made motion, seconded by Yire Hernandez. All in favor, Motion carried.

- VI. Volunteer Policy: Wanda reported she wanted to put policy in place for volunteers that are coming to work with the Health Department. All applications will go through the Health educator and a nurse. Wanda stated she will lower age of volunteers to 16 years of age with permission of a parent. Immunizations will be needed example: MMR...etc. Wanda reported will need to sign confidentiality agreement also. Motion made by Cynthia Davis, seconded by Yire Hernandez. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. CD Report 2020:

Kelly reviewed Communicable Disease Report 2020 (see attached)

VIII. Health Director's Report:

Wanda reported we all have been really busy. Wanda stated we are evaluating the needs in the community and working the marginalize communities. Wanda stated there are two groups we will begin working with, she stated met with pastor from Ivanhoe this morning and also will meet with Catholic partner's tomorrow. Also have a group that's working with migrant farm workers. Wanda reported we now have a new Environmental Health Supervisor who will start on April 12th.

-Perry gave speech during his last meeting with board members. Perry was congratulated on his retirement. His last day will be March 31st, 2021.

IX. **Public Comment:**
No public comment.

X. **Adjournment:**
Motion to adjourn made by Robert Butler, seconded by Jacqueline Howard. All in favor.
Motion carried.

<u>Jeffrey G Ben DOS</u>	<u>5-19-2021</u>	<u>Wanda Beland</u>	<u>5/19/21</u>
Advisory Committee Chair	Date	Secretary	Date