

## **SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **Monday, January 24, 2022**

**Attendance:** Board Members- Jeffrey Bell, Robert Butler, Cassie Faircloth, Yire Hernandez, Jacqueline Howard, Allie Ray McCullen, Linda Peterson.

Health Department and Administration Staff- Wanda Robinson, Cherish Allen, Tamra Jones, Kelly Parrish, Edwin Causey, and Joel Starling.

- I. **Call to Order:** Dr. Jeffrey Bell
- II. **Invocation:** Jacqueline Howard
- III. **Election of Chair:** Wanda asked that the Committee nominate members to be the Chair for 2022. Robert Butler Nominated Dr. Jeffrey Bell; Jacqueline Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- IV. **Election of Vice Chair:** Dr. Jeffrey Bell asked that the Committee nominate members to be the Vice Chair for 2022. Robert Butler nominated Linda Peterson. Linda Peterson accepted the position of Vice Chair for the Sampson County Health Department Advisory Committee. Per Joel, no 2<sup>nd</sup> is needed. All in favor.
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** November 15, 2021: Motion to approve made by Allie Ray McCullen; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Butler. All in favor.
- VI. **COVID-19 Update:** Kelly reviewed the report passed out to the Committee (see attached). There were 4,469 cases reported in the last 14 days. On January 13<sup>th</sup> this number was 2,279. On January 6<sup>th</sup> this number was 872. The positivity rate is 41% which is the highest the County has been. On January 13<sup>th</sup> it was 29% and on January 6<sup>th</sup> it was 17%. Kelly stated that 34,600 residents (54%) are vaccinated with at least one dose. Only 12,118 (35%) of those people have had an additional or third dose. 492 (8%) of children between the ages of 5-11 have had at least one dose. 1,792 (33%) children between the ages of 12-17 have had at least one dose. She asked that the Committee review the graphs (see attached) as they reflect the numbers reported as they give a better picture of increases and decreases. Kelly asked that everyone bear with the staff as a lot of data must be entered by hand and they are overwhelmed with the amount of testing and positive results. Robert Butler asked if Kelly had an idea of when this wave would go down. She stated they are peaking now and expect it to start coming down. This does not include deaths and hospitalizations as those numbers peak about 2 weeks after the testing peaks, which is why hospitals are at their max after the true peak of cases. Kelly reported that there are outbreaks at Mary Gran (48 cases), Gardens of Roseboro (14 cases), Skill Creations (14 cases), Sampson Corrections (number not finalized-approximately 50 inmates and 23 staff), Southwood (11 cases), Smithfield has been ongoing since 2020 with 150-200 current cases. Wanda stated that COVID has now hit her staff. With 2,000-3,000 cases that the Health Department must handle, she only had 2 COVID investigators present. Staff is now trying to prioritize high risk ages/cases to ensure they are handled. Robert Butler asked the rate of

unvaccinated versus vaccinated. Wanda stated she did not have numbers; she could say that most positive cases are unvaccinated. She stated that there is a State Vendor that is coming in to help with testing. They will test 5 days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the Expo Center and Thursday at First Baptist Church. Wanda stated that the Health Department could not continue to do it all with the numbers we have. Jacqueline Howard asked if schools could test students that are symptomatic. Kelly stated that some schools are if they have the school nurses to do so. Unfortunately, most Counties, like Sampson, do not have enough school nurses to handle this.

**VII. Board of Health Operating Policy and Procedures:** Wanda reviewed the Policy and explained how the SCHD Advisory Board has their own and the Board of Health (County Commissioners) have their own. Motion to approve made by Jacqueline Howard; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cassie Faircloth. All in favor.

**VIII. Retention Schedule Update:** Cherish stated that the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for the Local Government Agencies updated on October 1, 2021. This did not include an update for the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for the Local Health Department. Motion to approve made by Jacqueline Howard; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Butler. All in favor.

❖ **The Local Health Department is still not to shred anything due to continuation of the Opioid Lawsuit.**

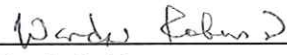
**VII. Financial**

- a) **Monthly Update:** Tamra reviewed update. She stated that even with COVID Testing all other numbers are staying consistent. COVID Vaccine numbers are down since COVID testing numbers have increased. Tamra reviewed the Medicaid Revenues. She stated that they are working through these daily as it is a work in progress now with six different insurance companies. She asked the Committee to review the graphs, keeping in mind that there are still items that need to be allocated. No questions.
- b) **Rural Health Grant:** Tamra explained the Rural Health Grant. She stated that we did receive carry over funds of \$62,800.00 even though we were denied the three year grant we applied for last year. Motion to approve these funds made by Allie Ray McCullen; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yire Hernandez. All in favor.
- c) **AA 176 COVID-19 Vaccination Program:** Tamra stated that in the beginning of 2022 we received a little over \$100,000.00 to help with COVID Vaccines. Recently we have received \$299,135.00 to help with COVID Vaccines as well. Motion to approve these funds made by Linda Peterson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cassie Faircloth. All in favor.
- d) **SCHD FEE/CPT Code Update:** One COVID antibody test was performed per request of the Doctor. Test is billed through LapCorp and price is \$52.66. Tamra explained the admin fee for COVID Vaccines has increased to \$65.00 requiring approval as well. Motion to approve the updated Fee/CPT Code Update made by Robert Butler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Peterson. All in favor.
- e) **Health Promotion Funds:** Tamra stated that the LHD has been awarded \$200.00 based on activities performed by Health Educator. Motion to approve these funds made by Jacqueline Howard; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yire Hernandez. All in favor.

- VIII. **Health Directors Report:** Wanda spoke about the current vacancies in the Health Department. She explained that there were a couple of retirees this year as well. There are 2 nurse positions, 2 Fiscal positions, 1 EH position and 2 WIC positions open. Wanda stated that we are working hard to get these filled as these vacancies will impact our staff.
- IX. **Public Comment:** None.
- X. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Allie Ray McCullen; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Jeffrey Bell. All in favor.

Next meeting March 21, 2022.

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Dr. Jeffrey Bell Date  
Advisory Committee Chair

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Wanda Robinson Date  
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