

SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, September 19th 2022

Attendance: Board Members- Dr. Jeffrey Bell, Linda Peterson, Robert Butler, Jacqueline Howard, Commissioner Lethia Lee, Yire Hernandez, Cynthia Davis
Health Department and Administration Staff- Wanda Robinson, Cherish Allen, Tamra Jones, Kelly Parrish, Kory Hair, Luke Smith, Denise Rhodie, Joel Starling, Edwin Causey.

I. Call to Order: Linda Peterson

II. Invocation: Jacqueline Howard

*Wanda requested a change in the agenda. She would like to move the Tobacco free mandate up to #4 and add FISCAL Policy update as letter e. under Financial

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a) July 18, 2022 SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting minutes
Motion to approve made by Robert Butler; 2nd Jacqueline Howard. All in favor.

IV. Tobacco Free Mandate Presentation and Policy Update: Wanda presented the Medicaid Managed Care and Tobacco Free Requirements presentation. See attached presentation. Mandate states that there cannot be anyone smoking within 50 feet of the building and designated smoking areas inside or outside will not be allowed. This mandate will only affect the Health Department and buildings that receive Medicaid funding. Policy will have to be shared with the State to prove compliance and will be in effect starting December 1, 2022. Wanda reminded everyone that this not only helps our smokers, but it also helps our children, our family and ourselves that are prone to secondhand smoke. Quitline information will also be provided to assist our patients/citizens in their journey to quit smoking. Joel discussed the updates in the Tobacco policy. He asked everyone to look at the campus map. The non-smoking areas have been line off in red. Satellite locations will also have to abide to the mandate as well as EMS and any off-site events performed by the Health Department. Joel will look into Department of Aging as they do receive funding. Motion to approve this policy made by Linda Peterson; 2nd by Robert Butler. All in favor.

V. COVID-19 Update: Kelly reviewed the Waste Water graphs. See attached. Handout reviews Early Warning Indicators, Health System Capacity numbers. Kelly stated that numbers are trending down. SCHD will begin administering Novavax this week once approved by the Board. New Bivalent boosters received and will begin administering this week once approved by the Board, as Monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are no longer authorized as booster doses for individuals 12 years of age and older. Bivalent boosters are not yet authorized to children under

12 years old. Eligible children 5-11 years old can still receive the original Pfizer booster. In the coming weeks, CDC also expects to recommend updated COVID-19 boosters for other pediatric groups, per the discussion and evaluation of the data by ACIP on September 1, 2022. When data is available and FDA authorizes these other types of COVID-19 boosters, CDC will quickly move to help make them available in the US. Updated COVID-19 vaccines schedule effective 9/6/22 was also made available to the Committee.

VI. Monkey Pox: There are currently 446 cases in North Carolina. 98% of cases are Male, 69% of cases are of the African American race. There are only 2 cases under the age of 18, with no household contact. See handout for facts about Monkey Pox.

- a) **Testing standing orders:** Kelly reviewed the printout of standing orders for testing for Monkey Pox at the SCHD. Motion to approve made by Linda Peterson; 2nd by Yire Hernandez. All in favor.
- b) **Immunization standing orders:** Kelly reviewed the printout of standing orders for immunizations for Monkey Pox. Kelly reported that the SCHD only has 50 doses and there are currently 4 patients on a waiting list to receive the vaccine. Due to the limited amount of vaccine, patients are having to be prioritized. Motion to approve made by Jacqueline Howard; 2nd by Yire Hernandez. All in favor.

VII. Financial

- a) **Monthly Update:** Tamra reviewed the activity summary. Numbers are going up for clinic visits. No questions from the Committee. Tamra reviewed Medicaid Revenues. We are now in network with all 5 companies in Medicaid Managed Care. No questions from the Committee.
- b) **SCHD Fee Schedule/CPT Update:** Kelly reviewed the new CPT codes and fees. They include the COVID vaccine codes, Monkey pox testing and immunization codes, MenQuadFi, Flu, MeterniT21 (which is back with LabCorp), and Nebulizer/Albuterol in preparation for the SCHD to open up Primary Care. Motion to approve (with the addition of 87593 with NC modifier, as discussed) made by Jacqueline Howard; 2nd by Lethia Lee. All in favor.
- c) **AA 361-ELC Reopening Schools:** \$115,000: These funds have been given to fund this position. Motion to approve made by Jacqueline Howard; 2nd by Lethia Lee. All in favor.
- d) **AA 165-Infant Mortality Reduction:** \$7,844: These funds are in addition to the already approved funds of \$63,500 for this FY. Motion to approve made by Robert Butler; 2nd by Yire Hernandez. All in favor.
- e) **Fiscal Services Policy update:** Tamra reviewed changes in the FISCAL policy. Changes were made in the BCCCP criteria and income requirements. No other changes made. See attachment. Motion to approve made by Linda Peterson. 2nd by Robert Butler. All in favor.

VIII. Advisory Committee Membership Recommendations: Wanda reviewed the member list that includes their terms dates and end dates. This December there will be changes. Robert Butler and Jacqueline Howard will be going off of the committee. Recommendations are needed for an Engineer and a general public member. Dr. Davis, Yire Hernandez, and Allie McCullen need to be

