

SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, January 23, 2023

Change to agenda: III. Induction of new Advisory Members; IV. Election of Officers.

Attendance: Board Members- Dr. Jeffrey Bell, Yire Hernandez, Cynthia Davis, Allie Ray McCullen, Daniel Cumbo, Russell Devane, Lethia Lee.

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Dr. Jeffrey Bell
- II. **Invocation:** Commissioner Lethia Lee
- III. **Induction of new Advisory Members:** Daniel Cumbo and Russell Devane were inducted by Cherish Allen.
- IV. **Election of Officers:**
 - a) Chair: Yire Hernandez nominated Dr. Jeffrey Bell for Chair. Dr. Cynthia Davis 2nd the nomination. No member opposed. Dr. Jeffrey Bell was elected Advisory Committee Chair for another year.
 - b) Vice Chair: Dr. Jeffrey Bell nominated Linda Peterson for Vice Chair. Yire Hernandez 2nd the nomination. No member opposed. Linda Peterson was elected Advisory Committee Chair for another year.
- V. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) November 21, 2022 SHCD Advisory Committee minutes: Motion to approve made by Allie Ray McCullen, 2nd by Lethia Lee; All in favor.
- VI. **2022 Communicable Disease Report:** Kelly reviewed report (see attached). The Health Department does have 2 vacancies for Communicable Disease nurses. Along with the transition and new changes, COVID will be merged with Communicable Diseases soon, currently it is in NCEDS. 2022 started with a significant surge in COVID cases. In January and February alone, Sampson County had 6,157 cases. To put that in perspective, the entire year of 2021, we had 7,306 cases. After that initial surge, we leveled out and had 10,628 cases for the 2022 year. SCHD staff performed 1,728 COVID tests onsite and countless home tests were distributed. SCHD staff administered 3,480 COVID vaccines in 2022 and 30,539 vaccines since the start of the pandemic. Currently there are 138 people in Sampson County with HIV. There are also 4 active TB cases with a potential of 6.

*Kelly reviewed the COVID update that was passed out to Committee Members. Update includes surveillance of variants, community levels by County, and early warning indicators. See attached update for more specific information. Wanda reminded Committee that the Health Department is still vaccinating and testing.

VII. Primary Care Clinic: Kelly reported that the Health Department has purchased cartridges to be able to perform RSV, Flu, COVID antigen, and Rapid Strep tests. These tests will be a significant part of the Primary Clinic. This will also help providers provide correct and accurate treatment.

VI. Financial

- a) Monthly Update: Tamra reviewed the monthly update (see attached). Most program numbers on activity summary are consistent. Numbers in Child Health and Family Planning are below budget, this could be due to only having 1 provider since mid-October. Tamra stated that overall, programs are above budget. Tamra reviewed local revenues (see attached). No questions from the Committee.
- b) SCHD Fee Schedule/CPT Update: New primary care CPT codes/Fees added to the list are- Rapid RSV, Rapid Flu A&B, Rapid Strep. These tests will be performed in house at the cost of \$25. Motion to approve made by Allie Ray McCullen, 2nd by Dr. Cynthia Davis; All in favor.

VIII. Health Directors Comment: *Health Department Staff was asked to step out.

- a) Vacancies
- b) Recruitment/Retention Grant (Health Advisory Members only) *

IX. Public Comment: None.

X. Adjournment

Next meeting March 20th, 2023.

Linda Peterson 3-20-23

~~Jeffrey Bell~~ Absent Date
Advisory Committee Chair (Vice)
Linda Peterson

Wanda Robinson 3/20/23

Wanda Robinson Date
Secretary