

**Calhoun County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes**

July 17, 2006

ATTENDANCE

Board of Health

Larry Anderson
Kathryn Foerster
Benjamin Miller
Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell
Kenneth Ponds
Richard Tsoumas

Health Department

Dottie-Kay Bowersox
John Eva
Brigette Reichenbaugh

Absent

Byron McDonald (excused)

Calhoun County

Nancy Mullet
Greg Purcell

Other

William Schroer

Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Anderson added the review of the Health Officer's evaluation under agenda item five. Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Tsoumas approved. Foerster seconded. All in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Mitchell moved approval. Ponds supported. All in favor. Correct June minutes to Miller: Abstained.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Eva reported on the Health Department finances. Tsoumas asked that Bowersox report to the Board if there are significant changes to the revenues/expenditures (e.g., homeless clinic and environmental health).

SUMMARY OF THE HEALTH OFFICER'S EVALUATION

Dr. Mitchell reviewed a handout given to the Board regarding Bowersox's evaluation. Several comments and highlights included: Role weaknesses, as indicated, into goals and move day-to-day thinking into long-term thinking; develop a multi-year plan for the Health Department (HD) and the Board. The overall evaluation was very positive. The evaluation committee recommended awarding Bowersox the step increase. Subcommittee motioned for approval of recommendation. Mitchell moved. Ponds supported. Purcell

asked for recommendations for another format for next year's evaluation. Tsoumas stated that Bowersox, the HD, and the Board be open to community processes and assure community collaboration, and continue developing that community role. Focus also on improving the community's perception of the HD. Committee stated that there were various discussions about community collaboration. All in favor.

W.J. SCHROER PRESENTATION

Schroer presented the interview findings.

Question 8-22. Tsoumas asked if we could compare with other factors.

Question 30. Important findings. Why would County's diabetes rate affect me? Those surveyed do not know how leading health factors affect their lives.

Questions 41 & 42 (contradictory findings). Customer service. One-half of the community does not know why the community is considered unhealthy.

HEALTH OFFICER UPDATES

The budget adjustments, 2006 - 2007 budget, and the reorganization plan will be presented at the next meeting.

Anderson asked if it would be helpful for the BOH to support the Senior Millage and Purcell asked if the Health Department would develop a press release for the senior millage awareness. Mitchell noted that he would like more information prior to endorsing.

Mitchell reported on the NCAC retreat held on July 15th. The collective opinion does not meet with federal requirements. The NCAC wants to continue providing episodic care to the poor and homeless. But they haven't concluded on a direction. Mitchell asked what the expectation of this Board for the NCBC is and what pieces of the NCBC future is included in the HD upcoming budget and reorganization plan. How does the NCBC factor into those changes.

Bowersox stated that the timeline given to the NCBC was December 31, 2006 due to grant compliance, funding, and facilities of, and HD budget. The NCBC has financial difficulties that are significant. The NCBC is faced with questions regarding duplication of service, where to house the NCBC, type of service to provide, staff, and hours of operation in compliance with federal requirements. A restructuring framework for budget concern decision deadline of December 31, 2006 was given to the NCAC.

Mitchell and Anderson requested clarification of the expectations and information. The BOH needs to be clear to provide recommendations, boundaries, and direction to the NCBC. Purcell asked if our new budget provides an option for the NCBC to continue. The Board needs to look at the timeline, how will the NCBC disassociate itself from the HD. The BOH will set the deadline once the NCBC issues are clarified. The BOH will collectively send the message to the NCBC. Mitchell stated that an option should be

included in the 2006 - 2007 budget to carry them for the entire year. Foerster asked for a breakdown of the County money that has carried the NCBC. Bowersox stated she would like the NCBC to be self-supporting and history states it has not. The Board requested all NCBC information including the cost to operate the NCBC, the best use of funds, patient trend history, compliance, etc. Present NCBC plan to the Board.

Motion for adjournment. 10:25 p.m.