



Clayton County Board of Health

Minutes of Board Meeting

June 14, 2016

10:00 AM

Board Members Present:

Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner
Mr. Jim Wood
Dr. Aundria Cheever
Dr. Timothy Brown
Superintendent Luvenia Jackson

Board Members Absent:

Mayor David Lockhart

Board of Health Staff:

Alpha Fowler Bryan, MD, District Health Director
Dr. Kevin Mason, Deputy Director
Caroline Hawkins, District Nursing & Clinical Director
Samuel Dudley, IT Director
Sherina George, Human Resources Director
Caroline Hawkins, District Nursing & Clinical Director
Milton Boykin, Building Operations Manager
Freddie "Doug" Dugger
Wendy Miller, Maternal Child Health
Twanna Nelson, Program Manager, Healthier Generations
Elaine Derrico, System Analyst, IT
Maurice Naza, System Analyst, IT
Ivy Adams, Finance
Carmella Hood, Finance
Doris Parker, Interim Administrative Assistant

Special Guest

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, Commissioner DPH
James Howgate, Chief of Staff, DPH

Meeting Called to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Turner at 10:00 AM.
The Chairman welcomed the special guests and requested individual introductions by those present.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the Board meeting held on December 15, 2015 and February 16, 2016 were presented for approval. Dr. Aundria Cheever made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Chairman Turner. A unanimous vote was received from the remainder of the Board members.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for remarks by Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, DPH Commissioner.

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald remarks:

Greetings to everyone and happy to be here. On Thursday June 13, 2016 they visited CCBoH which was the first District Site visit by the Commissioner and staff. The visit was found rewarding as they toured the facility and talked with many staff. In addition, the off-site visit to the Environmental Health, and Emergency Preparedness Office in Forest Park. Dr. Fitzgerald thanked the staff for their input. She was updated on IT concerns by Sam Dudley, CCBoH IT Director.

She proceeded to share concerns of the spread of the Zika Virus and the urgency for mosquito control. The main message that the Department of Public Health is trying to get out is awareness and prevention. It is very important to make sure that CDC and Public Health gain control over the virus and at present Georgia does not have a huge outbreak. The virus is spread through the bites of infected mosquitos. The mosquitos breed in containers, so by removing anything that holds water or dumping out standing water around the home, it will help reduce their numbers. The effort to tip out containers with standing water and toss trash that can collect the mosquito breeding environments is the best way to fight the virus that has been linked to birth defects. In Florida, there is another known virus on the map that more information is being gather on. The viruses are of particular concern where large numbers of women reside and where there are dense populations.

The Georgia Department of Public Health has confirmed nearly a dozen travel-related cases of the mosquito-borne virus in the state. That number is expected to grow. There is no form of treatment at this time. DPH have active campaign ads all around Atlanta Airport and encourages individuals to wear a 20-30% Deet repellent when outside.

A short video was played showing Dr. Fitzgerald providing information on the Zika Virus. Also, her appeal for support from communities and leaders to control the outbreak.

Dr. Fitzgerald stated that she had taken a trip to Washington, D.C to appeal to the Legislators for support with the control of this virus outbreak. She appealed to Chairman Turner for his support, his staff and others by getting organizations within Clayton County to support this effort within the communities.

Chairman Turner thanked Commissioner Fitzgerald for her remarks and the education about the Zika Virus. He pledged his and staff support. He opened floor for questions.

Q - Dr. Cheever asked if there are any other products that could be used other than the Deet

A – Commissioner responded that currently the only and best thing was to use the repellent Deet at the highest grade of 20 – 30%

Q – Mr. Woods asked if there were any other provisions that could require the men fathering the children to take more responsibility

A – Commissioner Fitzgerald stated that there are methods in place and the system is working on other method to ensure that the mothers receive what they need during a pregnancy to prevent any type of birth defect

Dr. Bryan stated that the presence of the virus in Brazil, the site of the 2016 Summer Olympics could potentially accelerate spread of the virus.

Chairman Turner asked if there were any other questions and there was none. Meeting opened for discussion of remaining agenda.

Director's Report

Alpha Fowler Bryan, M.D.

Dr. Bryan informed Board members that Rosalyn Bacon was no longer with CCBBoH as Deputy Director. Dr. Kevin Mason was introduced as the new Deputy Director. Dr. Mason comes with a background in Pediatrics that will be most helpful to CCBBoH and County. He practiced in the community for a number of years.

Reported that CCBBoH was hiring a new District Administration for Finance within the next week.

Another piece of news was that the Legislative body defeated the Bill that would have brought harm to the County Pools.

Budget Update

Ivy Adam

Ms. Adams reported that the full Budget report was not completed and the handout was a preliminary report. A 3% raise was approved by the State for employees which will be reflected in the budget. The closeout for FY16 was in process and a new report would be available soon once the new District Finance Administrator is hired. Dr. Bryan added that once the FY17 Budget was completed there will probably be a special Board meeting called for approval.

Telephone System Presentation

Sam Dudley

Mr. Dudley began by recognizing the IT staff that had worked so diligently on this project. He indicated that at the last Board meeting he provided an overview of the problems CCBBoH is experiencing with the current telephone system. This system was acquired from the County in 2006 and is very outdated. The telephone system is a critical piece of the CCBBoH operations in providing daily services to the community.

The IT staff distributed a printout detailing information on the equipment and processes that had been taken to secure bids and costs from vendors. A total of three (3) vendors (Barracuda-Cudatel, Shortal, and Vertical Communications) were interviewed and provided a presentation to staff and Dr. Bryan based on their various systems and the services that they could provide.

Following comprehensive reviews and discussions with Dr. Bryan, Mr. Dudley stated that the decision was made to give the contract to Vertical Communications, Inc. Dr. Bryan added that Vertical offered a lot of extra tools that are really needed which were in the cost, such as voicemail, ability to provide more capability in services and significant governmental discounts. In addition, the new system would provide full service to CCBBoH and back up to the Forest Park office. Also, there will be a resource representative in Atlanta to provide immediate support as needed.

Mr. Dudley stated that the Core Upgrades would cost \$45,416.70. Vertical Communications cost for the telephone systems business software, implementation and design plus discounts will be \$109,988.75.

Dr. Bryan stated that they would use current budget funds as a one-time cost for the core upgrades in preparation of installation. After which, CCBoH would enter into a three (3) year installment plan with Vertical Communication for payment.

Chairman Turner posed the question “Are you sure that this is the telephone system that you want and that it would resolve all CCBoH current problems?”

Mr. Dudley replied yes, Dr. Bryan added comments that they had conducted extensive research and feel that this will be the best service based on all vendors interviewed. Vertical would run on a W200 Service with WIN ware.

Dr. Cheever asked if the Fiber would be mainly owned by AT&T. Mr. Dudley replied yes.

Mr. Woods stated that his son was VP of AT&T, therefore he wanted to recuse himself from a vote on this issue.

Chairman Turned replied so noted to recuse Dr. Woods from vote.

Dr. Cheever motioned that the Board approve the telephone system package as presented, Core Upgrades to be paid from current budget and the 3 year installment plan with Vertical Communication on price quoted.

Dr. Brown second the motion. The motion was approved by the board with Mr. Woods recusal.

Healthier Generation Presentation

Twanna Nelson

Ms. Nelson stated that the Healthier Generations Program purpose was to create a healthier Clayton in one generation through strengthening of Clayton County’s perinatal system and the provision of health education, home visitation and referral services to women at risk for poor birth outcomes.

- Target population includes African American women of childbearing age with focus on females ages 15 to 45; pregnant/postpartum women; their infants (birth to age 2); and their families/partners residing in Clayton County
- Desired outcomes are to decrease perinatal health disparities and reduce infant mortality rates
- Major Goals are to decrease post-neonatal deaths, increase father and/or partner involvement and strengthen system of care in the county for women, and infants birth to age 2

The Healthier Generation Project also has other key activities such as the 24/7 DAD, Childbirth Education, Partnership with the United Way of Greater Atlanta (Housing and financial education), car passenger safety classes (cribs provided to those qualified participants) and Book Nook (collaboration with the Clayton County Public Library system).

Ms. Nelson informed the group that there are many success stories as a result of the project services and showed several short videos that reflected some of them.

Chairman Turner asked if there were any other questions and there was none.

Chairman Turner thanked Mr. Dudley and Mrs. Nelson for the informative presentations.

Proposal to revise Board Meetings Dates

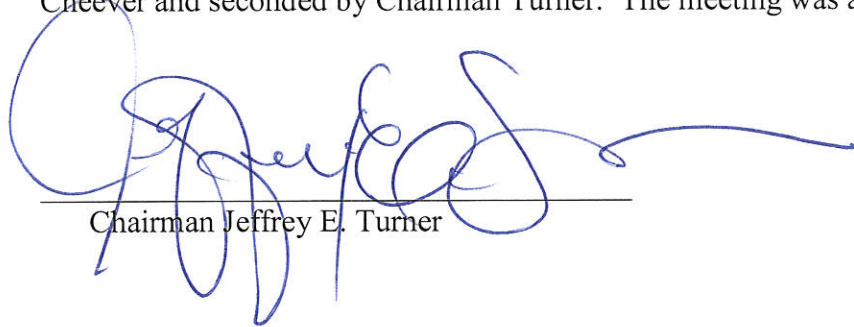
Dr. Bryan

Dr. Bryan recommended changing the Board meeting dates from bi-monthly to every other month in order to ensure meeting the scheduled four (4) meetings per year as required. The Board was cited the previous year because of inability to meet required meetings. This change would assist all and ensure that there is a quorum for the meetings.

All present thought this was a great suggestion and therefore Superintendent Luvenia Jackson motioned that the dates be changed. Dr. Cheever seconded the motion and was approved by Chairman Turner.

Adjournment

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned. A motion was made by Dr. Cheever and seconded by Chairman Turner. The meeting was adjourned.



Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner

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