

**Hart County Board of Health
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2016
1:00 pm
Hart County DFCS Conference Room**

BOH Members Present: Hilda Mauldin, Thelma Estrich, Dr. Lau, R C Oglesby, Clyde McDowell and Arthur Craft

District Staff: Dr. Westfall, Edie Parsons, Tasha Gubernath, Alison Ward, Jon Terry and Karen Palmer

Health Department Staff: Rhonda Dyar, Sydney Jordan, David Leard and Jill Garland

State DPH Staff: Kortney Floyd and Djatou Coulibaly

Hart County BOC Members: Ricky Carter

The regular meeting of the Hart County Board of Health was held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 in the conference room of the Hart County DFCS office.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairperson Clyde McDowell

Approval of minutes for November 12, 2015 BOH Meeting

Motion to accept by R C Oglesby, seconded by Thelma Estrich. Motion carried, all in favor.

Old Business: None

New Business: Election of Officers – Arthur Craft made the motion to nominate Clyde McDowell to continue as Chairperson. Thelma Estrich seconded. Motion carried, all in favor. Dr. Lau made the motion to nominate Thelma Estrich to continue as Vice Chairperson. Arthur Craft seconded. Motion carried, all in favor. Thelma Estrich nominated Dr. Lau to continue as Secretary. Arthur Craft seconded. Motion carried, all in favor.

Courtney Floyd, Nurse Consultant with the State Office TB Program, gave a presentation on the Hart County TB Outbreak which detailed statistical information on TB cases within Hart County from 2011 through present.

Environmental Health: David Leard gave the Environmental Health Report. See attached report.

Nursing: Rhonda Dyar gave the Nursing Report. Hart County Health Department is now receiving assistance from the State Office with the TB cases. There have been a total of six cases since last year and there are presently four active cases, with the possibility of there being a fifth case. The health department currently has 20 – 25 LTBI's. There are challenges with families being forthcoming with information when contact investigations are being conducted. TB services cannot be billed and Hart County Health Department is facing budgetary challenges, as there is a lot of expense involved.

Annual Reports: Edie Parsons gave a review of the Annual Reports. See attached reports.

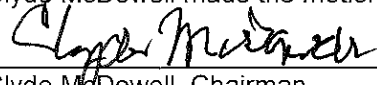
Financial Report: Tasha Gubernath gave the Financial Report. See attached reports.

Budget: Dr. Westfall reviewed the proposed FY 2017 budget. Thelma Estrich made the motion to approve the budget. Arthur Craft seconded. Motion carried, all in favor.


Comments from the Health Director: Dr. Westfall stated that the flu season has been mild. Zika Virus cases are now beginning to be seen in the U.S. There is a risk of birth defects if contracted by pregnant women. Ebola cases have greatly subsided.

Announcements: None.

Clyde McDowell made the motion to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.



Clyde McDowell, Chairman



Secretary

**Hart County Board of Health
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2015
1:00 pm
Hart County DFCS Conference Room**

BOH Members Present: Thelma Estrich, Arthur Craft, Paul Abernathy, Dr. Lau and Clyde McDowell

District Staff: Dr. Westfall, Edie Parsons, Tasha Gubernath, Jon Terry and Karen Palmer

Health Department Staff: Rhonda Dyar, David Leard and Jill Garland

The regular meeting of the Hart County Board of Health was held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 in the conference room of the Hart County DFCS office.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Clyde McDowell

Approval of minutes for August 13, 2015 BOH Meeting

Motion to accept by Arthur Craft, seconded by Paul Abernathy. Motion carried, all in favor.

Old Business: Clyde McDowell noted no issues other than ongoing nursing cases.

New Business: Motion was made by Paul Abernathy to approve the Hart County Health Department to be closed Thursday, December 3, 2015 for Staff Appreciation. Motion was seconded by Clyde McDowell. All in favor, motion carried.

Environmental Health: David Leard gave the Environmental Health Report. See attached report.

Nursing: Rhonda Dyar gave the Nursing Report. Rhonda reported that the Health Department is still administering flu vaccinations. Nursing staff have administered a total of 789 vaccines throughout the community through off-site clinics, with 566 of those being within the public school system. New active TB cases continue to be discovered and investigated. The newest cases are INH resistant.

Financial Report: Tasha Gubernath gave the Financial Report. See attached reports.

Public Health 101: Rhonda Dyar gave a slide show presentation about TB. See attached handouts.


Comments from the Health Director: Dr. Westfall discussed "Closing the 30 Million-Word Gap". See attached handout. Dr. Westfall also discussed ongoing concerns of tobacco use and the efforts of multiple agencies to support S.2100 - Tobacco to 21 Act.

Announcements: None.

Clyde McDowell made the motion to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.



Clyde McDowell, Chairman



Secretary

**Hart County Board of Health
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2015
1:00 pm
Hart County DFCS Conference Room**

BOH Members Present: Arthur Craft, R C Oglesby, Dr. Lau and Jennifer Carter

District Staff: Dr. Westfall, Edie Parsons and Karen Palmer

Health Department Staff: Rhonda Dyar, David Leard and Jill Garland

The regular meeting of the Hart County Board of Health was held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 in the conference room of the Hart County DFCS office.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Dr. Westfall since the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were both absent.

Approval of minutes for May 14, 2015 BOH Meeting

Motion to accept by Dr. Lau, seconded by Jennifer Carter. Motion carried, all in favor.

Old Business: None

New Business: Dr. Lau was nominated to serve as Hart County BOH secretary. Motion made by Arthur Craft. Motion carried, all in favor.

Environmental Health: David Leard gave the Environmental Health Report. See attached report.

Nursing: Rhonda Dyar gave the Nursing Report. Rhonda reported that Health Department staffing is stable. We have two active TB cases that are currently being treated. The older case will finish therapy in October and the contacts have been investigated for that case. Contacts are still being established for the newer TB case. The Health Department held a /HIV screening community clinic in June with Arthur Craft's assistance. There were 31 participants. The Health Department is preparing for the upcoming flu season and will be administering flu vaccinations within the Hart County Public School system. The Health Department will also hold a school staff flu clinic and other off-site clinics.

Financial Report: Dr. Westfall gave the Financial Report. See attached reports.

Public Health 101: Edie Parsons and Dr. Westfall presented hand outs and a video detailing highlights of the "Talk to Your Baby" program. See attached handout.

Comments from the Health Director: Dr. Westfall said Ebola has not gone away and the CDC is still working in West Africa. Health experts are working on a potential vaccine that looks promising. There are concerns about Avian Flu but there are no cases in Georgia thus far.

Announcements: No announcements

R.C Oglesby made the motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jennifer Carter. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.


Clyde McDowell, Chairman


Secretary