

**Hart County Board of Health
Regular Quarterly Meeting
May 8, 2014 – Minutes**

BOH Members Present: Clyde McDowell, Thelma Estrich, Jerry Bell, Arthur Craft,
Paul Abernathy, Dr. Anthony Lau, R. C. Oglesby

Health Dept. Staff Present: David Leard, Shirley Carpenter – Franklin County

District Staff Present: Dr. Westfall, Tasha Gubernath, Jennifer Fulbright, Karen Palmer

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

Motion to approve minutes from March 13, 2014 meeting was made by Paul Abernathy,
second by Jerry Bell. Motion carried with no opposition.

Old Business: None

New Business: Dr. Westfall introduced Shirley Carpenter, Office Manager at Franklin County,
who was in attendance to record minutes.

Environmental Health Report: Presented by David Leard, report attached

Nurses Report: Presented by Karen Palmer, District 2, Area Nurse Manager

It was noted that Rhonda Dyar, CNM was attending Protocol Meetings in Gainesville
which all RN's in Public Health are required to attend annually.

In an update on the TB cases, Karen stated there were 19 patients still on preventative
medications and 1 patient in a hospital in Columbia SC.

Interviews will be held in May to fill the open positions for Office Manager and a Clerk

Financial Report: Presented by Tasha Gubernath, report attached

Health Department is on trend to have 5 month operating funds
on hand at the end of Fiscal Year 2014.

Public Health 101: Presented by David Leard

David Leard presented a detailed and informative report on the Food Service Program,
including regulations, how the program works, and issues that Food Service inspectors
may find during the inspection. A brief discussion followed.

Comments from District Health Director:

Dr. David Westfall, Director

Dr. Westfall provided information about some state wide initiatives Dr. Fitzgerald, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, has put into place. Dr. Fitzgerald is very focused on improving communications in Public Health between the state, district, and county levels. Dave Palmer conducted an introductory course on *Crucial Conversations* district wide. A more in-depth training was held at our district leadership meeting in May. At the end of May a two day meeting is planned for representatives from the state, district and county levels to participate in a training on *Good to Great* by Jim Collins.

Dr. Westfall also drew attention to the fact that since 2011 when the Department of Public Health was established as a separate entity, while other departments have had budget cuts at the state level, the Department of Public Health has not.

A copy the new county rankings for 2014 was presented and is attached. Board members were encouraged to visit the website www.countyhealthrankings.org for more detailed information.

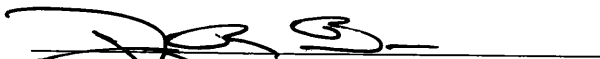
Announcements:

Mr. Clyde McDowell encouraged all board members to be in contact with county leaders in an effort to receive more support from the county for the Health Department. He pointed out that virtually everyone in the county benefits in some way from the services provided and the support of county officials is essential.

Next Board of Health Meeting will be held August 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Jerry Bell and a second by Paul Abernathy at 1:34 p.m.


Clyde McDowell, Chairman


Jerry Bell, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Shirley Carpenter, Franklin County Office Manager