

# Forsyth County Board of Health



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- Mr. J. Phil Seats, R.Ph., MBA
- Dr. Ricky Sides, DC
- Ms. Gloria D. Whisenhunt, County Commissioner

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES February 4, 2015

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Linda Petrou, Chair  
Dr. James Doub  
Ms. Judy Briggs  
Dr. Charles Massler  
Dr. Willard McCloud  
Mr. J. Phil Seats

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. John Davenport  
Ms. Carrie Fernald  
Dr. Scott Schroeder  
Dr. Ricky Sides  
Ms. Gloria Whisenhunt

### OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. T. Sharee Fowler, The Forsyth Promise

Winston Salem State University Nursing Students: Mame Baldwin, Ciara Beamer, Mara Boles, Nahedra Byrd, Audrie Cid, Janee Crews, Dasha Davis, Ryan Downtin, Cynthia Findlay, Ryan Gundrum, Emily Hipp, Jasmine Hood, Rahma Jamu, Movay Kellam, Kristin Lackey, Valerie McFadden, Shaquanda McKinney, Rick Pulliam, Asli Sako, Cameron Sattenfield, Latroya Short, Jameer Weldon, Ashley Whitaker, Abby Willcox, Brianne Williams

### **Call to Order:**

On Wednesday, February 4, 2015, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Boardroom at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

### **Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes of the January 7, 2015 Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Petrou asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Charles Massler made a motion to approve and Mr. J. Phil Seats seconded. The rest of the members agreed and the minutes were approved by the Board.

### **Public Comment Section:**

Board Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves. Dr. Petrou welcomed 26 Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) Nursing students who were in attendance at the Board Meeting to learn more about public health and what the Board does.

**Health Director's Comments** – Mr. Hunter welcomed everyone. He told the nursing students he wanted them to understand that public health is a very rewarding career both to their University and as they spend time studying about access to care and hospitals.

Mr. Marlon Hunter mentioned a recent article in the Journal about the Dental Center, which received a two-year grant from Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust last year for \$964,560 to stabilize and expand operations. He commended Mr. Bob Whitwam, Community Health Services Administrator and the dental staff for the great work they are doing.

Mr. Hunter informed the Board that Forsyth County has had nine confirmed flu deaths.

Mr. Hunter reported that he and Mr. Bob Whitwam met with Dr. Beverly Emory, Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools Superintendent, and others to discuss Hanes-Lowrance Schools and the groundwater contamination issue. They shared background information with them and were invited to participate on a panel. Ms. Judy Briggs asked if the health department goes to do testing and Mr. Whitwam responded no, they consulted with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in 2005, and that is when the department became aware. Dr. Massler asked if the department was being asked to make recommendations and Mr. Whitwam answered no, but they are consulting.

Mr. Hunter continued on to say the department will be working with the community to complete the Community Health Assessment process in March. He added that every four years we have to complete this process.

Lastly, Mr. Hunter mentioned that coming up in March, the department will be working together with Novant, Mecklenburg County Health Department, and the State on a diabetes project.

Mr. Hunter introduced Dr. Sharee Fowler, Director of The Forsyth Promise.

### **New Business:**

**The Forsyth Promise** – Dr. T. Sharee Fowler started by saying she felt like she was at home and had spend many days in these halls after having worked with Family Services and working so closely with the health department. She also mentioned that her father was a retired public health dentist of 30 years. Dr. Fowler continued on by telling Board members that Forsyth Promise has its roots in the community and is committed to increasing educational outcomes for our children. She added they are in the process of building the partnership and are making good headway. Dr. Fowler stated that in recent years it has been a convergent of two local efforts, Forsyth Futures and the Community Educational Collaborative in addition to a national partner called Cradle to Career – Strive Together Network - the Network enables them to share expertise, identify and adapt programs that work and develop effective tools and resources that can be brought to take on specific challenges.

Dr. Fowler told Board members that the vision of the Forsyth Promise is to embrace the vision that every child in Forsyth County receives the best education possible and is fully equipped to thrive throughout life and the mission is that the Forsyth Promise supports the success of every child from cradle to career through the development and alignment of community resources. Dr. Fowler continued to give more interesting and informative information about the work that is being done at Forsyth Promise. She concluded by encouraging Board members and anyone else to get involved in the process.

**Old Business:**

None

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Adjourn:**

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Mr. Seats and seconded by Dr. Massler and the remaining members. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlon B. Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marlon B. Hunter  
Secretary to the Board  
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