



**HOKE COUNTY
Department of Public Health**

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Hoke County Board of Health Minutes

Regular Meeting **Special Meeting**

February 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Conference Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with Commissioner Robert Wright presiding, and Helene Edwards, Secretary. Invocation given by Commissioner Wright.

Members Present	James Davis; Dr. Susan Hendrix OD; Elizabeth Hodgkin, Vice Chair (via Conference Call); Kathryn Hostetter; Gail Lowery; Ellen McNeill; Chris Pusey; Dr. Mark Thompson DDS; and Commissioner Robert Wright
Members Absent	Keith Walters, Chair
Staff Members Present	Melissa Baxley, Ulva Little-Bennett, Tony Locklear, Jenny McDuffie, and Cindy Morton
Others Present	Brittney Inniss, Martewia Amor, and Kelli Weaver

Quorum: Yes

Conference Call Information: (425) 436-6323 **Access code:** 898322#

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Mr. James Davis and seconded by Ms. Kathryn Hostetter to approve the **February 10, 2020** Board of Health meeting agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Ms. Susan Hendrix and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 regular Board of Health meeting as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Public Comments

- None

V. Old Business

BOCC Meetings

Helene Edwards, Health Director

Board of County Commissioners Meeting on 1/21/2020:

- The Hoke County Commissioners approved the following budget amendment:
 - The Hoke County Health Department was awarded \$50,000.00 from the Division of Public Health for service period of 12/01/2019 to 5/31/2020. This funding is for the local health departments to implement approved core strategy or strategies for community-based programs to prevent fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses. Also, increase access and linkages to care services for the most vulnerable populations, and build local capacity to respond to the overdose crisis in North Carolina.

New Business

Communicable Disease Annual Report

Melissa Baxley, ERRN

- Ms. Melissa Baxley, ERRN, highlighted the state of Communicable Diseases in Hoke County for 2019.
- In 2019, Hoke County had four TB cases. One TB case was drug resistant to the traditional medications and had to receive an alternative medication treatment for 18 months.
- With the increase number of cases of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis from 2018 to 2019, Ms. Baxley recommended more education on sexually transmitted infections (STIs) with younger people.
- Ms. Melissa Baxley, RN presented the Communicable Disease statistics and highlighted programs and activities in Hoke County to reduce the spread of contagious diseases.
- Ms. Baxley reported the number of Communicable Diseases cases in 2019 for Hoke County. (Handouts were given to the Board of Health members and other attendees.)

Table #1 *Reported Communicable Disease Cases in Hoke County 2019*

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Chlamydia	436
Gonorrhea	182
Salmonella	21
Syphilis	8
HIV/AIDS	2
Campylobacter	6
NGU	29
Adult Influenza Death	1
Streptococcal Invasive Infection (Group A)	1
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1
Legionella	1

- Ms. Baxley reported that Chlamydia was the most popular Communicable Disease in Hoke County with 436 cases in 2019.

<u>Age of Chlamydia Cases</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
10-14	3
15-19	101
20-24	162
25-29	77
30-39	74
40-49	17
50-59	1
≥ 60 years	1
Total	436

- The number of Chlamydia cases who self-reported being African American race were 169 and there were 312 females treated for Chlamydia.
- It was recommended that education on Sexual Transmitted Diseases be discussed during Family Planning Services as well as during community health education events.
- Gonorrhea rates were the second highest of the Communicable Disease statistics for Hoke County.

<u>Age of Gonorrhea Cases</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
5-9	1
10-14	2
15-19	28
20-24	45
25-29	42
30-39	41
40-49	17
50-59	4
≥ 60 years	2
Total	182

- The Gonorrhea cases were 90 females and 92 males.
- The racial composition of the Gonorrhea cases was as follows:
 1. African American: 93 cases
 2. Unknown race: 37 cases
 3. White: 24 cases
 4. Native American: 16 cases
 5. Other race: 8 cases
 6. Multi-racial: 2 cases
 7. Asian: 1 case
 8. Pacific Islander: 1 case

- With the greater number of African Americans seeking treatment for STDs, more culturally sensitive education opportunities are needed to reduce STD cases among minority patients.
- There were 29 males treated for Non-Gonococcal Urethritis (NGU) during 2019.

<u>Age of NGU Cases</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>
15-19	1
20-24	10
25-29	4
30-39	11
40-49	2
50-59	0
≥ 60 years	1
Total	29

- NGU cases were prevalent among 20 African American males.
- The Hoke County Health Department continues to advertise Communicable Disease information on the Digital billboard on 401 and Social Media.

Motion made by Mr. Chris Pusey and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the 2019 Communicable Disease Report and support the preventive initiatives proposed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2019 State of the County Health Report

Ulva Little-Bennett, Health Educator
Tony Locklear, QA Coordinator

- The 2019 State of the County Health Report (SOTCH) received a facelift this year.
- The Health Educators complete the Hoke County SOTCH Report in the years the county does not complete a Community Health Assessment. The SOTCH reviews the most recent health statistics, tracks progress made in the last year as it relates to the health priorities and identifies new initiatives and emerging issues that may impact the health status of Hoke County residents.
- The 2019 highlights for Hoke County are as follows:
 - Hoke County became the first county in North Carolina to have breastfeeding rooms in every K-12 school. The breastfeeding rooms were created to be used by teachers, staff, and students to express breast milk while they are away from their infant or child.
 - The Hoke County Health Department has two doulas that are professionally trained in enhancing the childbirth experience. As health coaches, Doulas provide emotional, physical, and educational support to pregnant women throughout the pregnancy and delivery.
 - Hoke County has a rural Syringe Exchange Program. The Hoke Syringe Exchange Program (HSEP) partners with Tia Hart Community Recovery Center and operates under the health philosophy of harm reduction in providing mobile and fixed site peer-based services.
- The population continues to grow in Hoke County and young people are approximately 27.6% of the population. The community is racial diverse with the following composition: 49.3% White, 35.3% African American, 9.1% Native American, 1.5% Asian, and 4.3% identifying as multi-racial.
- The Demographical Snapshot identifies other medical agencies providing health care to Hoke County resident.

- The 2018 average per capita income for residents in Hoke County was \$20,656.00 with 18% of the population living in poverty.
- Heart disease remains the number one cause of death in Hoke County and several health interventions are available to assist residents.
- In 2018, there were eight infant deaths reported in Hoke County and six fetal deaths (in utero development after 20 weeks). The Hoke County Health Department continues to offer child birth education to all pregnant women and their support partners, WIC Services are available to promote healthy eating and breastfeeding, Safe Sleep promotion to prevent SIDS, and intensive care management for high-risk pregnant women.
- This year the 2019 Hoke County Health Ranking Chart illustrates how Hoke County sizes up with other counties in the state.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan was included in the SOTCH to exhibit the efforts made towards improving the Hoke County Health priorities.
- The Hoke County Health Department engaged with several new initiatives in 2019: Mental Health First Aid, Hoke Syringe Exchange Program, breastfeeding friendly community, and Safe Routes to School.
- The emerging Issues in Hoke County are as follows: Medicaid Expansion, Medicaid Transformation, Mental Health, Opioid, and Vaping/Tobacco 21.
- The 2019 SOTCH Report will be presented to the Hoke County Commissioners during one of the April 2020 meetings. It will be available on the Hoke County website and a copy will be at the Hoke County library.

Motion made by Ms. Ellen McNeill and seconded by Mr. Pusey to approve the 2019 Hoke SOTCH Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Contract with Tia Hart Recovery

Tony Locklear, QA Coordinator

- The contract between the Hoke County Health Department and Tia Hart Recovery is for service period of December 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
- The contract has the same deliverables as the previous contract, except with the current grant the Hope-N-Hoke Coalition will work with the re-entry council to provide education and support.

Motion made by Ms. McNeill and seconded by Dr. Susan Hendrix to approve the contractual agreement between the Hoke County Health Department and Tia Hart Recovery. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Educational Time Request (Sherita Sutton)

Helene Edwards, Health Director

- Ms. Sherita Sutton—Health Educator & Public Information Officer is completing her MSW graduate degree.
- Ms. Sutton has a course that meets on Mondays, in which she requests leave time from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.
- As a Health Educator, she works some overtime during the week; therefore, any time over will replace the leave request to prevent comp time accruals.

Motion made by Mr. Pusey and seconded by Ms. McNeill to approve the Educational Time Request for Ms. Sherita Sutton as outlined by the Health Director: Personal Leave Requests needed for

educational time, because the MSW degree does not enhance her current position as a Health Educator & Public Information Officer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Clinical Update

Cindy Morton, Nursing Supervisor

- Ms. Morton summarized the January Clinical Report of Hoke County Health Department services.
- In 2020, Teen Time was replaced with an evening clinic for all patients. The Hoke County Health Department will have extended hours to 7:00 PM on the first and third Mondays of the month. WIC Services will be provided during the evening clinic too.
- New Medical Office Assistant, Ms. Jasmine Locklear started working in the clinic today.

Administrative Update

Jenny McDuffie, Business Officer

- The following table summarizes the finances for December 2019:

	December 2019
Revenues	54,948.15
Expenditures	253,805.91
State Funds Used	
State Funds Used	80,240.34
Local Appropriations	110,762.02
Medicaid	35,274.83
Fees	27,528.72
Total (<i>Expenditures</i>)	253,805.91

Health Director's Update

Helene Edwards, Health Director

- The meetings with the providers are helping us to resolve clinical issues.
- Implementation of "Get Fit 2020", to provide employee wellness opportunities within the department. In January, the employees had a "Chili Luncheon" and started new year's resolutions.
- The Hoke-N-Hope community action committee continues to provide resources to medical providers and pharmacists.
- The Annual Public Health Luncheon will be April 7, 2020 at 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Invitations will be mailed out in March 2020.

Recruitment of Board of Health Member

Commissioner Wright

- The Hoke County Board of Health needs a general member to serve on the Board.
- The Board members candidates are as follows:
 - Ms. Leah Leach
 - Mr. Lynwood Fleming
 - Ms. Jenell Powell
- Each Board of Health candidate submitted a letter of interest and resume for the Board of Health to review.
- The Board members discussed the candidates.

Motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the recommendation of Ms. Leah Leach to serve as the General Member on the Board of Health. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VI. Closed Session

None

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Next Meeting Date

Next regular meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

IX. Adjournment

❖ The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Motion made by Ms. McNeill and seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Helene Edwards

Helene Edwards
Board of Health Secretary

3-9-20

Approval Date

