

**Madison County Board of Health Meeting  
Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:00 pm  
Health Department Board Room**

**Members**

Dr. Robert Adams DDS, Chair  
Dr. Suzanne Sheldon, DVM  
Andrew Thomas, Public  
Dr. Melissa Robinson MD  
Larry Peek, Engineer  
Crystal Webb, Public

Rachel Smith, RN and Vice Chair  
Matthew Wechtel, Commissioner  
Loretta Leake, NP  
Diana Rogers, RN, Public  
Hanna Hardin, Pharmacist  
Dr. Marianna Daly, M.D. Ex Officio

Regular Meeting       Special Meeting

**Members Absent-**

Dianna Rogers

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Call to Order** Chairperson Adams called to order at 6:00      Chair, Adams      3 min
- II. Consent Agenda- Approval of**      Chair, Adams      5 min
- a. **Agenda:**  
Chair Adams asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Dr. Sheldon that the agenda be approved. Matthew Wechtel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The agenda was approved. Dr. Sheldon, asked if the Board to could send a card to Dianna Rogers, as her husband had a serious medical issue. Board members agreed to a card being sent to Dianna.
- b. **Board of Health Minutes, November 21, 2019**  
Chair Adams asked for motion to be made to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes. Matthew Wechtel made motion to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Sheldon. Rachel Smith pointed out a typo on the last page. Minutes were approved as amended. Typo was corrected during the meeting.
- III. Public Input Session**  
No public input      Community
- IV. Case Study - Telehealth**      Tonya Hensley Shuffler and Amanda Martin      20 min  
Telehealth is when provider and patient are not in the same room and both parties can see each other, virtually. They equip the school nurses with high tech portable devices and will train them on how to use these devices. This will equal greater access and less money involved. Center for Rural health innovation started this program in Mitchell, Yancey, Burke, and McDowell. They have implemented this program with only 6 and half people serving, these 107 schools. Several of the schools are located on the coast of North Carolina. Parents do have to sign consent to treatment, nurses notify parent or parent requests visits. 88 percent of the kids seen last year were sent back to class. Not trying to replace PCP, they do not provide primary care. Time line for Madison County schools will hopefully begin middle of March or first of April.  
No cost to the schools, students cost co-pay insurance and for uninsured very generous sliding fee school. File insurance and Medicaid, trying to create equity. Dr. North supervises the NP's and they work from home, they can test for flu, strep, ears, etc. Benefit parents can stay at work. They are looking for a Telehealth logistic coordinator for Madison County. Please be thinking of a good candidate for this position and share this information, \$15.00 per hour and no benefits, school schedule so off in the summers. They will include our students housed at the detention center, in the telehealth care. They are working with the Sheriff and health department in regards to the overall jail health plain for the adult inmates.
- V. Announcements:**      All  
No announcements
- VI. New Business :**  
No new business
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## VII. Administrative Reports

### a. Medical Director's Report :

Chair Adams and Tammy

Chair Adams passed a letter around from Dr. Daly explaining what is going on in regards to her health. Due to this medical issue, Dr. Daly will be retiring immediately, but will volunteer to help as she can. There was discussion around her devotion and love for the county and our residents. She has devoted her time and talents to our residents for the past 32 years. It was suggested that we name and dedicate the clinic, at the health department to her. There also was discussion around naming the building after her as well. All board members seemed very supportive of renaming the health department building after Dr. Daly. Tammy will type up a resolution to present to the County Commissioner's that the building be named after Dr. Daly. There was also a discussion about changing the name of the road to Dr. Daly Lane, this could possibly take a while due to having to go to the Department of transportation however this is something that could be done over time. Tammy stated that Dr. Daly will continue to be our volunteer medical director. The health department has to have someone to oversee our Nurse Practitioner, and our standing orders. Finding a medical director is of great importance and will have to happen as soon as possible. Tammy and Dr. Daly have had numerous conversations about this and have some recommendations. Tammy hopes to share some updates with the BOH in the very near future, regarding this vital component of our services. This will be in the form of an email. Chair Adams asked for someone to make a motion to take to the County Commissioners concerning naming the building after Dr. Daly.

Motion made by Rachel Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Loretta Leak. Tammy will draft something up to present at the County Commissioners meeting on 2/11/2020. BOH members are encouraged to be present to share their support for this resolution.

### b. Health Director's Report

Tammy

15 min

Tammy has officially been sworn in as the Health Director.

- Staffing Report: finance officer, youth coordinator, housekeeper, FMLA
  - We have made an unofficial offer to our candidate for Becky's position, still looking for youth coordinator; housekeeper is now a Health Department employee.
  - Dogwood Foundation emergency or immediate need grant, Tammy submitted a 24,700 dollar grant for dental center
  - Pisgah Trust foundation: Tammy submitted a grant application to hire another dietitian, should hear about this one very soon.
  - Health Dept. estimates for heating and cooling system, 1<sup>st</sup> floor: suggested to look at grant from French Broad Electric company, and to get an estimate from a contractor in Mars Hill
  - SHAC – The school and health department work closely together to meet the needs of our youth. We have created a flyer, that states the health department provides free and confidential services with tire offs at the bottom of the page with our phone number. We hope the school board will allow these to be posted in schools to remind youth that we offer services to them. 9<sup>th</sup> grade health ed, includes information about family planning services as well as other health needs. School social workers do know about services to HD.
  - K&K and TCM close out: ended in December with Rosie and Partnership of children, program continues
  - HCA listening sessions: Tammy will be attending
  - Medicaid Transformation remains on hold; insurance companies continue to move forward
  - Rabies training, Dr. Carl Williams came to Madison County and provided an excellent training.
  - Jail Health; current jail health plan for adults, Sister of Mercy, signed MOU with the jail. But if the inmates have long term conditions and urgent care has concerns about continuing to prescribe meds for chronic conditions, as this is not a normal process for urgent cares. Tele Health would be able to do this for the jail.
  - Assessments on approximately 35 juveniles have been completed. Tammy and Robin are currently doing the assessments. Tammy modified the assessment, the state officials came last week, and Tammy felt the meeting went well. She has not heard anything since the visit and has not had an opportunity to follow up with nurse over juvenile health processes.
  - We are waiting to see copies of the consents for tele health, to ensure that our nurses and the county are not liable. We also must have a policy in place before the service can be provided. Telehealth staff will train the school employees, as appropriate. Tammy reminded the BOH that Tonya, lives locally and she feels this will be a great thing for our community.
  - Dental floor: new flooring looks good
  - Nicotine Cessation classes: we have had several request for Nicotine Cessation classes, from community partners.
  - All Staff meeting- Mindfulness work Roger Price provided training in for us. Staff really enjoyed it.
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VIII. **Financial Reports:**

Tammy presented financial reports to the board. Tammy 15 min

Currently, we are on track to exceed the revenues for this year. Most programs in the clinic and in environmental health are both well above expectations for this time of year.

IX. **Other Business:**

Chair Adams 8 min

a. **Confidentiality Statements**

Chair Adams

Chair Adams requested the board read and sign the confidentiality statements they were provided.

b. **Conflict of Interest Statements**

Chair Adams

Chair Adams requested the board read and sign the conflict of interest statement and disclose any conflicts they may have. Both forms will be kept on file.

c. **Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair Adams

Chair Adams asked for nominations for Chair. Matthew Wechtel made a motion that Chair Adams remain as Chair Person for 2020. The board voted unanimously to elect Dr. Adams as Chairperson for 2020. Vice Chair motion was by Andrew Thomas that Rachel Smith remain as Vice Chair for 2020. The board voted unanimously to elect Rachel Smith as Vice Chair for 2020. Both accepted the positions for the upcoming year.

X. **Adjournment:**

Chair Adams

Dr. Adams asked that a motion be made to adjourn, Motion was made by Matthew Wechtel and 2<sup>nd</sup> Crystal Webb. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

**Next Meeting: March 26, 2020**

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