Fayette County
Board of Health Meeting
March 29th, 2016
Fayette County Commissioners Conference Room

The Fayette County Board of Health held their bi-monthly meeting on March 29th at 7:30am in the Fayette County Commissioners Conference Room located at 140 Stonewall Ave., Fayetteville, GA.

Attendees: David Barlow, Dr. Loida Bonney, Becky Smith, Ted Toles, Debbie King, Dr. Thomas Faulkner, Dr. Olugbenga Obasanjo, Dr. David Ajayi, Brigid Smith, Duane Fields, Wendy LeVan, Debbi Heard, Robert Kurbes, Lindsey Jordan, Rhonda Warner-Gardner

Mr. Barlow, Chairman, called the meeting to order and determined a quorum.

Mr. Barlow provided the Invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the January 19th, 2016 Fayette County Board of Health meeting were presented for approval. Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Faulkner. The board unanimously approved.

New Business

New Board Member Introduction/Oath of Office – Mr. Barlow introduced Mr. Ted Toles, new board member for Position #4 – a consumer who represents the needy, underprivileged or elderly, appointed by the County Commissioners. Mr. Toles read aloud the Oath of Office and signed.

Walking Project Proposal – Dr. Yolanda Wade will be rescheduled for a future board meeting.

State of GA EH Rules & Regulations – Robert Kurbes presented Portable Sanitation Rules (Chapter 511-3-6) for adoption. Dr. Bonney made a motion to approve the rules as presented, seconded by Ms. Smith.

Old Business

Fayette Vision – Dr. Bonney asked for representation from the Board of Health. Mr. Toles agree to serve as a board representative.
Wendy LeVan, RN, BSN  
Nursing & Clinical Services

Wendy provided the Nursing & Clinical report. (See narrative attached)

Brigid Smith  
Financial

Brigid provided the Financial report. (See narrative attached)

Robert Kurbes  
Environmental Health Program

Robert provided the Environmental Health report (See narrative attached).

Lindsey Jordan  
WIC Program

Lindsey provided the WIC report. (See narrative attached)

Olugbenga Obasanjo, MD  
Public Health/District 4

Dr. Obasanjo welcomed the new board members.

Service awards were presented to Sandy Culpepper and Deborah Straight

Mr. Barlow was congratulated for receiving the Fred Agel Award at the Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA) Conference. District 4 had a total of 8 board members from across the district to attend.

The Mercer Leadership classes have been completed and the certificate ceremony was March 18th.

The County health Rankings for 2016 have been distributed and copies are in board member packets. Fayette ranked as #3 in Health Outcomes, #1 in Clinical Care but lacking in access to health care.

The District 4 health & Wellness Day is scheduled for April 29th at the Rock Ranch. Board members are invited to attend.

District 4 will host an Open House on July 29th at the new building in downtown LaGrange.

Dr. David Ajayi  
Emory Preventive Med Resident

Dr. Ajayi spoke about the Zika Virus. There are 27 cases in the U.S. Pregnant women are most at-risk, including women in child bearing age range. Prevention – do not travel to areas where the disease can be found. Dr. Bonney asked if this was self-limited. Dr. Ajayi stated that it is unknown at this time and if someone has symptoms (red eyes) and a travel history, it should be reported to the health department or CDC. Blood samples take 3 weeks for results. He discussed the virus in the males, and
the length of time the virus remains in semen. The public and clients should be educated. Mr. Toles asked if females have the red eyes too, and Dr. Ajayi said yes. CDC recommends if a pregnant female travels and has symptoms, it should be reported immediately regardless of the trimester.

Board of Health Members

Fred Agel Governance Award, Board of Health Section – Mr. Barlow was nominated and chosen to receive the award at the March 22nd – 23rd Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA) Conference held in Atlanta. Mr. Barlow stated that he was honored to have been nominated and chosen to receive the award.

Mr. Barlow advised the board members that for the Fayette County Board of Health to prosper and function, he would be asking for a vote at the next meeting to change the meetings to monthly instead of bi-monthly. Mr. Toles suggested the stipend go toward providing lunch.

Public Comments

Mr. William Folger spoke to the board regarding a septic tank installation issue at his residence in Newton Plantation. Mr. Barlow agreed to have Robert Kurbes take the information to the county attorney, Mr. Dennis Davenport, for further direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am, by motion of Dr. Bonney, seconded by Mr. Toles.

David Barlow, Chairman

Date

The next Fayette County Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for 7:30am on May 10th, 2016th in the Fayette County Public Meeting Room.

Copies of reports handed out at meeting available upon request.