

Minutes of the Meeting - draft
Health & Human Services Commission
December, 3, 2009 8:45 AM
Vine Cottage

Present:

Commission Members: Lissa Barker, Teresa Bowling, David Brown, Tom Ferguson, Tom Greenbaum, Bev Greenberg, Jim Lisher, Lance Minor, and Carlyn Tiefenthaler

Staff Members: Carol McDonald, Tony Phillips and Rich Werner

The meeting was called to order at 8:45am by commission chair Jim Lisher.

1. Approval of November 5, 2009 Minutes: Minutes of the Nov. 5th meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Staff Reports

a. Health Department: Rich Werner distributed a detailed report covering the following issues: 1) H1N1 and seasonal influenza update; 2) 2d and 3d H1N1 vaccine clinics to be held at Lapham on 12/14 & 12/21; 3) ER visits and school absences are twice what they were last year for influenza like illnesses (ILI); 4) Spray paint booth at NC Auto Body may be causing odor in area; 5) The Irwin pool house septic system installed; 6) Increase in ticks brought in for testing (most engorged, hide in leaf piles); 7) Daycare for staff at NC public schools is being considered and Health dept. is consulting on public health and environmental issues. See full report for details.

b. Youth Services: Tony reported 18 youth members in YAPB. They discussed an underage drinking project. Caroling and cookie decorating will be on Dec. 16th. The DVP 7-town initiative "Hit Me on My Cell" is tonight at Saxe. He and NCPD's youth officer held 3 parent meetings at daycare centers and nursery schools to address safety issues. There is a high need for in-home counseling (family strengthening program). There will be an Assets luncheon at the Y on 12/17. The Parent Exchange is funded by the Exchange Club. DCF is trying to cast a wider net. State grant money is in the bank, though we may have to return 5%.

c. Human Services: Carol reported 50+ seniors attended Bingo at Lapham this week and 30 participated in a memory screening. 5 referrals were made. HHS met with St. Marks to discuss possible recipients of grant money from Mayfair. NC Cares has formed the Leadership Coalition; see their website for details. Nursing & Home Care met with Jim, Carol and Dr. Brown to discuss home assistance needs. The food pantry served 61 families/155 residents last week and 20 hot Thanksgiving meals were provided to seniors. Walter Stewart's, the Young Women's League, St. Aloysius and others contributed. Holiday activities are in full swing; there will be gifts for 50 families, 86 children and 25 seniors this year. Many local groups are helping.

3. Public Health Subcommittee Report: Tom G reported that he and Tom F have selected 3 themes: obesity (focus on all ages), prescription drug abuse/addiction (main focus on teens), and falls on ice (main focus on seniors). Since our media budget is committed, it was suggested they collaborate with the NCPD's "Lock Your Meds" program, with the Y on obesity, and with Lapham Sr. Center on preventing falls on ice.

4. Emergency Health Planning Sub Committee Report: Lissa B and David B will attend the PHERT H1N1 flu meeting on Dec. 9th at Lapham.

5. Adults/Seniors Sub Committee Report: Covered in HHS report.

6. Youth Subcommittee Report: Lance reported that "Choices" is still in planning stages. YAPB members don't want ads. The Advertiser will run 4 Alcohol Awareness ads (1 per week) starting next week, and ran his personal story on today's front page.

7. Old Business: Jim reported that the Channel 79 program "Dealing with Stress and Depression in Trying Times"

may or may not take place this month, due to production staff uncertainties.

8. New Business:

1. RFP's plan for next fiscal year budget: The budget committee (Barker, Ferguson, Lisher and Tiefenthaler) will meet here after this meeting.
2. Group photo was taken for the Annual Report.

The next meeting is at 8:45 AM, Thursday, January 7, 2010 at Vine Cottage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lissa Barker, Secretary