

# Henderson County Board of Health

## Minutes

Regular Meeting – June 11, 2024

Classroom of the Henderson County Department of Public Health  
1200 Spartanburg Highway Hendersonville, NC 28792

### I. Call to Order

The Henderson County Board of Health meeting was called to order by Dr. Maggie Hayes, Chairperson, at 6:00 p.m.

<b>Members Present</b>	Kathleen Baluha, Registered Nurse Maggie Hayes, Physician – Chairperson Jennifer Hensley, General Public Member Bill Lapsley, County Commissioner Kenesha Smith, Pharmacist – Vice Chairperson Haley Perry, Optometrist Scott Prechter, General Public Member
<b>Members Not Present</b>	Jeffrey Young, Professional Engineer John Bryant, General Public Member Leslie Leidecker, Veterinarian Alison Reid, Dentist
<b>Staff Leadership Present</b>	Dave Jenkins, Health Director Camden Stewart, Administrative Officer Crystal O’Dell, Director of Nursing Seth Swift, Environmental Health Director

### Quorum Present

### II. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Dr. Maggie Hayes asked board members if they were prepared to approve the proposed agenda. **Motion:** Ms. Baluha made a motion for the agenda to be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lapsley. **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### III. Approval of the May 14, 2024 Minutes

Dr. Hayes requested approval of the May 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

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**Motion:** Dr. Hensley made a motion for the minutes to be approved and it was seconded by Dr. Smith. **Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### IV. Public Comments

None.

#### V. Presentations & Reports

##### **Pertussis Outbreak Update**

Ms. Crystal O'Dell updated board members about the ongoing Pertussis Outbreak in Henderson County. The current case count as of 6/12/2024 is 119 cases. The outbreak will officially be over if there are no new cases for 21 consecutive days. There has not been a new case in 17 consecutive days. The department continues to have consistent communication with community partners and is conducting outreach with local summer camps to discuss signs and symptoms of pertussis, how to seek testing, and appropriate treatment.

##### **2024 Staff Satisfaction Survey**

Mrs. Camden Stewart shared the findings of the recent survey and contrasted the responses to 2023. Close to 80% of staff participated in the survey. More than 97% of staff strongly agreed or agreed that the work of the organization positively impacted people's lives. Over the last year, the staff's level of satisfaction with their involvement in decisions that affected their work has improved. Over 68% staff strongly agreed or agreed with that statement now compared to 58% in 2023. Mrs. Stewart also stated that the feedback is helpful in supporting the strategic plan and workforce development initiatives moving forward.

##### **Health Director's Monthly Report**

Mr. Dave Jenkins shared the following:

- Dr. Samantha Roberts, Veterinarian, was appointed to the Board of Health. Her initial appointment will be effective beginning July 1, 2024 and will expire on July 1, 2027. Dr. John Bryant, Dr. Maggie Hayes, Dr. Kenesha Smith, have all agreed to serve an additional term.
- The Health Department participated in the May Mental Health Awareness month social media campaign in partnership with many other community organizations.
- All are encouraged to participate in the Community Health Assessment survey. The survey can be accessed here: <http://www.prcsurvey.com/begin/WNC2024>
- The NC Association of Local Health Directors meets monthly. Mr. Jenkins attends these meetings regularly to participate in shared learning with other health directors and interact with state legislators.

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Mr. Jenkins also requested the board's feedback related to regular reporting of expenditures/revenues and programmatic performance measures. He will present a version of these reports to the board during the next meeting for additional input.

**VI. Old Business**

**VII. New Business**

**Approval of Nominating Committee for Officers**

The board agreed to move forward without a nominating committee. The officers for FY24/25 will be nominated and selected in the board's next organizational meeting.

**Approval of FY 24/25 Board of Health Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Jenkins informed the board of a scheduling conflict with upcoming Board of Health meetings and the NC Local Health Directors monthly meeting. He asked the board to consider moving their meetings to another day of the week and month. The board will be asked to vote on and approve a meeting schedule for FY24/25 during their organizational meeting.

**VIII. Discussion**

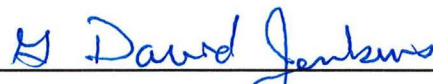
No further discussion.

**IX. Adjournment**

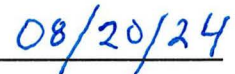
**Motion:** Ms. Baluha made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dr. Smith.

**Vote:** The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:



Secretary to the Board/Health Director



Date

*Approved by the Henderson County Board of Health at the August 19, 2024 meeting.*

