

**Cherokee County Health Department BOH Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday May 8, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m. – Health Department Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Chris Dickey, John Hyer, Brett Nourcier, CB McKinnon, Mike Bradberry, Dr. Jeff Martin and Lisa Williams, RN,

**Absent:** Jerry Townson

**Public Present:** None

**Meeting Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Dickey called the meeting to order.

**Invocation:** CB McKinnon gave the invocation.

**Public Comments:** None

Mary Lane, MD was introduced to the Board of Health and provided a general background on her experience and specialty and how it fits nicely with the core services provided in the Health Department.

**Approval of:**

- a) **Approval of minutes:** Members reviewed and approved the minutes for the March 13, 2017 meeting. Mike Bradberry made the motion to approve the meeting minutes Brett Nourcier seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Immunization Fee Schedule:** David Badger, Health Director presented the recommended fee schedule per CPT code. The Board discussed at length the rationale to reduce the fees in line with the departments cost analysis and contractual reimbursement rates. The current fee schedule had been set at rates significantly above the contractual reimbursements and actual cost to provide the service; leading to a reduction in the immunizations from non-insured clients. Board members Hyer and Martin helped to explain the nuances of reimbursements based on contractual amounts regardless of the charges submitted and the requirement to charge the same amount to all consumers. The recommended fees are set to maximize reimbursements and cover costs in providing the services without penalizing non-insured consumers. Brett Nourcier made the motion to approve the fee schedule as presented; Jeff Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Approval of CDL Physical Exam fee:** David Badger, Health Director presented the recommended charges for CDL physicals based on the departments cost analysis and forgoing market rates for physicals by area providers. It was discussed among the Board the time necessary to complete the required patient exam, medical history and reporting requirements along with the urinalysis and medical supplies used during a routine physical. Discussion focused on maintaining an affordable charge that was not punitive while covering costs in provided services. Mike Bradberry made the motion to adopt the CDL Physical fee as presented; Lisa Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Health Director Comments:**

- a) The departmental reports for Clinic, Lab, FLI and Environmental Health were provided to the Board for review. Items specifically discussed were the first positive rabies in three years and the reporting and quarantine procedures for managing the rabies program. It was highlighted the well applications to date have increased 30% from the prior year and on-site applications have increased 3% to date.
- b) David Badger informed the Board on progress in implementation of CureMD and the June 6 go live date. Candace Baldwin, DON, gave a presentation on the new telemedicine equipment and how the units will be utilized to allow greater access for students and the community to our MD. David Badger also reported at this time the department is fully staffed.
- c) David Badger and the Board had general discussion around proposed legislation in the NC General Assembly that could impact the Health Departments operations.
  - i. SB 74 which would require local health departments to follow the *Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control* as recommended the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians. It was discussed the many local Health Departments have established local rules to begin following the recommendations set forth in the Compendium. In light of the legislation we feel it is prudent to wait and see if it passes before taking unnecessary action in establishing a local rule.
  - ii. We informed the Board on the Senate proposal to provide \$7.5 Million in recurring funds so that each county can use \$75,000 to fund a full-time Communicable Disease nurse. Discussion was had around our current position that is split between STD, CD and clinic and with the increase in Hepatitis C and the concern with coinfections with other diseases the full-time position is much needed.
  - iii. We discussed HB 250 which would require the permitting and regulation of Body Art not just tattoos and the annual renewal of those licenses. If passed we will need to establish an appropriate fee and incorporate that into the work flow of our Food, Lodging and Institutions inspections.

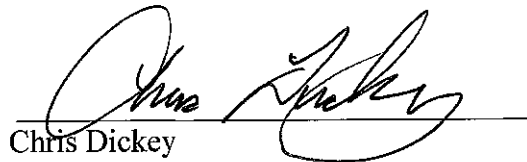
**Executive Session:** None

**Other Comments:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held on July 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Cherokee County Health Department Conference Room.



David Badger  
Health Director, Clerk to the Board



Chris Dickey  
Board Chairman