

SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, July 18th, 2022

Attendance: Board Members- Dr. Jeffrey Bell, Dr. Shane Sundlie, Robert Butler, Cassie Faircloth, Allie Ray McCullen, Commissioner Lethia Lee, Yire Hernandez
Health Department and Administration Staff- Wanda Robinson, Cherish Allen, Tamra Jones, Kelly Parrish, Kory Hair, Edwin Causey.

- I. **Call to Order:** Jeffrey Bell
- II. **Invocation:** Commissioner Lethia Lee
- III. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) May 16, 2022 SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting minutes
Motion to approve made by Robert Butler; 2nd by Cassie Faircloth. All in favor.
- IV. **COVID-19 Update:** Kelly reported numbers are going up. There were 128 cases in April, 279 cases in May, 486 cases in June, 465 cases from July 1st through today, July 18th. Increase is Nationwide. There are new variants going around. Hospital admissions have increased by 14% nationally. Kelly also reported that Flu was going around. Pediatric COVID vaccines will be administered at SCHD starting tomorrow, 7/19/2022. There is a new chart explaining guidelines for COVID vaccines to include pediatrics and immunocompromised patients. Kelly brought laminated copies for Committee.
- V. **HIPAA:** Cherish reviewed the new Email addition to the HIPAA policy. There will be strict guidelines and client will be informed of all the risks of sending medical information via email. See addition. Motion to approve addition to the HIPAA policy made by Cassie Faircloth; 2nd by Yire Hernandez. All in favor.
- VI. **Financial**
 - a) Monthly Update: Tamra reviewed the activity summary for the year vs previous year. WIC numbers have gone up. No questions. Medicaid revenue was reviewed. Tamra stated that we are well above what we anticipated receiving. Local revenues are above anticipation as well. June numbers will be updated at the next meeting. Wanda stated the graphs really show how well the LHD is doing and how numbers have increased. No questions. See all reports and graphs attached.
 - b) SCHD Fee Schedule/CPT Update: Rabies titer has increased from \$69.00 to \$100.00 due to shipping costs. There are 3 new labs/CPT codes added for Naterra lab (previously using Wake Forest Baptist). These labs are necessary for patients of the Maternal Health Program. Motion to approve Fee Schedule/CPT Update made by Cassie Faircloth; 2nd by Lethia Lee. All in favor.

- c) 22-23 Fee Schedule: This is the full fee schedule for the Sampson County Health Department (see attached). Fee schedule has already been approved by County Commissioners. Tamra made note to the ones that had 7/1/2022 by them, included revisions such as price change, were new additions, etc. CPT Codes/Fees approved tonight are not currently on this fee schedule.
- d) Rural Health Grant Funds-\$150,000: Received this grant in the total of \$150,000. This grant helps indigent clients with Maternal Health/Family Planning/Primary Care needs. This is a three-year grant, funds are for one year. Application must be renewed yearly. Motion to accept the funds in total of \$150,000 made by Robert Butler; 2nd by Cassie Faircloth. All in favor.
- e) AA 546 CD Nurse Position: Funding has been provided by the State in the amount of \$287,918.00 to assist with Communicable Disease Pandemic Recovery. Wanda shared the H61 Legislative Report/Bill Summary, which explains how these funds were divided between LHDs. Wanda stated we have been asking for this for 10-15 years. One CD nurse is not enough for the Health Department. These funds allow the SCHD to bring in an additional CD nurse. LHD will have to report how funds are spent and will be watched and audited by the legislature. Wanda expressed the appreciation for these funds. Motion to approve funds for new CD nurse position made by Allie Ray McCullen; 2nd by Cassie Faircloth. All in favor.

VIII. Health Directors Comments:

- a) Wanda mentioned that Juul merchandise has been pulled from shelves. She stated this is a great move for Public Health.
- b) Wanda reviewed an email from the state regarding Family Planning clinical services. The email explained that with recent news of the Supreme Court decision, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, overruling Roe v. Wade and Casey v. Planned Parenthood; there are no changes with the Title X rules or family planning services happening in North Carolina. See attached email for further information on this. Wanda explained that any time changes like this are made, LHDs are always at risk for change in funding or supply.
- c) Wanda reviewed the WIC update: Average caseload for the Sampson County Health Department WIC program last FY was 2050. Current case load is 2182. Currently we are receiving \$16.60 per participant. There was an increase in funding for the FY 22-23. This FY WIC received \$417,125. That is a difference of \$47,044 from last FY. The WIC program has a temporary infant formula flexibility of non-contract formulas. This allows formulas that are not typically on the approved list to be used if the requested formula is unavailable (see handout for detailed information). WIC is submitting a formula shortage questionnaire twice a week. Once submitted to the stated they will be able to troubleshoot and detect where shortages are. See handout for additional formula shortage information.

