

Wake County Human Services Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2015

Board Members Present

Frank Eagles, Pablo Escobar, Dr. Sharon Foster, Leila Goodwin, Fiorella Horna-Guerra, Kent Jackson, John Myhre, Dr. Rosine Sanders, Dr. James Smith, Stephanie Treadway, Angie Welsh, Commissioner James West, Dr. Seth Wexler, McKinley Wooten

Staff Members Present

David Ellis, Regina Petteway, Scott Warren, Dr. Joseph Threadcraft, Melinda Clark, Paul Gross, Bob Sorrels, Rosena West, Sue Lynn Ledford, Amina Shah, Alicia Arnold

Guests Present

Billy Smith, Dr. James Parham, Eugenia Pleasant, John Odom, Howard Manning, Pam Dowdy

Call to Order

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 am and thanked everyone for their commitment to the Human Services (HS) Board.

Reflections

Mr. Pablo Escobar reflected on the work the HS Board has been doing with regards to Human Capital Development (HCD) and Healthiest Capital County (HCC) Initiative. This work relies on the ability of people to help themselves through their strengths. The Board holds this as its fundamental value. Mr. Escobar said he would like to invoke that virtue going into advocacy season. Just as the Board members ask citizens to rely on their strengths, they should do the same as they advocate for their priorities.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the March, 2015 meeting minutes (with corrections).

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on May 28, 2015 from 7:30-10:00 am in Swinburne Human Services Center, Room 2132.

Oath of Office for New Board Member, Mr. Kent Jackson

Mr. Scott Warren thanked the HS Board for its support and Chairman of Board of Commissioners (BOC), Dr. West for approving the 2 new positions of Child Protective Services paralegals for the County Attorney's office.

Mr. Warren delivered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kent Jackson as HS Board member.

Proposed Wake County Tobacco Ordinance [PH Accreditation Benchmark # 30.10]

Ms. Sue Lynn Ledford presented the Wake County Proposed Smoking and Tobacco Use Ordinance, which would prohibit smoking (as defined in NCGS § 130A-492 (16)) and use of tobacco products, including vapor products (as defined in in NCGS § 14-313 (3a), (4), and (5)), in the following places:

- County buildings, as defined in NCGS § 130A-492 (8)
- County vehicles, as defined in NCGS § 130A-492 (9)
- County grounds, as defined in NCGS § 130A-492 (6) including, but not limited to: County Parks Systems, including playgrounds and athletic fields; County Greenways, Trails and Parks

The existing ordinance (passed on August 20, 2007) prohibits all smoking, as defined in G.S 130A-492, in all buildings owned, leased or occupied by the county. It also prohibits all smoking within 50 linear feet of a building owned, leased or occupied by the county which houses a Human Services Department.

There is difference between smoke-free and tobacco free. Smoke free prohibits the use or possession of a lighted tobacco product (does not include e-cigarettes). Tobacco free prohibits the use of any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco (includes e-cigarettes).

Tobacco remains the #1 leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. The reason for this policy change for is that currently, Wake County only has smoke-free buildings, which does not include all tobacco products.

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A discussion was held among the Board members about the potential issue in enforcing this ordinance. Mr. Escobar stated that some individuals may see it as a violation of their individual rights. The Board discussed that it is important to consider situations when individual rights impact the overall public's rights.

Mr. John Myhre made the motion to recommend this presentation to the BOC, seconded by Ms. Raynor and approved unanimously by the Board.

*Proposed Ordinance attached to April agenda packet.

2015-2020 Housing and Community Revitalization Consolidated Plan

Ms. Annemarie Maiorano presented the 2015-2020 Housing and Community Revitalization Consolidated Plan. The specific action requested of the Board was to endorse the Plan to the BOC. The Consolidated Plan is a 5 year strategic plan that describes the housing and community development needs of low-income families in Wake County, defines the Priority Populations to be served, and explains how the Housing Division will address the needs with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and County funds over the next fiscal year. The federal grants that are included in the Consolidated Plan are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Submission of the Consolidated Plan is required by HUD in order to receive these grants.

A one-year Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Plan and presents the specific actions to be carried out in the next fiscal year (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) using the grant funds, County funds and program income generated from grant expenditures in prior program years. The total anticipated budget for next year is \$4,401,631. Of that, \$3,401,631 is from federal grants and program income. The plan will go to the Board of Commissioners on May 4, 2015 for approval.

The following population groups were identified by the community as top priorities in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan for funding over the next five years. These groups were chosen because they have the greatest housing need:

High Priority:

- Renters earning at or below 40% Area Median Income (AMI) (currently \$30,400 for a household of 4 per year);
- Homeless individuals and families;
- Non-homeless individuals and families with special needs.

Medium Priority:

- Renters earning at or below 50% AMI (currently \$38,000 for a household of 4 per year);
- Homeowners earning at or below 50% AMI.

Low Priority:

- Renters earning at or below 80% AMI (currently \$60,800 per year);
- Homeowners earning at or below 80% AMI.

The Plan outlines the following objectives and outcomes for 2015-2020:

- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing
 - Goal #1: Affordable Housing Development
 - Outcome: Affordability
 - Indicator: 130 Rental units constructed
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing
 - Goal #2: Housing Rehabilitation
 - Outcome: Affordability
 - Indicator: 250 housing units rehabilitated
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing
 - Goal: Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Youth aging out of Foster Care
 - Outcome: Affordability
 - Indicator: 75 Youth assisted with rental assistance
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing
 - Goal: Rental Assistance and case management for people with HIV/AIDS
 - Outcome: Affordability
 - Indicator: 605 households assisted
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing
 - Goal: Rental Assistance for homeless men
 - Outcome: Affordability
 - Indicator: 175 homeless men assisted
- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing
 - Goal: Homeless Multi-Services Center
 - Outcome: Availability/Accessibility
 - Indicator: 3,000 households assisted
- Objective: Create Economic Opportunities
 - Goal: Job Training for Homeless Men
 - Outcome: Availability/Accessibility
 - Indicator: 100 persons assisted
- Objective: Create Suitable Living Environments
 - Goal: Public Facilities and Improvements
 - Outcome: Availability/Accessibility
 - Indicator: 17,685 households assisted

The two tables below illustrate the Revenue sources for the Housing and Community Revitalization Program and the Expenditures, described by program as well as source.

Revenues FY 2015-2016	CDBG	HOME	HOPWA	County CIP	Total
Federal Revenues	\$1,513,681	\$529,804	\$536,156		\$2,579,641
Program Income (estimated)	\$270,000	\$220,318	\$7,000	\$170,000	\$667,318
CDBG Public Facility Match	\$324,672				\$324,672
County Funding				\$830,000	\$830,000
Total Revenues	\$2,108,353	\$750,122	\$543,156	\$1,000,000	\$4,401,631

Expenditures FY 2015-2016	CDBG	HOME	HOPWA	County CIP	Total
Administration	\$302,736	\$52,980	\$16,085		\$371,801
Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$804,307				\$804,307
Public Facilities	\$946,310				\$946,310
Public Services	\$55,000				\$55,000
Affordable Housing Development		\$545,142		\$643,193	\$1,188,335
Rental Assistance for Youth aging out of Foster Care		\$152,000			\$152,000
Rental Assistance for Mentally Disabled				\$300,000	\$300,000
Support Circles Position				\$56,807	\$56,807
HOPWA			\$527,071		\$527,071
Total Expenditures	\$2,108,353	\$750,122	\$543,156	\$1,000,000	\$4,401,631

*Plan attached to April agenda packet

Regional Networks of Care Annual Report

Mr. Bob Sorrels presented the 2015 Regional Networks of Care Report. This report describes the regional service delivery model of Wake County Human Services with

highlights from 2014 and priorities and focus areas for the future. It describes the different regions of the County with their facilities, history, evolution, leadership, and services. Each regional center, as each one has unique needs.

The Regional Network of Care includes facilities located in Northern, Eastern, Southern, Western, North Central, and East Central Wake County.

Regional Centers Directors and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairs:

- Northern Regional Center (NRC)
 - Ross Yeager, Director
 - Eugenia Pleasant, CAC Chair
- Eastern Regional Center (ERC)
 - Darryl Blevins, Director
 - Dr. James Parham, CAC Chair
- Southern Regional Center (SRC)
 - Rosena West, Director
 - Billy Smith, CAC Chair
- North Central Region, Millbrook Human Services Center
 - Petra Hager, Director
 - John Odom, CAC Chair
- Western Regional Center (WRC)
 - Deborah Dolan, Consultant
 - Howard Manning, CAC Chair
- Crosby-Garfield Center
 - Lechelle Wardell, Project Consultant

Each CAC Chair was asked to identify the priorities and challenges of the region.

*Report attached to April agenda packet

State of the County Health (SOTCH) Report [PH Accreditation Benchmark # 1.3, 38.1, 38.2]

Dr. Edie Alfano-Sobsey presented the SOTCH Report. The purpose of this report is for the Committee to receive and accept 2014 SOTCH Report in accordance with Public Health Accreditation Benchmark # 1.3, 38.1, 38.2. The action requested is to accept and recommend report to Human Service (HS) Board.

On years the Department does not do a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), it is required to present the SOTCH Report.

The SOTCH Report provides information health concerns identified in the 2013 CHNA and updates actions taken to address them. The 3 top priority areas are:

- Poverty and unemployment
- Health care access and utilization
- Mental health and substance abuse

For each priority area, there is an objective and types of intervention:

- Intervention targeting health disparities
- Individual change interventions
- Policy or environmental change interventions

For each type of intervention, the Report includes:

- Intervention
- Strategy
- Community partners
- Update on progress

The Report also presents major causes of morbidity and mortality, changes affecting health concerns, emerging disease issues, and new health initiatives. The Overview of Major Morbidity and Mortality section highlights 5 leading causes of death in Wake County including cancer, heart disease, cerebrovascular diseases, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and all other unintentional injuries. The major causes of morbidity in Wake County are cancer, cardiovascular disease, and sexually transmitted infections.

A discussion was held on the increase in syphilis cases. Ms. Ledford stated that the rise in syphilis is due to the increased use of social media and other apps that make it easy to find partners for sexual intercourse.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept this report.

*Report included in 2015 Orientation and Training Handbook

Board Committee Chairs Reports

Dr. Sharon Foster said the Public Health Committee is focused on meeting PH Accreditation benchmarks during its meetings.

The 2015 County Health Rankings was recently published and Wake County was not #1, although it has improved in many areas. Wake County needs to focus on increasing prenatal care. A budget expansion request related to prenatal care will be going up to the BOC in the coming month.

Ms. Angie Welsh provided an update on the Social Services Committee. She talked about the success of the Human Capital Development (HCD) Summit and the participants' satisfaction with the event. The Committee will study the report prepared by staff and develop recommendations for next steps for HCD.

Environmental Services Director's Report

Wake County Water, Sewer, and Road Financial Policy [PH Accreditation Benchmark # 9.1]

Dr. Joseph Threadcraft gave an update on the approved Wake County Water, Sewer, and Road Financial Policy. This item was presented for information only, and the action required of the Committee was to recommend the presentation to the Human Services (HS) Board.

Wake County Board of Commissioners (BOC) adopted the existing policy in 1998, which established the County's role for water and sewer projects. This existing policy was revised because of 3 main reasons:

1. Recent community requests for County assistance. In the evaluation of these requests, it was determined that the current policy does not provide the guidance to address their issues.
2. The 1998 policy had a section on the implementation of a countywide water and sewer plan, which has been completed with the merger of municipal utilities in the early 2000's
3. To reflect County's current water and sewer development role in RTP.

Changes to the 1998 policy include:

- Revised County Principles and Roles statements
- Removal of the section "Implementing the Water and Sewer Plan"
- Revised the Economic Development section to focus on the County's role in providing service to the County portion of the Research Triangle Park
- Removed the existing section on "Failed non-municipal systems"
- Added a section on "non-municipal community and individual wells that have become contaminated or otherwise degraded"
- Added a section on "Failed non-municipal community and individual sewer systems"
- Added a section on "Transfer of roads designed and planned to be public, but have failed to be accepted into the NC Department of Transportation maintained highway system."

The principles behind the updated policy are:

- Water, sewer, and road service should attract development to areas in and around municipalities
- The County should not own, operate, or maintain water or sewer systems or public roads
- The County should encourage regional solutions and partnerships

BOC approved and adopted the policy on April 6, 2015.

*Presentation attached to April agenda packet

Fracking Q/A [PH Accreditation Benchmark # 9.1]

Dr. Threadcraft gave an update on general fracking questions and answers from Environmental Services. The purpose of the update was to provide clarifying information to include the reference source relative to questions and concerns received to date. This was an informational item only and the action requested of the Committee was to forward presentation to HS Board.

The relevance of the Fracking Q/A to HS Board is that HS Board members have raised concern about the potential impact of fracking on water quality. Furthermore, a Wake County resident raised a concern during the public comment period at the January 5, 2015 BOC meeting that fracking near the Jonesboro fault line could cause an earthquake uncovering spent control rods and thereby cause a nuclear incident.

*Presentation attached to April agenda packet

Sedimentation Control Commission Memorandum of Agreement [PH Accreditation Benchmark # 9.1]

Ms. Melinda Clark presented the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the NC Sedimentation Control Commission and Wake County. This item was presentation for informational only and the action requested of the PH Committee was to recommend to HS Board.

The State has requested Wake County to amend the Memorandum of Agreement between the NC Sedimentation Control Commission and Wake County to clarify that the NC Sedimentation Control Commission will maintain exclusive jurisdiction to administer the Sedimentation and Pollution Control Act (SPCA) for all land disturbing activities that are related to oil and gas exploration.

*Presentation attached to April agenda packet

Human Services Director's Report

Ms. Regina Petteway deferred her report to next month.

She mentioned the mock PH Accreditation Site Visit Meeting coming up on May 20-21, 2015.

She thanked the HS Board and the Women's Commission for doing a great job in moving forward toward their goals.

Chair's Report

Dr. Smith talked about the Advocacy Committee conference call held recently. The Board will get an update on the priorities identified for advocacy.

Public Comment Period

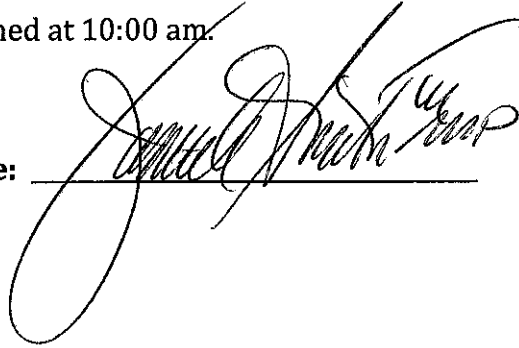
Ms. Pam Dowdy asked the HS Board for its support in requesting funding from Wake County Manager's Office for Wake County SmartStart. SmartStart is a private, not for profit organization that works to ensure that children (birth to 5 years old) are prepared for success in school and life. It supports the development of children through early childhood initiatives and interventions. The request for funding ranges from \$162,000 (supports 1 class) to \$488,000 (supports 3 classes). SmartStart cannot get money from the State without a County match.

Dr. Kent Earnhardt said Wake County promotes unhealthy behavior. In its facilities, there are vending machines for unhealthy snacks. There is also a TV monitor in one of the clinics for soap operas, which can be used for promoting health education. There is also an exit without a stop sign near a Food Lion in this area.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Board Chair's Signature:

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Date:

5/28/15