

April 06, 2022 (Regular)

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGUALR MEETING**

The Burke County Board of Health met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 06, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom. Zoom provides video, phone, and chat service through a cloud-base and peer-to-peer software platform. All meeting participants could hear and see one another for the duration of the meeting. Any citizens that joined the meeting by telephone could only hear the meeting. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 700 East Parker Road in Morganton, North Carolina. Members present were:

**PRESENT:** Dr. Anthony Frank, Vice Chair  
Barry Nelson  
Gwen Stephens  
Dr. Joel Welch  
Johnnie Carswell  
Dr. Nicholas Thomas

**ABSENT:** Isaac Crouch, Chair

**ALSO PRESENT:** Danny Scalise, Health Director  
Chia Yang, Administrative Assistant III  
Dr. Laura Gratton  
Nathaniel Hall

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Anthony Frank called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Swearing in Board of Health member**

Dr. Laura Gratton was sworn in by Chia Yang, Public Notary

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Anthony Frank made the motion to approve the agenda and it stands approved.

<b>RESULTS:</b> APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] <b>AYES:</b> Dr. Anthony Frank, Barry Nelson, Gwen Stephens, Dr. Joel Welch, Johnnie Carswell, Dr. Nicolas Thomas, and Dr. Laura Gratton
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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Johnnie Carswell made the motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on Feb 2, 2022.

<b>RESULTS:</b> APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] <b>AYES:</b> Dr. Anthony Frank, Barry Nelson, Gwen Stephens, Dr. Joel Welch, Johnnie Carswell, Dr. Nicolas Thomas, and Dr. Laura Gratton
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**PRESENTATION:**

Nathaniel Hall, Director of Environmental Health said to BOH members, there are two programs, the onsite wastewater and permit septic systems for new constructions. We do repair systems of septic that are in repair. We permit and approve wells and take water samples. In permitting septic systems, we look at how the land is going to be developed. The other side is private drinking water wells, site the well, and inspect the well head. During construction there is a grounding that goes on and we make sure that it is done properly. We check the well head and make sure it has a good seal. We also do well repairs, if we keep getting bad samples or bad colors, we have state access to a regional and have someone come in with a camera. A camera can be inserted to see the problem then take water samples. We do bacterial samples, and it could be positive or negative and we do lead samples. There are 15 different items that we look at. We report it to the homeowner especially if there is a problem, we notify the homeowner right away, give them advice on how best to treat that water. The number one thing that we run into is iron.

The other side is Food and Lodging. We permit restaurants, food facilities, and inspect them. Depending on the facility and the level of risk to the public health, we will be in the facility 3 to 4 times a year. We also permit new restaurants and food trucks. We don't go in a private club or nonprofit organizations. The other programs are inspecting tattoo facilities but not piercing. We also do residential care, food service, and the facility itself including nursing homes, and daycares. We are also looking at pools, hotels, and motels.

**BOARD DECISION**

The Public Health Association designated April 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> as National Public Health Week and came up with **Board of Health Public Day Resolution 2022** for local health departments.

**Dr. Anthony Frank made a motion to approve April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup> as National Public Health Week and motion passes.**

**RESULTS:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Dr. Anthony Frank, Barry Nelson, Gwen Stephens, Dr. Joel Welch, Johnnie Carswell, Dr. Nicolas Thomas, and Dr. Laura Gratton

**BOARD OF HEALTH POLICY**

All policies have been looked over by HR and made recommendations. The county is not subject to Title VI; it should be changed to Title VII. The changes are grammatical and do not change the nature of the policy.

Members asked, with the policy changes, will it stay intact to meet accreditation requirements, and noticed the procedures were taken out. Danny said, there's not substantial policy changes. The procedures will be put in a Procedure Manuel book and be available. They will not be part of the policy book.

Members asked, should the policy have titles instead of name changes. HR recommended names. DHHS will be notified of the name changes in the policy. Members suggested the word illegal changed to "**will not discriminate**" in the **Non-Discrimination Policy**.

In the **Fee and Eligibility policy**, the word "**relevant**" was added, staff members at BCHD who do not deal with patients are not required to take the Title X training.

Members questioned the reference and should they be updated. Danny explained, some of the references are old and have aged but are still relevant.

**Barry Nelson made a motion to approve the Title VII Policy, Media and Communications Policy, Cultural Diversity and Sensitivity Policy, Non-Discrimination Policy, Fee & Eligibility Policy, and Staff Orientation, Education & Workforce Development Policy.**

<b>RESULTS:</b>	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
<b>AYES:</b>	Dr. Anthony Frank, Barry Nelson, Gwen Stephens, Dr. Joel Welch, Johnnie Carswell, Dr. Nicolas Thomas, and Dr. Laura Gratton

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Danny presented photos of employees at BCHD to BOH members and the year-to-date budget report. The photos are on a bulletin board for patients and staff to see. Photos of the Great Purge at BCHD were viewed and Danny said, we have a facility that belongs to taxpayers, and we are going to keep it up to the best that we can. Chairman Crouch drop off some recycle bins for the health dept to use. There were scrap books that were kept, and the earliest book found was in 1937. The health officer was appointed back in World War II. The Morganton and Valdese News Paper were adjoined when they opened Burke County Health Department on January 28, 1979. We are going to keep this kind of paper, and a lot of furniture and chairs that were broken and unsafe to keep were disposed of. Chia organized the great purge and general services helped. There are more rooms, document storage place, and we are more up to date.


This is National Public Health Week and on Friday, the staff will have a picnic outside. DSS staff will cover the phones and the front desk for one hour so the health dept can have lunch and eat together. Mr. Scalise makes his routine rounds and had a Covid Unified Command call. We interviewed and hired for the Public Health Nurse Director I position. Caleb Nanny was introduced to BOH members. We are working on getting a new PA system in the building and still moving forward. Mr. Scalise did orientation with new staff members. The budget request was submitted to finance, and it will be presented to the Board of Commissioners. We are still doing Quality Assurance meetings. Mr. Scalise met with the leaderships at the hospital about BCHD's clinicians. Dr. Lafferty

and Dr. Johanson are going to retire soon. We are going to see how we can fill those roles since they don't work for BCHD. Our medical Dr., OB/GYN, and Primary Care clinician are outsource through the hospital.

Mr. Scalise presented to the Valdese and Morganton Rotary clubs. He attended the Association through the County Commissioners ARPA Opioid Settlement Funding Summit. He had multiple meetings with Commissioner Carswell and Commissioner Mulwee and they wanted Mr. Scalise to help with the regional drug facility.

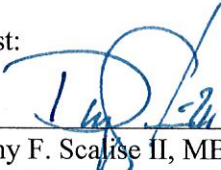
With no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Dr. Frank adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm.

Approved this the 1st day of June 2022.



Chairman  
Burke County Board of Health

Attest:



Danny F. Scalise II, MBA, MPH, CPH, FACHE  
Health Director  
Burke County Health Department