

A Special Call Meeting of the Durham County Board of Health was held September 21, 2023, with the following members present:

Roger McDougal, DDS; Rosemary Jackson, MD; Mary Braithwaite, MD, MSPH; Commissioner Nida Allam; Josh Brown; James Miller, DVM; Gene Rhea, PharmD, MHA; and Victoria Orto, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Excused Absences: Darryl Glover, OD and Anthony Gregorio, MBA

Others Present: Rod Jenkins, Rosalyn McClain, Attorney Al Andrews, Attorney Nathan McKinney, Kristen Patterson, Liz Stevens,

CALL TO ORDER: Chair McDougal reopened the meeting that began on 9/14/23 for purposes of completing the agenda. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

The Durham County Department of Public Health request the board to recognize funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child & Family Well-Being, Whole Child Health Section, Child & Family Wellness Unit to expand Triple P (Positive Parenting Program).

This grant supports the Durham County Department of Public Health's absorbing of the Wake County Triple P program. The Wake County Triple P program had historically been funded by John Rex Foundation but lost its funding during 2023. As such, the statewide Triple P system needed to merge the Wake County program into an existing, funded region. Planning on the part of the statewide PSG (Partnership in Strategic Governance) led the system to embed Wake County into the neighboring Durham County Region, under the Lead Implementing Agency of Durham County Department of Public Health. This merger includes a funding increase of \$150,000 to allow for Triple P to sustain the current level of implementation and positive parenting services to this high-density population in Wake County, with a higher-than-average population of young families and children. Funds are allocated for the coordinator position salary and fringe, travel expenses, and required Triple P America materials and resources.

The Durham County Department of Public Health request the board to recognize funds in the amount of \$265,113 from the NC DHHS Division of Public Health Epidemiology Section / Immunization Branch.

These funds are intended to continue activities that focus on removing the barriers to accessing vaccine, increasing vaccine confidence, coordinating COVID-19 vaccine services, and expanding its COVID-19 vaccination program, with an emphasis on reaching high-risk and underserved populations, including racial and ethnic minorities, and all others disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Planning and response require close collaboration among public and private sector partners, public health emergency response and emergency management, healthcare organizations, and healthcare industry groups within the community. A key component is community sustainability so that the DCoDPH is prepared for updated COVID-19 vaccines and is prepared to implement influenza vaccination both seasonally and as part of pandemic preparedness.

The Durham County Department of Public Health request the board to recognize funds in the amount of \$1,404,000 from the NC DHHS Division of Child and Family Wellbeing, Whole Child Health Section, School, Adolescent and Child Health Unit.

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These funds are intended to strengthen and maintain a strong and inclusive school health team (e.g., school nurse, health educator, school mental health professional, school social worker, and other school health-serving positions) to provide services to students. People in these positions will serve as members of a school-based health team, collaborating with local school health programs to provide COVID-19 response, recovery, and resiliency support in schools. These people will contribute to strengthening school health as part of a local health system ready for the next public health challenge. To achieve this, these funds may be used to support positions.

The Durham County Department of Public Health request the board to recognize funds in the amount of \$862,450 from NCDHHS Department of Public Health.

The funds were not provided during the regular budget development season, thus not included as revenue then. These funds will support the foundational service areas and core functions of Durham County Public Health. Core functions include: (1) preventing the spread of communicable disease, (2) ensuring food, air, and water quality are safe, (3) supporting maternal and child health, (4) improving access and linkages to clinical care services, and (5) preventing chronic disease and injury.

Dr. Rhea made a motion to approve the budget amendments in the amounts of \$150,000, \$265,113, \$1,404,000 and \$862,450. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by the board members as identified in the attendance roster above.

Dr. Orto made a motion to adjourn the special call meeting at 5:20pm. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by the board members as identified in the attendance roster above.



Roger McDougal, DDS, Chair



Rodney E. Jenkins, Public Health Director