

# L. Clarence Batts, Jr., Secretary Richard (Rick) Toomey, DHA, FACHE

Seema Shriyastaya-Patel Charles M. Joye II, P.E. David W. Gillespie, MD

## Minutes of the March 27, 2018, meeting of the South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control

The South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control met on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina. (Attachment 0-1)

The following members were in attendance: Seema Shrivastava-Patel, 2nd District David W. Gillespie, MD, 6th District

In attendance via GoToMeeting:

L. Clarence Batts, Secretary, 4th District Charles M. Joye, II, P.E., 3rd District

Not in attendance:

Richard Toomey, 1st District

5th District, 7th District and Member-at-Large seats are currently vacant.

Also in attendance were David E. Wilson, Acting Director; W. Marshall Taylor, Legal Counsel; Lisa Lucas Longshore, Clerk; Department staff and members of the public. (Attachment 0-2)

Mr. Batts called the meeting to order and stated notice of this meeting had been provided to all persons, organizations and news media, which have requested notification, as required by Section 30-4-80(e) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Mr. Batts welcomed Ms. Shriyastaya-Patel to the Board

Item1: Minutes of the January 30, 2018, conference call meeting and February 8, 2018 meeting (Attachment 1-1)

Dr. Gillespie moved, seconded Mr. Joye, to approve the minutes of both meetings as presented. The Board voted and Motion carried.

Item 2: Administrative Orders, Consent Orders and Sanction Letters issued by Health Regulation (Attachment 2-1)

Mr. Thomas Bowen, Senior Consultant, Health Regulation Policy and Communications, briefly explained the Agency enforcement process to the Board.

He stated for this reporting period one (1) Administrative Order, four (4) Consent Orders and two (2) Emergency Suspension Orders had been issued with assessed penalties of \$63,600.

The Board accepted this item as information.

Item 3: Administrative Orders and Consent Orders issued by Environmental Affairs (Attachment 3-1)

Ms. Myra Reece, Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs, stated one (1) Consent Agreement and fifty-three (53) Consent Orders had been issued with total penalties of \$77,295.

The Board accepted this item as information.

Item 4: Public Hearing for Notice of Final Regulation for Regulation 61-125, Standards for Licensing Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities, State Register Document No. 4809, General Assembly review is required (Attachment 4-1)

Ms. Gwen Thompson, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing, presented this item to the Board.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control ("Department") proposes a new regulation to establish licensure and regulatory requirements for Crisis Stabilization Unit ("CSU") Facilities. These facilities provide a short-term residential program offering psychiatric stabilization services and brief, intensive crisis services to individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

A public hearing was conducted with one person speaking in favor of the new regulation. (Attachment 4-2)

After discussion, Mr. Joye moved, seconded by Mr. Batts, that based on the public hearing and documents herein, to find for the need and reasonableness of the Department's Notice of Final Regulation for Regulation 61-125, Standards for Licensing Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities, and grant approval for submission to the General Assembly for review. The Board voted and Motion carried.

A verbatim transcript of these proceedings is included as part of the public record. (Attachment 4-3)

<u>Item 5: Public Hearing for Notice of Final Regulation amending R.30-14, Administrative</u>

<u>Procedures, State Register Document No. 4810, General Assembly review is required</u> (Attachment 5-1)

Ms. Elizabeth von Kolnitz, Chief, Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, presented this item to the Board.

The Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management ("OCRM") proposed to amend Regulation 30-14, Administrative Procedures which requires the Department to establish and review the position of the state's beachfront jurisdictional setback lines, baselines, and erosion rates once every seven (7) to ten (10) years.

OCRM proposed amending R.30-14 with respect to the review process for revising beachfront jurisdictional lines and erosion rates affecting beachfront properties. S.C. Code Section 48-39-280 required the Department to establish and review the position of jurisdictional setback lines, baselines, and erosions

rates of beachfront jurisdiction once every seven (7) to ten (10) years. Existing Coastal Division Regulation 30-14.F provides that a landowner may request a review of the jurisdictional lines or erosion rate affecting his or her property within one (1) year of adoption. However, statutory changes under Act No. 387 of 2006 limit the review of a Department decision to fifteen (15) calendar days. This proposed regulatory amendment would clarify the review process to allow sufficient time for affected landowners to understand the Department's methodology in setting jurisdictional lines and erosion rates, and bring any substantiating evidence to the attention of OCRM for staff determination. The amendment will provide landowners a timely review and would comply with Act No. 387 of 2006.

The Department published proposed revisions to the state's beachfront jurisdictional setback lines, baselines and erosions rates on October 6, 2017. Based on comments received from landowners, community leaders, the conservation community and others during the initial 30-day public comment period, the Department extended the public comment period until April 6, 2018. Existing jurisdictional lines will remain in place until final revised lines are adopted.

A public hearing was conducted with no one present wishing to speak. (Attachment 5-2)

After discussion, Mr. Joye moved, seconded by Ms. Shrivastava-Patel, that based on the public hearing and documents herein, to find for the need and reasonableness of the Department's Notice of Final Regulation amending R.30-14, Administrative Procedures, and grant approval for submission to the General Assembly for review. The Board voted and Motion carried.

A verbatim transcript of these proceedings is included as part of the public record. (Attachment 5-3)

### Item 6: Agency Affairs

Acting Director Wilson reported on the Director's Awards that were presented earlier this month. The following is a summary of a video shown to the Board about the Director's Awards.

Established in 2015, The Director's Award is the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's most prestigious employee award. It is presented annually to employees or teams who exemplify DHEC's core values.

**Pursuing Excellence** — We are steadfast in our commitment to the highest achievable standards of quality and professionalism in our pursuit of healthy people living in healthy communities. **Inspiring Innovation** — We encourage and empower our teams to find creative solutions to promote and protect the health of the public and the environment.

**Promoting Teamwork** — We foster an inclusive, collaborative environment – valuing the diversity of thoughts, experience and expertise of every team member, our stakeholders and our communities. **Embracing Service** — We embrace our responsibility to reliably serve our communities, our customers and each other in a respectful manner, relying upon clear and uncompromised commitments to integrity, trust, dependability and responsiveness.

## Pursuing Excellence - Amanda Underhill

# Project Management Coordinator for Environmental Affairs, Office of Project Management

Amanda's recent work on the ePermitting project has been invaluable to her department and the agency. Her responsibility to develop a comprehensive understanding of both the complexities and design of the software system as well as the business processes and functions of the program areas using it is critical to the project's success. Co-workers have said that despite its great challenges, Amanda handles her job with grace. Amanda goes the extra mile to sit with program area staff to gain an understanding of their

business processes. She is extremely professional, always courteously willing to answer questions and provide clarification to staff who need help with the new system.

Amanda always freely shares her knowledge and skills with her teammates and frequently encourages coworkers to be "one team." Many folks from across the agency work with ePermitting and she always encourages employees to share work and cross-train each other to ensure they all gain appropriate knowledge and learn needed skills.

Amanda is known for developing an excellent rapport with her customers because of her responsiveness, helpfulness, and professionalism. According to employees, her ability to "walk in others' shoes" helps her to anticipate and further understand the needs and desires of her customers.

# **Embracing Service** – Sharon Biggers, MPH, CHES Director, Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control

During her 23 years at DHEC, Sharon has spent 16 years focusing on tobacco prevention. One employee said, "Sharon strives to be the best in everything she sets out to do. I find her knowledge and experience inspiring! I do not think I have met anyone more passionate about the work they do."

Sharon has co-authored several scientific publications and is a contributing author to several editions of the Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Best Practices for Tobacco Prevention, listed second among nationally recognized tobacco experts and organizations.

Her community efforts contributed to tobacco research at MUSC, statewide tobacco prevention efforts through the SC Tobacco Free Collaborative, and spearheaded numerous community based tobacco prevention and cessation efforts through coalition work with SC March of Dimes, American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, MUSC, DHEC, and countless community groups. She was influential to the agency's Can Quit program in coordination with MUSC and DHEC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control.

Sharon is known for her creative solutions to the challenges inherent in her work. Sharon is currently spearheading an effort that will provide tangible resources and incentives to quit for pregnant tobacco users in counties with the highest rates of tobacco use among pregnant women.

#### **Promoting Teamwork - Upstate Training Team**

Benji Allsep, Administrative Coordinator I, Anderson County Health Department Anna Kitson, RN II, Nurse Trainer, Anderson County Health Department Allison Galloway, Breastfeeding Coordinator, Spartanburg County WIC Cory Trotter, Program Coordinator II, Anderson County Health Department

The Upstate Training Center Team officially began operation in April 2017 in response to new employee feedback regarding an increased need for coordinated, specialized training in the region. This team was charged with developing and implementing a plan to customize onboarding and training of all new staff in the region. The goal for the team was to develop a center with the new employee at its heart and building around it a framework of resources to assure the new employee is successful in all their endeavors.

The team has compiled best practices from program managers and sites to develop curricula for a variety of positions across multiple programs. Each curriculum contains, goals, objectives, time lines, varied learning techniques, links to the agency core values, success criteria and logistics needs.

One new employee said, "The learning center is a fun and interactive learning environment. The instructors at the learning center ensure that each new employee learns what they need to know in order to be a successful DHEC employee. I especially enjoyed the group interaction in the learning lab."

While the training center is a new concept in the region, they are already seeing the benefits of the framework, curricula and CQI-minded approach that is being utilized. New employees are reporting back increased satisfaction scores and supervisors are better able to utilize their time with new employees. As a result of the Upstate Training Center Team's work, the other three regions are actively researching ways to implement similar programs.

Inspiring Innovation and Pursuing Excellence - Adopt-A-Stream Team

Renee Baker, Team Leader for the Regional Laboratory, Wastewater and Rabies, Lancaster EQC Off

Emily Bores, Aquatic Biologist, Bureau of Water Anthony Doyle, Videographer, Creative Services

Dave Chestnut, Senior Scientist, Surface Water Monitoring, Bureau of Water

David Eargle, Aquatic Biologist, Bureau of Water

Scott Hagins, Bureau Operations Manager, Bureau of Water

Chad Johnson, Environmental Health Manager 1, Lancaster EQC Office

Justin Lewandowski, Aquatic Biologist, Bureau of Water

Amanda Ley, Watershed Manager, Water Quality Division, Bureau of Water

Ronnie Martin, Environmental Health Manager, Surface Water Monitoring, Bureau of Water

Heather Preston, Director of Water Quality Division, Bureau of Water

Karin Skipper, Watershed Manager, Water Quality Division, Bureau of Water

Caitlin Smith, Environmental Health Manager I, Wastewater Program, BEHS Midlands Columbia

Cody Smith, Environmental Health Manager I, MidlandsLancaster EA, Bureau of Water

Rusty Wenerick, Environmental Health Manager II, Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Section, Bureau of Water

In June 2017, the Bureau of Water announced that it was partnering with Clemson's Center for Watershed Excellence to form the South Carolina Adopt-a-Stream (SCAAS) program. This announcement was the culmination of months of effort by bureau staff to establish a citizen monitoring program.

At its heart, the goal of the SCAAS is to promote water quality awareness. This innovative program accomplishes this by creating a network of watershed stewards engaged in monitoring and tracking water quality. Volunteers are provided with science-based tools and training and can share their water quality monitoring data with others through the SCAAS database.

Over the course of this past year, the SCAAS Team, along with their Clemson partners, have worked tirelessly to get the program up and running.

Team members have engaged and formed relationships with community groups and citizen volunteers. The team has gone to events to promote the program and has worked collaboratively to solve problems to ensure that the SCAAS program maintains the highest standards of quality and professionalism.

The SCAAS team has engaged and inspired new citizen volunteers to become stewards of our water resources. These volunteers come from all walks of life. They are students and seniors, they are educators, professionals, scholars and retirees. By the end of 2017, the program had 139 volunteers monitoring at 138 registered SCAAS monitoring sites.

The Board accepted this item as information.

Being no further business, Mr. Batts adjourned the meeting.

All referenced attachments are made a permanent part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gillespie

Minutes approved this 9th day of May 2018.

ATTEST:

Mark<sup>/</sup>Flam Chairman

## Attachments

- 0-1 Agenda
- 0-2 Attendance Roster
- 1-1 Minutes of January 30 and February 8
- 2-1 Administrative Orders, Consent Orders and Sanction Letters issued by Health Regulation
- 3-1 Administrative Orders and Consent Orders issued by Environmental Affairs
- 4-1 Public Hearing for Notice of Final Regulation for R.61-125, Standards for Licensing Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities
- 4-2 Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- 4-3 Verbatim Transcript for Public Hearing on R.61-125
- 5-1 Public Hearing for Notice of Final Regulation amending R.30-14, Administrative Procedures
- 5-2 Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- 5-3 Verbatim Transcript for Public Hearing on R.30-14