

**REVISED**  
(Added Item No. 3a)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, October 5, 2009

9:00 A.M. Worksession

**AGENDA**

1. **Review of September BOCC Directives**

5 min.

It was requested that at each month's worksession, the Board of County Commissioners have the opportunity to review the previous month's directives for staff and make comments as necessary.

Resource Person(s): Mike Ruffin, County Manager, and Laura Jensen, Assistant to the County Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board review the September BOCC directives and make comments to staff as necessary.

2. **East Durham Children's Initiative**

30 min.

The East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI) is a chance for the community to come together to enable all children in East Durham to be ready for college and career. EDCI will assemble resources and work to create an environment that supports families and children. This effort, modeled after the highly successful Harlem Children's Zone, will involve the development of high quality, comprehensive, coordinated, neighborhood-based programs for children, youth, young adults, and parents.

Next steps include:

- Solicit ongoing feedback from the community, through various community events/dialogues, meeting neighbors, and the Community Conversation on October 15;
- Develop a citizen's advisory committee to provide strong neighborhood based leadership;
- Continue to plan and fill gaps – identify strengths (what's working), needs, and gaps; and begin to develop priorities and strategies to meet those needs and fill the gaps;
- Better coordinate existing services; and
- Continue to seek grant funding to help fill unmet needs.

The EDCI team is asking the community to join together to develop a successful model that can be replicated in other parts of Durham. EDCI represents an effort to ensure that Durham's children are on a path to success, starting at the cradle and ending in college and a successful career.

Resource Person(s): Wanda Boone, Minnie Forte-Brown, Barker French, and Ellen Reckhow, Co-Chairs, EDCI Steering Committee

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and advise the staff if additional action is necessary.

3. **Economic Development Update—The Durham Chamber of Commerce**

30 min.

The Board is requested to receive an update on economic development from the Durham Chamber of Commerce.

Resource Person(s): Mr. Keith Burns, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Ms. Casey Steinbacher, President and CEO, Durham Chamber of Commerce

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the update.

3a. **Durham Public Schools—Purchase of Property for New Elementary “F”**

30 min.

**On August 27, 2009, the Board of Education approved the selection and purchase of real property for New Elementary “F”. This school site is funded by the 2007 Bond and does not include construction cost at this time. The Board of Education seeks the County’s approval of the purchase price. The purchase price is \$1,870,000, and an MAI appraisal has confirmed a value of \$2,938,000. The Board of Education has reviewed its analysis and due diligence information and will present this to the Commissioners. Total expenditures will be \$1,950,000 to include surveys, testing, and other required services.**

Resource Person(s): **Hugh Osteen, Assistant Superintendent of Operational Services**

County Manager's Recommendation: **The Manager recommends that the Board receive the request and, if acceptable, move the item forward to the October 12, 2009 Consent Agenda for final approval.**

4. **Presentation: Update on Novel H1N1 Influenza**

20 min.

The Board is requested to receive a presentation on the status of the novel H1N1 Influenza (swine flu) outbreak and community prevention and mitigation plans.

In late May 2009, the Board received an update on the activities associated with the person-to-person transmission of a new influenza virus which was detected in the United States after it caused illness and death in Mexico. Since that time, the virus has spread throughout the world, resulting in the World Health Organization declaring an H1N1 pandemic.

Widespread influenza activity is currently being reported in states throughout the country, particularly those in the southeast. This level of influenza activity is very

unusual in the month of September. With this escalation, health officials declared the region to be in the second wave of the pandemic. The virus has continued to cause mild symptoms in otherwise healthy individuals. The virus has not mutated, so there is a close match between the vaccines that have been developed.

Five manufacturers have developed H1N1 flu vaccine using the same process that is used to create the seasonal flu vaccines. The FDA has approved the vaccines from four of the five companies for distribution and administration throughout the US. Delays in vaccine development resulted in fewer doses being available by October. Therefore, the initial shipments will be offered to those known to be at greater risk for becoming ill and/or developing complications from the virus and at risk of transmitting the illness.

The target populations are:

- Pregnant women;
- Caregivers and household members of children less than six months old;
- Children and young adults ages six months through 24 years;
- Health care workers and first responders; and
- Adults ages 25 – 64 who have underlying health conditions.

It is to be noted that these target populations are not listed or cited in numerical priority.

Vaccine for the priority populations in this community and the Duke affiliated practices in other communities were ordered by providers through the Health Department. Providers that will have vaccine shipped directly to their sites received provider agreements that must be signed and returned before the vaccine is shipped. The Health Department is working with community partners to assure that Durham County residents are offered and receive vaccines according to state and federal guidelines.

Also, the Health Department continues to take the lead in providing prevention messages and H1N1 updates throughout the community.

Due to rapidly changing information and guidelines from the CDC (Center of Disease Control) and WHO (World Health Organization), back-up materials will not be distributed until the day of the meeting.

Resource Person(s): Gayle Harris, Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation on the status of the novel H1N1 Influenza pandemic and preparedness and response activities.

5. **City Historic Landmarks, Background Information**

10 min.

This report is provided for information only. No action is required but any comments from the Commissioners will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

Resource Person(s): Steven L. Medlin, AICP, City-County Planning Director; and Lisa Miller, Planner

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the information and forward any comments to City Council.

6. **Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy (FLNMS) Rules Updates**

45 min.

On August 3, 2009, the Durham County Engineering Department presented a status report of the Falls Lake rules during a Board of County Commissioners Worksession. A summary of the rule-making process was discussed, and background information was handed out. A resolution proclaiming Durham County support for legislation related to nutrient management strategy rules for Falls Lake was approved and adopted August 3, 2009.

Since that time, SB 1020 was ratified and signed into law, SL 2009-486. The Falls Lake Stakeholder group has divided into several smaller subcommittees by concentrations to allow the rule creation process to move at a faster pace. According to the law, the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) must adopt final rules by January 15, 2011. NCDWQ staff has therefore said that the stakeholder process will end in December of 2009 and that draft rules must be presented to EMC by March of 2010.

The purpose of this presentation is for the Board to receive a report on the status of the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy rule-making process and to provide policy direction as the process moves forward. A draft resolution is available, and a final version of the resolution is proposed to be on the October 12 consent agenda.

Resource Person(s): Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager; Glen Whisler, P.E., County Engineer; and Chris Roberts, P.E., S&E Division Manager, Engineering Department

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review the report, review and make recommendations regarding the draft resolution and policy statements, and provide any other direction to staff.

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