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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on January 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Larry Faulkner, Dr. Mauldin, and Dr. Joan Eudy. Staff members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Becky McKeon, Shannon Henry, Dean Lambert, David Ezzell and Thomas Taylor. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

The board chairman and vice chairman were absent, resulting in a unanimous recommendation for board member Conrad Carter to preside over the meeting. Mr. Carter called the first meeting of the year to order and welcomed those present. First term general public member, Shirley Lowder and new county commissioner member, Peter Ascitutto were sworn in by Mr. Carter and Judie DeMuth, clerk to the board witnessed and notarized the Oath of Office.

The Health Director welcomed the new board members and after everyone present introduced themselves, requested that the election of officers for the health board be deferred until the February meeting. Everyone agreed and Mr. Carter then entertained a motion for approval of the November 1st, 2012 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Yowell, seconded by Dr. Dunlap and approved by the board. No comments were noted under Public Comments and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Joyner recognized Margaret Rudisill who explained that due to her recent decision to return to school, she felt it necessary to resign from her position on the board as the registered nurse member, effective immediately. She stated her intentions of continued support for the Health Department and agreed to forward recommendations for her position to the Health Director.

Board Members were informed that Mrs. Shirley Lowder and Dr. Joan Eudy were appointed by County Commissioners on December 3rd to fill the Board of Health's General Public Member seats of Debby Johnston and Aretha Sherrill. However, Dr. Eudy will be unable to attend a board meeting until February 7th, at which time she will be sworn in and take the oath of office. The commissioners also re-appointed Dr. Mauldin as the Dentist Member for a third term of office.

The Health Director updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that Ms. Jennifer Layton began work on 10/15/12 as a Health Education Specialist and she will be concentrating on health promotion efforts in the community as well as employee wellness programs for all county employees. She will also chair the Partners in Health coalition which coordinates health promotion efforts throughout the county.

Reports on expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 11/30/12 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that at 42% into the fiscal year figures and performance statistics are generally at expected levels. He added that the Dental Clinic is currently fully staffed which should result in an increase in performance as well as revenues. Board members were made aware that the performance measure of soil-site evaluations completed within 10 days of request in the Environmental Health Program was at 60% due to delays in scheduling beyond staff control. In the Animal Control Program, discussion took place concerning the low number of adoptions and an increase in rabies testing cases and bite investigations.

The Health Director discussed the possibility of scheduling a time with new board members to take a tour of the health department including the Environmental Health Office at Stanly Commons as well as the Animal Shelter on Coble Avenue. Further communication will be shared with the board as these orientation opportunities are scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

The budget process for FY13-14 was discussed and the board was informed that the County Commissioners yearly retreat is scheduled within the next few weeks, after which a due date for completed county department budgets will be set by the County Manager. The Health Director requested that a budget committee comprised of at least three board members be appointed. Mr. Carter explained that this committee, as in the past would attend a meeting with the Health Director and key department personnel to review the proposed budget before submission to the entire board, which has proven to be very helpful. Mr. Rick Cain and Mr. Carter volunteered to serve on the Board of Health Budget Committee for FY2013-14 with the understanding that since Larry Faulkner has served on this committee in the past, he should also be asked to serve on the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A December 13th memorandum from the Health Director to the County Manager and Stanly County Commissioners was shared with the board. Director Joyner explained that at the conclusion of the second public hearing on October 22nd, 2012, a decision was made by commissioners to send back the proposed Animal Control Ordinance to the Board of Health for further review in light of various comments shared at the public hearings. Board members discussed comments and concerns expressed at both public hearings at their November 1st board meeting, and a decision was reached that in order to move forward, further direction from the commissioners was needed to be able to determine specific areas of the ordinance that should be changed in order to consider revisions. Mr. Peter Ascuitto requested input from the Board of Health to report back to County Commissioners and board members agreed that due to the importance of improving and strengthening the Animal Control Program's ability to address important areas that are not adequately addressed in the current ordinance and to be able to promote responsible pet ownership in order to protect public health, any changes would need to be determined by County Commissioners. Mr. Ascuitto agreed to report at the Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, January 7th that the Board of Health is recommending the proposed Animal Control Ordinance with no additional changes made at this time. Board Members were reminded that if additional revisions are made, a third public hearing would be required before final adoption by the County Commissioners could take place.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Health Director informed the board that grant funds in the amount of \$75,000 from the Cannon Foundation, Inc. has been received. These grant funds will support the addition of two operatories in the dental clinic and will allow a more efficient area for consultative discussion and oral health education with parents/caregivers. Also, \$2,500 in grant funds from the Delta Dental Foundation, Inc. has been awarded to provide encouragement for children being seen in the WIC clinic to receive evaluations and varnishing through the Health Department Dental Clinic.

The closed session scheduled to discuss the Health Director's performance evaluation was deferred until the February board meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ascitutto made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dunlap and passed by the board.