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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on August 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. All Board Members were present with the exception of Conrad Carter and Dr. Laura Mauldin. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Debbie Bailey, Shonda Blalock and Becky McKeon. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present entertained a motion for approval of the June 4th, 2015 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Lowder, seconded by Dr. Dunlap, and approved by the board.

With no general public in attendance, no comments were noted under Public Comments and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Joyner asked to move the Home Health Performance Tracking and Activity Report listed under Other Business to the first item of business and the board concurred. Debbie Bailey, RN, Home Health Supervisor reported on the second quarter of performance in the Home Health Program. She went over infection control and adverse events/unusual occurrences and the Home Health monthly activity report which included statistical information from July, 2014 thru June, 2015. After discussion, questions and comments, Mrs. Bailey was thanked for her presentation.

Board Members were then updated on the agency's personnel status with the Health Director informing them that no changes had taken place since the June board meeting.

Reports on expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 6/30/15 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that the year-end report was consistent with budget figures and after all revenues are posted by the county finance office, the percent received should increase slightly. Also, the annual Medicaid cost settlement payment is currently on hold due to statewide disagreements with the NC Department of Medical Assistance (DMA) but a portion of the payment should be received by the end of August with some possibly being applied to the 2014-15 budget. He noted that county administration had been made aware of the issue and the NC Health Directors' Association is actively pressing for a resolution to the cost settlement delay.

Performance reports for all Health Department programs through the month of June were reviewed and Director Joyner explained that numbers are at expected levels. The number of employee wellness clinic visits was noted and he indicated that County Commissioners and the County Manager have been complimentary of the Health Department's efforts in providing this service for county employees.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Shonda Blalock, RN Clinic Nursing Supervisor gave a PowerPoint presentation and update on Communicable Disease activities at the Health Department and in Stanly County. She explained the purpose and various components of the communicable disease program and reviewed the activity report for FY2014-15.

Specific information was shared on various outbreaks that occurred during the year as well as the number of diseases investigated. Those in attendance reviewed statistical information and after time was allowed for questions and discussion, Mrs. Blalock was thanked for her presentation.

A list of patient account receivables and bad debts for the period of 7-1-14 thru 6-30-15 for all clinical programs, the dental clinic and the home health program was reviewed by the board. The Health Director discussed the information and explained that with the exception of home health, the figures presented were in line with previous years. The home health program had a higher amount of receivables due to some outstanding Medicare payments. He answered questions concerning non-payment issues and after discussion, Dr. Janice Dunlap made a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Joan Eudy and passed by the board.

Operating Procedures for the Board of Health were reviewed and after Mr. Joyner noted that there were no recommendations for changes, Chairman Faulkner entertained a motion for approval. Mrs. Shirley Lowder commented that a possible recommendation to note for next year's review would be to add a brief paragraph indicating the role of the Board in hearing certain appeals to rules and ordinances as applicable. A motion to accept the Board of Health Operating Procedures as presented was made by Dr. Dunlap. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lowder and passed by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A PowerPoint presentation was shared with the Board that updated information on the 2015 Community Health Assessment survey results. Ms. Debbie Bennett reminded everyone that this survey was a collaborative effort between Carolinas HealthCare System/Stanly Regional Medical Center and the Health Department. She expressed appreciation to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and Randy Huneycutt, IT Support Specialist at the Health Department. She also explained that a total of 1,236 surveys were received with 1,191 considered valid. Sections of the survey reviewed included selected demographic comparisons, overall health and community issues, leading causes of mortality, age adjusted rates and mortality comparisons. Ms. Bennett was thanked for her presentation and board members were reminded that the final report would be available in October, 2015 and the Board would review recommended priorities derived from the community health assessment information.

Director Joyner informed the board that a Strategic Planning Retreat has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the Stanly County Airport. He added that the Health Department's extended Management Team would be attending as well as three Board of Health members who have expressed an interest in participating; Conrad Carter, Joan Eudy and Shirley Lowder. Information from this retreat will be shared at the October or November board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Members were updated on various department activities which included plans to purchase two county vehicles as approved in the new budget. Mr. Joyner explained that final prices were being negotiated with plans to purchase within the next 3 to 4 weeks. Implementation of the new electronic health record system (Cure MD) is expected to begin soon, as all contract paperwork has been signed/approved.

The Health Director expressed appreciation to Dr. Jordan, Conrad Carter, Charles Hartsell and Steven Lemons for their participation in recent meetings to discuss the development of standards of care for large animals in Stanly County. In the near future, a draft of the proposed ordinance/guidelines will be presented to the board for their input/approval.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cain moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dunlap and passed by the board.