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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on November 6th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. All Board Members were present with Health Director Joyner and staff members Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Patti Lewis, and Charles Hartsell in attendance. 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 October 2nd, 2014 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Cain and approved by the board. With no comments noted under Public Comments, the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Joyner updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that Thomas Taylor, Information Technology Integration Specialist who is contracted by the Health Department from the County IT Department has resigned from his position as of 10/31/14. He explained that the Health Department houses this position and pays approximately 80% of the cost in order to provide IT support in all areas of the Health Department. The County IT Department is currently recruiting for this position in an effort to find a replacement as soon as possible.

Board Members were informed that recruitment for the vacant dentist position at the Health Department is still ongoing, but with Dr. Bill Burnside and Dr. Candice Crowe providing coverage weekly as needed, patients are able to be seen in a timely manner. The Health Director reminded the board that filling the vacant dentist position could possibly be a lengthy process.

Reports on expenditures and revenues for all Health Department programs including performance reports in all areas of the department, including Home Health as of 9/30/14 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that figures and performance statistics are at expected levels at 25% into the fiscal year. He added that the low number of patients seen in the WIC program was due to the state implementation of a new Crossroads computer system which required staff training in Raleigh as well as a decrease in scheduling to allow time for learning and implementing the new system.

NEW BUSINESS

Information on the Ebola Virus was distributed and the Health Director gave a PowerPoint presentation on the planning/response/exposure/statistics, etc. of this disease. The roles of Stanly County EMS, Communications/911, Stanly Regional Medical Center, Fire and local Enforcement Agencies, Stanly County Schools, all other educational facilities and the Health Department were discussed and Director Joyner answered questions explaining the Health Department's primary role concerning potential exposures to the Ebola Virus among travelers.

Board members were asked their opinions concerning a possible policy that would require Health Department employees to get a yearly flu shot. Mrs. Debora Norris from Stanly Regional Medical Center explained the current policy for all hospital staff members, stating that only two exceptions are allowed; religious exemption and medical exemption. She stated that refusal to obtain a flu shot without either exception presented can lead to termination of employment. The Health Director explained that thus far Health Department employees are encouraged but not required to get a flu shot but the possibility of including a Health Department policy to require staff to get vaccinated against the flu is being considered for next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Joyner gave an update on Board of Health members whose terms of office will expire on 12/31/14. He stated that at their last meeting, County Commissioners reappointed Larry Faulkner, General Public Member to a third term and Ric Cain, Pharmacist Member to a second term. Commissioner Ascitutto stated his appreciation for being able to participate as a Board of Health Member since January, 2013 and for the opportunity of visiting and observing the many programs associated with the Health Department. He informed the board that since two additional County Commissioners have been appointed, with 16 boards within county government that commissioner's serve on; he may not be assigned to the Board of Health for the upcoming New Year.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Health Director expressed his appreciation for board members who were in attendance at the recent dangerous dog hearing, held at the Health Department on 10/21/14. He explained that the final requirements of the ruling were not met and the dog was surrendered to Animal Control.

The possibility of changing the reclaim fee currently set at \$75, plus civil penalties as outlined in the Animal Control Program fee schedule was discussed. Director Joyner stated the need to possibly discontinue charging both an animal reclaim fee and a civil penalty for "animals running at large" because it had the effect of penalizing the owner twice for one event. After discussion, everyone agreed with checking with the county attorney to see if it would be necessary to have a public hearing to change the charges since fees and civil penalties are part of the Animal Control Ordinance.

Board Members were updated on various department activities which included the development of a minority health council by the Partners in Health coalition which is going well. Also, a new electronic health record system is being considered due to several issues with the current Insight system. More detailed information will be presented to the board before a decision is reached on this issue. Director Joyner shared information on the importance of the Health Department's WIC Program, informing the board that during FY 2013-14, clients who participate in the WIC Program brought in \$1.24 million dollars in local purchases in Stanly County.

Everyone present was reminded that at the October board meeting a decision was made to cancel the December board meeting unless a called meeting is deemed necessary by the Health Director.

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Joan Eudy made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jordan and passed by the board.