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### ***STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH***

**December 4, 2014**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Stanly County Board of Health met on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members present were Ric Cain, Conrad Carter, Dr. Joan Eudy, Dr. Amy Jordan and Larry Faulkner. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Shonda Blalock, Teri Bowers, Patricia Hancock and Becky McKeon. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Since a quorum of board members was not present and no general public was in attendance, no comments were noted and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

#### **HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Joyner updated the board on recruitment efforts for the vacant Information Technology Integration Specialist position which is contracted through the County IT Department. He stated that several interviews have been conducted with plans in place to make an offer very soon. In the dental clinic, the board was made aware that one of the dentists currently working on a part time basis has expressed an interest in full time employment. Hopefully, details can be worked out with an offer extended and agreed upon by the next board meeting.

Board Members were made aware of the appointment of Jann Lowder who will serve on the Board of Health beginning in January, 2015 as the County Commissioner representative.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A performance review form for the Health Director was distributed to the board. Mr. Joyner explained that a form had also been forwarded to the County Manager and would be forwarded to all Board of Health members in order for his review to take place at the January board meeting. All those present were instructed to complete and return the form at the next board meeting.

The handling of adoptions at the Animal Shelter was discussed and Director Joyner explained some issues with the current process. He stated that there is a 72 hour hold on stray animals at the shelter in order to allow time for an owner to reclaim their lost animal. After that time, if adoptable, the animal could be adopted by the public. The director stated that he had allowed the Stanly County Humane Society to put a hold on animals in "stray-wait" status to help assure moving animals out of the shelter once the time was up and reduce euthanasia. Likewise it benefited the humane society by occasionally getting highly adoptable animals that would help support their operation. Due to increased use of pictures and information to the general public via social media, adoptions have increased tremendously over the past year. Recent complaints from the general public have been

centered on having to pay \$150 to adopt from the Humane Society, who has been quick to take the smaller more adoptable dogs, rather than adopt directly from animal shelter for \$100 once it is out of “stray-wait” status. Pros and cons were discussed and Dr. Jordan explained the reasons for the higher cost if adopted from the Humane Society, which centered on vaccinations and micro-chipping. After discussion, board members agreed that this issue should be discussed at a future meeting with more information from interested parties to decide if changes should be made to the process.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Information concerning electronic health record systems (EHRs) being considered was reviewed including cost comparisons of annual maintenance and fees over a 10 year period, along with a map of all health departments in North Carolina referencing practice management software used in each county. Patricia Hancock, Nursing Director then shared data that was gleaned from several counties including site visits that were made to Craven and Montgomery counties. Pros and cons for Cure MD and Patagonia Health systems were shared and Mrs. Hancock explained that the information was based on vendor demonstration, discussion with current users for each system, and discussions with State Consultants, resulting in the recommendation of the Cure MD system. A consensus of the board present was to recommend the system requested by staff that has completed the review and assessment of the various systems.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Joyner brought the possibility of changing the date of the January board meeting from the first Thursday to the second Thursday. He explained that although Board of Health meetings are held the first Thursday of every month, the January meeting would be the 1<sup>st</sup>, a holiday. After discussion, there was a consensus of the board present to change the January meeting to the second Thursday, which would be January 8th at 7 PM.

With no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 8:15 PM.