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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the Stanly County Health Department. Board members present were: Larry Faulkner, Shirley Lowder, Dr. Keenya Little, Dr. Tom Norwood, Dr. Janice Dunlap, Ric Cain, Conrad Carter, Dr. Diane Daniels and Jann Lowder. Health Department Staff Present: Debbie Bennett, Becky McKeon, Patti Lewis, David Ezzell, Teri Bowers, and Health Director Dennis Joyner.

Welcome and Call to Order:

Chair Larry Faulkner welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order.

Approval of August 3rd, 2017 Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Chair Larry Faulkner presented the August 3rd, 2017 Board of Health meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

Motion: After review of the August 3rd, 2017 meeting minutes, Dr. Janice Dunlap moved that they be approved as written with a second by Conrad Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

There were no general public members in attendance requesting to speak to the board.

Health Director's Report:

- A. Personnel Update** – Mr. Joyner announced that Andrea Kepp, RN will be starting with Home Health on September 11th, 2017 to fill the final vacant nursing position. There are no other personnel updates at this time.
- B. FY2016-17 Expenditures and Revenue** – Reports for Expenditures and Revenue were presented for review and discussion. At only 8% into the new fiscal year, revenues are at 6%, with expenditures at 7% as of 7/31/17. Mr. Joyner reminded board members that it is very early in the fiscal year, but made note that Home Health and Animal Control programs both have started off in a good position. He also informed the board members of an approximately \$6,000.00 Medicaid cost settlement check that was received from the 2013 cost settlement. Mr. Joyner explained due to a change in cost settlement calculation formulas in 2013 some counties saw dramatic shifts in their Medicaid settlement amounts from previous years and some were in payback situations.

When initial settlement payments were made, the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) kept a 10% holdback to try to cover any shortfalls a county may have when DMA completes final audits of the Medicaid cost reports. As 2013 settlements have now been finalized, he noted that we are fortunate to receive a portion of that holdback instead of having to pay.

- C. Program Performance Reports** – Program performance reports were reviewed and discussed. Reports for FY2016-17 were included for comparison. Mr. Joyner stated numbers seemed consistent and pointed out that the number of County Employee Wellness clinic visits were than July of last year.

Old Business:

- A. Human Services Consolidation - Update** – Mr. Joyner stated at the September 7th County Commissioners’ meeting, they voted 4-3 in favor of consolidating the Health Department and Department of Social Services (DSS) in to one Human Services Department with a Consolidated Human Services Board. The commissioners indicated that they would like recommendations from the current Board of Health and DSS board members for individuals to serve on the new Human Services Board by October 20, 2017. After a discussion with county manager Andy Lucas, Mr. Joyner shared that they would encourage both current board members (Board of Health and DSS Board) to stay and serve on the new consolidated Human Services Board. The terms for the new consolidated board will be 4 years and members may serve two consecutive terms. Initially the Board will likely begin with staggered terms of one, two or three years, which will be decided by the board, so all members will not be starting and ending their terms at the same time. Mr. Joyner shared a list with board members of the current members of both Health Department and DSS Boards and the requirements for the new Consolidated Human Services Board, pointing out that the new board would require a minimum of 15 members. Mr. Joyner encouraged each Board of Health member to consider serving on the new Consolidated Human Services Board. There was discussion among the board members and some did express a willingness to serve. Mr. Joyner asked that board members communicate with him their decisions in place by the next Board of Health Meeting, October 5, 2017 in order to relay recommendations to the County Commissioners by their requested deadline of October 20, 2017 for appointments at their November 6 meeting. Mr. Joyner stated that once the Human Services Board is appointed, County Manager Lucas will seek their consent in hiring a Human Services Director or Interim Director. It was also noted that Tammy Shrenker, DSS Director, has resigned effective September 22, 2017. She has accepted the DSS Director position in Wayne County.

New Business:

- A. Board of Health Member Terms of Office** – With the decision to combine the Health Department and Department of Social Services into a consolidated Human Services Department with its new Human Services Board, there was no need to discuss Board of Health member terms.

Other Business:

A. Departmental Activity Update – FY17 Year-end Environmental Health Program Data Review
– David Ezzell, Environmental Health Supervisor, shared a PowerPoint presentation to give an overview of services provided by Environmental Health over the last fiscal year. Mr. Ezzell explained the primary programs Environmental Health is responsible for which is all food service inspections and on-site water protection program including septic tanks and private water wells. Additional inspection areas are public swimming pools, tattoo artists, institutions and lodging. He presented charts and numbers of the primary services they provide for the county. After time for discussion and questions, Mr. Ezzell was thanked for his presentation.

Animal Control Program Enhancements – Mr. Joyner stated one of the enhancements they would like to start is Parvo and Heartworm testing on adoptable animals to gain important health information and enhance the appeal of adoption. This will also be beneficial for rescue groups in taking some of the adoptable animals to help find them homes. This is still in the planning stages but can hopefully be implemented soon.

Dental Clinic Renovations – This will be starting in September and will include painting, new flooring, and replacing counter tops in the clinic.

Health Department Re-Accreditation Preparation - We are still in preparation for the Re-accreditation site visit which is set for October 12th and 13th. Mr. Joyner asked Larry Faulkner, Dr. Janice Dunlap and Shirley Lowder if they could be here for an interview session on October 12th at 4:30 with the site visit team.

Closed Session: - Per G.S. 143-318.11, subdivision (a)(6), a request was made by Jann Lowder to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to go into closed session with a second by Conrad Carter. Motion carried unanimously. After discussion, Shirley Lowder moved to come out of closed session; the motion was seconded by Conrad Carter and passed by the board.

There being no action taken or further business, Chair Larry Faulkner called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: A motion was made by Conrad Carter with a second by Dr. Janice Dunlap that the Stanly County Board of Health meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis R. Joyner, Secretary
Stanly County Board of Health