



**CONSOLIDATED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 – 6:00 PM

**Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance**

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Nancy Smoak	Board Member	Present	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Present	
Ric Cain	Board Member	Absent	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Absent	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Present	
Shirley D Lowder	Board Member	Present	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Mike Barbee	Commissioner	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Commissioner	Present	
Jann Lowder	Board Member	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Absent	
Michael A Williams	Board Member	Present	
TJ Smith	Board Member	Absent	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Absent	

Chair Jann Lowder called the meeting to order and provided the invocation, while Larry Gibson lead the pledge of allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. James Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Smoak, Eudy, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Barbee, Jordan, Lowder, Williams, Harbeson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cain, Thomas, Teal, Smith, Small

**Scheduled Agenda Items**

**1. 2019 Stanly County Community Child Protection Team Activity**

Mrs. Dolly Clayton presented the 2019 Stanly County Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) Activity report. She explained the history and purpose of the program which includes identifying deficiencies in the child welfare system, advocating for changes, promoting child well-being and increase public awareness. The CCPT meets in conjunction with the Stanly County Child Fatality Prevention Team on a quarterly basis. The team reviews specific cases related to suspected abuse or death, discuss with community partners and produce possible recommendations for law or policy changes. The CCPT Annual Report is presented to the Health and Human Services Board, the Board of County Commissioners and a report to the NC Division of Social Services. Mrs. Clayton allowed time for questions and comments. Board member Shirley Lowder expressed that she would like to recognize Mrs. Dolly Clayton for all her hard work with the CCPT team.

**2. Child Fatality Prevention Team 2019 Review**

Mr. David Jenkins presented the PowerPoint presentation of the 2019 Stanly County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) Activity report. He states the team's purpose is to review child fatalities of children under the age of 18 who reside in Stanly County at the time of their death. The team meets quarterly in conjunction with the CCPT team with the goal intended to reduce the number of child deaths by identifying deficiencies in delivery of services to children, make and carry out recommendations for changes that will prevent future child deaths and promote understanding of causes of child deaths. The CFPT annual report is presented to the Health and Human Services Board, the Board of County Commissioners and to the State Child Fatality Prevention Team.

**3. Animal Cruelty Investigator Discussion**

Mr. Jenkins provided information and initiated discussion on the possibility of appointing an Animal Cruelty Investigator for the county in order to address any animal cruelty issues that are dealt with from time to time. Commissioner Jordan discussed the advantage of having someone who would be able to investigate animal cruelty cases and shared that he had discussed with fellow commissioners and states Commissioner Matthew Swain, who holds an Animal Science degree, indicated his interest in that position once his County Commissioner appointment expires December, 2020. Commissioner Jordan shared that this would be a volunteer position with only travel expenses being paid, and encouraged Board members if they had someone to recommend, to please do so. Jackie DeSantis, Health and Human Services Attorney, addressed the Board to explain that this position will deal mainly with large animals such as horses, cows, pigs, where as Animal Control has the capacity to handle only dogs and cats.

Board member Shirley Lowder made a motion to table the discussion until the Board can meet in person to discuss a recommendation for an Animal Cruelty Investigator appointment, seconded by Dr. Joan Eudy. The motion passed by a 11-3 vote. (Commissioner Jordan, Dr. Amy Jordan and Dr. Tom Norwood voting against). Dr. Amy Jordan expressed concern that delaying this discussion and recommendation would make it look as if the Board was "inactive" concerning animal cruelty issues.

#### **4. COVID-19 Update / Discussion**

Mr. Jenkins reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and shared COVID-19 updated information. Approximate numbers as of today; Stanly County has conducted 12,152 tests, had 1,600 positive cases, 317 active cases with 1,229 recovered, and 54 deaths among other numbers. He pointed out that it has been 177 days since the Public Health Command Center was activated, which was March 10, 2020. Board member Dr. Eudy asked why deaths had increased so quickly and Mr. Jenkins shared that the majority of the deaths were from residential care facilities, which staff have worked hard to help these facilities with education and guidance in an effort to cut down transmission. Board member Shirley Lowder wanted to acknowledge the hard work of Mr. Jenkins and Mrs. Clayton and staff, for all that's been done during this pandemic and keeping Board members informed.

Mr. Jenkins also reviewed Phase 2.5 for North Carolina effective September 4th through October 2nd as ordered by Governor Cooper. Board members were allowed time for questions and comments.

#### **D.S.S. Updates**

##### **A. DSS Report of Services - July 2020**

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the Report of Services through July, 2020 provided in the Board member's packet. She took a moment to recognize the good work by staff which includes timely processing of medicaid applications despite increased volume, research and return mail of EBT cards, and complex CPS cases staff handled appropriately.

As stated in previous meetings, Mrs. Clayton shared her concerns of increased need for services once cut-off suspensions were lifted for utilities customers. To give an idea of what those numbers look like, Mrs. Clayton shared numbers she obtained from Albemarle Utilities stating at the end of July, they have over 1200 residential customers with an outstanding balance of over \$730,000.00 and 68 non-residential customers with a balance of \$139,000.00. Customers with outstanding balances, have until February 1, 2021, to repay those balances as well as paying their current monthly bill.

Mrs. Clayton gave an update on NC Medicaid expansion and transformation stating Governor Cooper included Medicaid expansion in his 2020-2021 budget adjustment, along with an increase in unemployment benefits, school personnel raises, investing in rural infrastructure broadband and other COVID related initiatives. According to NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) leaders, the current implementation of Medicaid transformation timeline is that open enrollment will begin March 2021 and end May 2021. Then go live with standard plans, July 2021 with Behavioral and Intellectual Developmental Disability tailored plans to go live the fall of 2020.

Mrs. Clayton also mentioned Stanly County has been targeted for a new initiative with a COVID-19 Support Services Program, which is designed to support individuals in the targeted counties who need to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19. They will be hiring community health workers who will coordinate referrals to individuals who are in quarantine to available community resources. This program is still being developed but hoping to start soon.

#### **Health Department Updates**

##### **A. Expenses/Revenue thru July, 2020 - \*Action Required\***

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the expenditures and revenue report which is included in the Board packet which is for the month of July, 2020. He states revenue is averaging 5% which he suggests is a little lower than

expected but probably due to COVID-19. Expenditures are 18%. A motion was made by Larry Gibson to adopt the budget performance report as presented, seconded by Dr. James Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Larry Gibson, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	James Marshall, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Smoak, Eudy, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Barbee, Jordan, Lowder, Williams, Harbeson, Small
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cain, Thomas, Teal, Smith

**B. Activities Summary - July 2020 / FY2019-20**

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Activities report which is included in the packet. With COVID-19 still going strong, actual clinic numbers are down at this time. The FY19-20 Activities report for the year was included for comparison.

**Consolidated Human Services Updates**

Mr. Jenkins pointed out that the Board of County Commissioner's meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th. At this meeting, there will be a public hearing regarding the divestment of Stanly County Home Health. A resolution was approved at the August 10th meeting for intent to sell. Chair Lowder asked Mr. Jenkins if there are any updates or news regarding this, to please update the Board members.

**Adoption of Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Shirley Lowder to approve the consent agenda as presented with a second by Dr. Joan Eudy. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Shirley D Lowder, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joan Eudy, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Smoak, Eudy, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Barbee, Jordan, Lowder, Williams, Harbeson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cain, Thomas, Teal, Smith, Small

**A. Meeting Minutes - 08-06-2020**

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Larry Gibson for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Dr. James Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.