



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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021 – 6:00 PM

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

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, January 7, 2021 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	Present	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Absent	
Shirley D Lowder	Board Member	Absent	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Vice Chairman	Present	
Jann Lowder	Board Member	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Present	
Michael A Williams	Board Member	Present	
TJ Smith	Board Member	Present	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	

Chair Lowder called the meeting to order, provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood.

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

## **Scheduled Agenda Items**

### **1. 2021 Community Health Assessment - initiating survey**

Debbie Bennett, Health Educator at the Stanly County Health Department, informed Board members that the 2021 Community Health Assessment will be ready to access and fill out beginning January 14th, through February 17th. The survey is available on the Health Department and County website during that time. They are asking any county resident 15 years and older to fill one out. The data is used to assess the health and community needs that are important to the people of Stanly County. From the results, along with state data, three priorities are selected where the majority of resources will be used to address these issues. Ms. Bennett was thanked for her information.

### **2. Adult Day Healthcare facility - introductory information**

Debbie Bennett, a member of the Coltrane LIFE Center committee, which have been working diligently to establish an Adult Day Health Care Center or facility here in Stanly County, gave a brief update. The 2018 Community Health Assessment exposed the need for Adult Day Health Care services for Stanly County. Ms. Bennett states the Coltrane Life Center has purchased two buildings in Albemarle to establish Adult Day Health Care facilities and are in the process of starting a capital campaign to assist with needed renovations and start up cost. After Commissioner Efirm asked where the two buildings were located, she shared that they were previously child day care centers on Anderson Road. Ms. Bennett was thanked for the information and she stated she intends to keep everyone informed of the progress through out the year due to the huge need in the county.

### **3. COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Jenkins shared a presentation and gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and shared the local data for Stanly County. He shared that total completed tests are at 54,535 which includes all positive, negative and re-tests with approximately 825 active cases at this time. Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that emphasis will be on vaccine administration and reviewed the slide which highlights the layout and progression of vaccine administration beginning with group 1a and 1b. He states that beginning tomorrow, we will be running two lanes through the COVID-19 vaccination tent. Appointments are being scheduled for group 1a with the hope of beginning to schedule 1b by next week. In order to shift from testing to vaccination, Mr. Jenkins shared that an arrangement with Optum Serve was made to set up a testing sight at Senior Services here in Albemarle to join the already established testing sight in Locust at Crutchfield Campus.

Commissioner Jordan asked for a walk through of what someone could expect when they come for a vaccine and nursing director, Patricia Hancock explained the process. Kristi Small thanked Patricia Hancock and Jennifer Layton for all they've done in helping facilitate the vaccination of all the staff at her office. After a period of questions and discussion, Mr. Jenkins was thanked for the information.

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

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

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Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the Report of Services through November, 2020 which is included in the Board packet. She shared that revenues are currently at 22% with expenditures at 38% and reviewed program highlights. She states staff have worked really hard and faced challenges due to COVID-19 but have continued to succeed stating Medicaid application timeliness has remained good and they've completed several COVID related assistance applications. She reminded Board members of the COVID-19 CARES funding for Stanly County citizens in need of emergency assistance due to COVID related job loss, stating that they've received two \$15,000.00 allocations with just under \$5,000.00 remaining with eight additional applications in December, five approved, two denied and one pending.

Mrs. Clayton provided an update on the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) stating that since January 4th, they've taken 127 applications. In December they received 127 applications which was a smaller total than previous years but explained this was due to the state implementing automated payments to customers who received services last year to reduce the number of people applying in person due to COVID-19. As a result of the sale of Stanly County Home Health, Mrs. Clayton wanted to inform Board members that they will no longer be able to use home health staff for nursing assessments for the DSS Community Alternative Program (CAP) and will have to seek an outside contractor to do those assessments for them. An initial assessment is required along with an annual re-assessment with Stanly County Home Health completing 66 last year, with seven currently needing assessment by the end of January.

As a follow up on the disengagement from Cardinal Innovations, Mrs. Clayton shared that she was able to secure a phone number of the CEO of Cardinal and has reached out multiple times and has had success in moving along some cases to prevent children from coming in to care, and to address placement issues for children with challenging behavioral health issues. Also, an annual update was given on foster care, stating that from July 2019 through June 2020; 45 children were in foster care at some point during that year, of those, one youth aged out of care, four were adopted, one child released to custody due to guardianship, six children returned to the custody of their parents and ten children were released to the custody of a relative. She recognized the hard work her staff has put in to complete services and ensure that citizens receive the help that they need.

## **Health Department Updates**

### **A. Expense/Revenue thru November 20 - \*Action Required\***

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Health Department's Budget Performance Report through November 2020 included in the packet, stating revenue is at 31% and expenditures at 34%. He advised that he received word from the state that additional COVID-19 relief funds would be coming and will hopefully find out how much in the upcoming weeks. We also received cost settlement money in the amount of \$72,000.00 where a portion went toward family planning/general health with the majority going to dental clinic where the majority of the Medicaid patients are seen. A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to approve the Budget Performance Report as presented, with a second from Commissioner Jordan.

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

**B. Activities Summary Report - Nov. 2020 / FY 19-20**

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Activities Summary Report through November, 2020 and the FY2019-2020 was included for comparison. Mr. Jenkins pointed out that clinic services were down due to COVID related activities. There were no questions or comments.

**Consolidated Human Services Updates**

No updates.

**Adoption of Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Michael Williams to approve the consent agenda seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood, motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. Meeting Minutes - 12/03/2020**

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott Efird to adjourn with a second by Dr. Tom Norwood. Motion passed unanimously.