



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

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Nancy Smoak	Board Member	Present	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Present	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	Present	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Absent	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Absent	
Shirley D Lowder	Board Member	Present	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Vice Chairman	Present	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Absent	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the meeting to order with Ric Cain leading the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Scott Efird motioned to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Shirley Lowder. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Shirley D Lowder, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Norwood, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Harbeson, Small
ABSENT:	Thomas, Marshall, Teal

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Social Work Month Proclamation March 2021

Mrs. Dolly Clayton presented a proclamation declaring March 2021 as Social Work Month. After a review of accomplishments and acknowledging their hard work on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic, she requested the Board take action to adopt the proclamation. Mr. Larry Gibson moved to approve the proclamation and Ric Cain seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Gibson, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ric Cain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Norwood, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Harbeson, Small
ABSENT:	Thomas, Marshall, Teal

2. Orientation for New Board members and Annual Training - (Activity No. 36.2, 36.3)

Mr. Jenkins urged Board members to review the Health and Human Services Board Orientation presentations if they haven't already done so, for both Health and DSS which were included in the Board packet. He explained that this completes an accreditation requirement for new and on-going board member's annual training.

Mrs. Clayton took a moment to highlight the DSS orientation information pointing out that DSS operations are quite large with 92 full time and three (3) part time positions. They currently have three (3) vacancies, one (1) retirement pending within six (6) months, with a budget of just over 5.8 million, with the financial impact for the community being well over 107 million considering the benefits processed by DSS staff for the residents of Stanly County. The presentation also includes a slide featuring pertinent proposed legislation that is currently in committee and Mrs. Clayton asked Board members to contact her with any questions.

3. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Jenkins provided an update on the county's COVID-19 pandemic including the number of daily new cases, current hospitalizations, total deaths and total of first and second dose COVID-19 vaccines administered thus far. He informed the Board members of the recent vaccination clinic held Saturday, February 27th for public and private schools, as well as daycare workers administering over 450 COVID-19 vaccines. He also reviewed the Governor's Executive Order No. 195 which became effective February 26th. Following the presentation, Mr. Jenkins responded to questions and comments from the Board.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - January 2020

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Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services through January 2021 included in the Board member's packet, stating revenues are at 42% with expenditures at 54%. In reviewing the report, she pointed out last years numbers in economic services compared to this year, noticing they are serving 1,000 more families in food and nutrition services and 2,000 more people in Medicaid which accentuates the impact the pandemic has had on the community.

Mrs. Clayton shared some department highlights including filling a program integrity position in Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) through an internal promotion, development of epass, an online application service for the energy program, two (2) employees were donated to help with the COVID-19 call center and, she discussed the challenges of filling the vacant Child Protective Services position. She shared that the Federal Marketplace is being re-opened for health insurance applications, which means possibly more eligible community members in turn increasing work load. Also, Mrs. Clayton provided an update, reminding Board members since Stanly County Home Health's divestiture, they were searching for a nurse to administer the assessment on CAP patients stating that a contract with another agency had been executed filling that need.

Health Department Updates

A. Expense/Revenue thru January, 2021 *Action Required*

In reviewing the Budget Performance Report included in the Board packet, through January 2021, Mr. Jenkins states once again with the pandemic, our budget targets have been off but shared that the Health Department has received an additional \$193,000.00 in federal funding for vaccination efforts and expects additional funding as well. He informed the Board that a budget meeting with County Manager Mr. Lucas will take place some time this month. As in years past, once a time frame has been established, he and Mrs. Clayton would ask for a few volunteers from this Board to meet with then both, review both budgets to get an understanding of some needs and wants from Health and DSS.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to accept the Budget Summary Report as presented, with a second from Commissioner Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

B. Activities Summary Report Jan. 21

Mr. Jenkins states no new news to discuss regarding the Activities Summary Report, which is included in Board members packet.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins states nothing new to update, but reiterates the department's primary focus continues to be COVID-19 vaccination.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Nancy Smoak. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tommy Jordan, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Nancy Smoak, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Norwood, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small
ABSENT:	Thomas, Marshall

A. Meeting Minutes - 2/04/21

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Nancy Smoak. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chair Jann Lowder turned it over to Commissioner Jordan to discuss Board member vacancies. Commissioner Jordan took a moment to thank TJ Smith and Michael Williams for their service stating they were selected to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board vacating the Health and Human Services Board. He shared that he had spoken with Dr. Eric Johnsen regarding the vacant Physician member position, Diane Robinson regarding one of the recently vacated Consumer member positions and Wendell Drye regarding the vacant Engineer member position. He continued that he would like to nominate these three (3), Mr. Johnsen, Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Drye for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for appointment of those respective positions. Chair Lowder entertained a motion to send a letter of support for these individuals to serve on the Board. A motion was made by Ric Cain with a second by Larry Gibson and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nancy Smoak, seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.