



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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021 – 6:00 PM

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

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Efirm	Commissioner	Present	
Nancy Smoak	Board Member	Present	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Present	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	Absent	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Absent	
James Marshall	Board Member	Present	
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	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Present	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Absent	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Absent	
Wendell Drye		Present	
Eric Johnsen	Board Member	Absent	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the meeting to order. Diane Robinson provided the invocation with Commissioner Efirm leading the pledge of allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Dr. Joan Eudy, with a second from Commissioner Scott Efirm to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

**Scheduled Agenda Items**

**1. Acct. Receivables and Bad Debt \*Action\* (Act. #33.6)**

Patricia Hancock presented the Accounts Receivable and Bad Debt Report included in the Board members packet. She reviewed the numbers for each program and stated that accounts receivable represents the outstanding amount billed from 7/01/2020 thru 6/30/2021. Bad debt represents outstanding debt with no payments received in the last 365 days. Time was allowed for questions and comments. Larry Gibson made a motion to approve the Accounts Receivable and Bad Debt Report for FY2020-21, seconded by Nancy Smoak. The motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Larry Gibson, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Nancy Smoak, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Thomas, Marshall, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Drye, Robinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cain, Norwood, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Johnsen

**2. COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Jenkins provided an update on COVID-19 by reviewing the handouts passed out to Board members. The handouts included information on the number of cases, hospitalizations, deaths and the rising transmission rates regarding the Delta variant. He also shared that Stanly county remains low regarding vaccination rates in the state. The health department continues to concentrate on education and vaccination while case investigation, contact tracing and testing is under state contract.

Mr. Jenkins then passed out a face mask policy to Board members for consideration, asking to implement for Health Department and DSS staff, including visitors, patients and vendors that enter these facilities, making face masks required in common areas where social distancing is not possible. He also suggested presenting it to the Board of Commissioners for consideration in implementing for all other county departments. Chair Jann Lowder recognized and called upon Commissioner Peter Ascitutto, who was in attendance, who offered his support for the proposed face mask policy. After a lot of discussion by Board members, Dr. Amy Jordan made a motion to strike No. 4 in the presented policy, recognizing this policy effective for Health and DSS and presenting this policy for consideration to the Board of County Commissioners for other county departments review and possible interest. Nancy Smoak seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**D.S.S. Updates**

**A. DSS Report of Services - June 2021**

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the Report of Services included in the Board's packet, through June, 2021. In reviewing program data, she shared that revenue is at 89% with expenditures at 92%. She highlighted some accomplishments and great work by staff including filling a family and children's Medicaid position; Food and Nutrition (FNS) and Medicaid application processing times remain good; Review of Eligibility and Determination Audit (REDA) continues to go well and, Fiscal Compliance Monitoring with

no findings. She addressed some challenges including vacant Child Protective Services and FNS positions that they're continuing to try and fill. Also, the first part of the annual Medicaid audit began in July.

She shared that she planned to attend the Essentials for Services governing board webinar today and tomorrow, is now canceled, but she will share with Board members any information she gains once it takes place. Also, she continues to chair the LME-MCO realignment committee and together with LME-MCO Partners and Cardinal, the joint plan for transition of realignment was submitted and accepted. She passed out copies of the project status report which shows the status of the progress for transition plan, which is about 35% complete. She pointed out on page five, there is a list of topics that will be addressed on webinars related to sharing information about the transition and enrollment.

Mrs. Clayton reminded Board members that Medicaid transformation standard plans went live on July 1st, however tailored plans for special services will not go live until 2022. She shared that the LME-MCO organizations applied to be providers for the tailored plans and they'll be providers of the integrated physical and behavioral health services. She passed out a NC Medicaid Managed Care Fact Sheet to Board members.

In closing, Mrs. Clayton shared that after receiving her Masters in Public Administration in May, she started a 12 week program, National Association of Counties for executives and industry leaders for best practices in leadership, organizational development, negotiation and collaboration and effective business communication, delivering high performance management. She graduated the program and received her certificate and an autographed copy of Colin Powell's book, who was a facilitator of that program. Board members congratulated Mrs. Clayton with a round of applause.

### **Health Department Updates**

#### **A. Exp/Rev thru May/June 2021 - \*Action Required\***

Mr. Jenkins briefly reviewed the May and June Revenue/Expense Report that was included in the Board members packet. He shared that due to covid funding received, the budget has not been typical for this past year and he anticipates more funding for this year related to covid. Mr. Jenkins shared that he thought we had around \$350,000.00 left in covid funding. A motion was made by Larry Gibson, seconded by Commissioner Scott Efird to accept the Budget Performance report for May, June 2021 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Larry Gibson, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Scott Efird, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Thomas, Marshall, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Drye, Robinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cain, Norwood, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Johnsen

#### **B. Activities Summary Report - June 2021**

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Activities Summary Report for June included in the Board's packet. Again he summarized that this has not been a normal year but this report helps track each department to see what the numbers are and trends related to each program to reflect on, pointing out that Environmental Health has remained busy. He shared that we are back to providing normal public health services and concentrating on Covid vaccinations.

### **Consolidated Human Services Updates**

Chair Jann Lowder shared that she along with Commissioner Peter Ascutto had spoken with Dr. Jenny Hinson, a hospitalist at Atrium Stanly, who has stated she would be happy to accept the open physician

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member board position if appointed. She has volunteered at the John Murray Community Care Clinic, she served on the Stanly Health Foundation Board, and the NC American College of Physician's Governors Advisory Council, receiving her BA from Wake Forest, MD from East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine, and completed her residency at Baylor College Houston, Texas. A motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Jordan, seconded by Dr. Joan Eudy, to recommend appointment to the vacant Physician Member opening on the Consolidated Health and Human Services Board. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

Dr. Amy Jordan motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, with a second from Nancy Smoak. The motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amy Jordan, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Nancy Smoak, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Thomas, Marshall, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Drye, Robinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Cain, Norwood, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Johnsen

#### **A. Board Handbook Annual Review - (Act. 36.2)**

#### **B. Board Meeting Minutes - 6-03-21, 7-01-21**

### **Public Comments**

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dr. Amy Jordan to adjourn the meeting, seconded by commissioner Scott Efird. The motion carried by unanimous vote.