



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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

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

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Scott Efird | Commissioner | Absent | |
| Nancy Smoak | Board Member | Present | |
| Joan Eudy | Board Member | Present | |
| Ric Cain | Vice Chairman | Absent | |
| Beth Thomas | Board Member | Present | |
| Tom Norwood | Board Member | Present | |
| James Marshall | Board Member | Absent | |
| Amy Jordan | Board Member | Absent | |
| Georgette Edgerton | Board Member | Present | |
| Larry Gibson | Board Member | Present | |
| Tommy Jordan | Vice Chairman | Absent | |
| Jann Lowder | Chairman | Present | |
| Elizabeth Teal | Board Member | Absent | |
| Laura Harbeson | Board Member | Absent | |
| Kristi Small | Board Member | Absent | |
| Wendell Drye | Board Member | Present | |
| Diane Robinson | Board Member | Absent | |
| Jenny Hinson | Board Member | Present | |
| Sherry Poplin | Board Member | Present | |

Chair Jann Lowder called the November 4th, 2021 meeting to order with Dr. Hinson providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

1. Swearing In Ceremony - Oaths of Office

New General Public member Sherry Poplin was sworn in, along with re-appointed members Dr. Tom Norwood, Dentist member and Dr. Joan Eudy, Registered Nurse member by clerk Teri Bowers, each to serve a four year term expiring in November, 2025.

Adoption of Agenda

Chair Lowder asked for a motion to amend the agenda by adding B., Health Department Activities Summary Report and C., COVID-19 Update under section V. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Dr. Tom Norwood, seconded by Larry Gibson. The motion approved by unanimous vote.

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Substance Use Update - Stanly County

Wendy Growcock gave an update on the Substance Use efforts happening at the Health Department and through out the county. She provided a handout to Board members to highlight the activities provided through the HRSA Rural Community Opioid Response Program (RCORP) grant, which was condensed from a 20 page work plan. She shared that the funds run out in August, 2022 and while the COVID-19 pandemic hampered some activities and spending of funds, they have ramped up efforts to push out lots of services and utilize funding. She also briefly discussed the Opioid Settlement Funds which is a result of class actions lawsuits by states and municipalities against pharmaceutical companies that developed, marketed and sold opioids as pain medication. Up to \$850 million could come to NC and of this, 85% will go to counties. Funds will be disbursed based on population and effect of opioids in each county. The handout also included a chart and graft comparing emergency department overdose visits between Stanly county and the state. She also highlighted some of the positive outcomes the Stanly County Community Paramedic's program has had.

In conclusion, she was happy to share a comparison between January - October 2020 and 2021, illustrating a 31.7% decrease in EMS overdose calls. Time was granted to address questions and comments from Board members, and Mrs. Growcock was thanked for the presentation.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - September 2021

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS report of services included in the Board member's packet. Through September, revenue is at 12% with expenditures at 22%. She reviewed each program and states for the first time since the pandemic started, there was a slight decrease in Medicaid while Food and Nutrition services continued to increase. Some accomplishments she notes; Review of Eligibility Determination Audit (REDA) continues and the Annual Medicaid audit went well. They still are facing staffing challenges particularly with, CPS positions, while they also have vacancies in Medicaid. As discussed previously, she will attend the DSS Board training later this month, which was originally schedule for August, and she will share any updates with Board members. As the chair of the MCO/LME realignment committee, she will be attending what could be the last meeting later this month, but shared that overall she is pleased with the new local management entity Partners. Also, Mrs. Clayton shared that the County Commissioners have asked for departmental highlights during commissioner's meetings beginning in December and shared that she will be providing this information for DSS at their December meeting.

Health Department Updates

A. Exp/Rev Report thru September 2021 *Action Required*

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Budget Performance Report included in the Board packet stating revenue is around 50% at this time which reflects the high number of immunizations we have billed for. Also, he shared we are practically out of Covid funds other than around \$300,000.00 which is specifically for testing and isolation efforts making it harder to utilize now since we are concentrating on vaccinations. Expenses are around 20% through September. A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to approve the Budget Performance Report as presented, with a second from Nancy Smoak. The motion was approved unanimously.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| AYES: | Smoak, Eudy, Thomas, Norwood, Edgerton, Gibson, Lowder, Drye, Hinson, Poplin |
| ABSENT: | Efird, Cain, Marshall, Jordan, Jordan, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Robinson |

B. Activities Summary Report - September 2021

Mr. Jenkins pointed out on page 3 under the Environmental Health section, Child Lead Exposure - Investigations/Visits, should be zero where it is blank. No other comments were made.

C. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Jenkins provided an update and powerpoint presentation on COVID-19. His presentation included the latest numbers including daily cases, hospitalizations and deaths. He states Moderna and Pfizer booster shots are available at the health department and the vaccine for children age 5-11 years has now been approved with the health department to start administering those tomorrow.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins had no updates but asked Board members if they had any interest in updates from a particular department in Health or DSS to please let him know. Chair Lowder suggested Board members show up at commissioners meetings or other events to support the Consolidated Human Services Board when needed.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Joan Eudy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood, motion passed unanimously.

A. 10-07-21 HHS Meeting Minutes

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to adjourn with a second by Larry Gibson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.