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## **STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

## **Meeting Minutes**

The Stanly County Board of Health met on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Stanly County Health Department.

Board members present were: Larry Faulkner, Dr. Amy Jordan, Ric Cain, Shirley Lowder, Dr. Tom Norwood, Dr. Dianne Daniels, Dr. Joan Eudy and Dr. Keenya Little.

Health Department Staff Present: Debbie Bennett, Patti Lewis, Becky Mckee, Debbie Bailey, Dean Lambert, Teri Bowers and Health Director Dennis Joyner.

### **Welcome and Call to Order:**

Chair Larry Faulkner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of February 2nd, 2017 Board of Health Meeting Minutes:**

Chair Larry Faulkner presented the February 2nd, 2017 Board of Health meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

**Motion: After review of the February 2nd meeting minutes, Dr. Tom Norwood moved that they be approved as written with a second by Shirley Lowder. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Public Comment:**

There were no general public members in attendance requesting to speak to the board.

### **Health Director's Report:**

- A. Personnel Update** – Mr. Joyner reported that other than continued recruiting for the vacant PHN II position in Home Health, there is no new events in personnel.
- B. FY2016-17 Expenditures and Revenue** – Reports on program revenue and expenditures were presented for review. At 58% into the fiscal year, revenues are at 63% with expenditures at 56% as of 01/31/17. Mr. Joyner pointed out that Home Health, Environmental Health, and Animal Control numbers were below anticipated levels for this point in the fiscal year. He stated Home Health has recently submitted a large re-bill of Medicare claims that were previously denied and we should see some payment soon for that. Also, Environmental Health and Animal Control revenues are often seasonally influenced. Expenditures seem to be on track for this point in the fiscal year.

**C. Program Performance Reports** – Program Performance Reports were presented for review and discussion. Numbers were consistent with prior month’s performance. Mr. Joyner pointed out home health therapy visits were up and WIC visit numbers were as well. Mr. Joyner shared that the County Commissioners’ regulatory reform committee recently held a public meeting for contractors and Environmental Health was represented. Most comments were favorable by contractors. The County Employee Health Clinic has reported an increase in flu and flu-like illnesses.

**New Business:**

**A. 2016 Local Child Fatality Prevention Team Activity Update** – Mr. Joyner gave an update on the local Child Fatality Prevention team whose goal is to review the deaths of Stanly County children 18 years and under to see if system or policy changes need to be recommended that could prevent future child deaths. The team meets quarterly and the state sends cases to review from the previous year. Over the past year, they met four times and reviewed nine cases. Six were due to prematurity, one birth defect, one other illness, and one drowning. Information on the cases are provided to the team from the hospital, Department of Social Services, EMS, law enforcement and court records. Patti Lewis, Health Department Nurse Practitioner, is the principal interpreter of the medical review during team discussion. A 2016 summary report is forthcoming.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Animal Control Ordinance – Acceptable Dog Housing Provisions** – To continue from February’s Board of Health meeting concerning plastic barrels as housing for dogs, Mr. Joyner explained the additional information he obtained. The volume of calls Animal Control receives for “neglect” can cover many things from no shelter to lack of water. It appeared “No Shelter” calls were at 32% (62) in 2016, and is a popular concern but it is difficult to determine how many calls are specifically related to barrels. From discussion with staff, he said that “barrel housing” was not a concern frequently raised from callers. He also reviewed other county ordinances throughout the state. While this was not an exhaustive review, most allowed plastic barrels as housing and he found two, in addition to the two counties mentioned at the February meeting, that don’t allow barrels of any kind. Mr. Joyner also presented examples of pictures of barrels used for dog houses that appeared properly secured and off the ground to prevent flooding. There are provisions under the cruelty section in the ordinance that can be used to enforce proper use. Dr. Amy Jordan, veterinarian member of the board, stated she felt that barrels could be adequate housing if used properly. After discussion among the board, it was decided at this time to not recommend a change to the Animal Control Ordinance that would prohibit use of plastic barrels as housing.

**Motion: After review and discussion Dr. Amy Jordan moved that no recommendation be made to the County Commissioners for plastic barrels to be added to the Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance as inadequate housing with a second by Dr. Tom Norwood. Motion carried unanimously.**

**B. 2016-17 Budget Preparation** – Mr. Joyner stated that Budget Preparation has started. We will receive our budget preparation projections and guidance on March 15<sup>th</sup> and the budget committee will meet the early part of April. The requested budget will be due to county administration by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Other Business:**

**A. Departmental /Program Activities & Updates** – Debbie Bailey, RN and Home Health supervisor, presented the 2016, 4th quarter Performance Tracking Tool and activity report for Home Health. Mrs. Bailey stated after audits of 64 charts, they had a 94.2% accuracy rate with the bench mark being 95%. Mrs. Bailey noted the number of respiratory illness was up due to winter months, and case load has remained consistent. Mrs. Bailey also informed the board of an unannounced Medicare Survey visit which took place the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She stated they have already started work on any errors that were noted and devise a corrective action plan. Mr. Joyner thanked Mrs. Bailey for the presentation and also noted the hard work home health has endured to keep the volume consistent while being short one nurse, plus the added stress of the unannounced Medicare Survey visit.

The 2017 Golden Shoe Initiative has begun. Two Hundred “golden shoes” are hidden in nine different parks around the county and everyone is encouraged to visit the parks and look for shoes, to turn them in for prizes. This annual event promotes our parks plus physical activity for children and families. This event is sponsored by Partners in Health and runs from March 17<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Re-claim of shoes will take place at City Lake Park, Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chair Larry Faulkner called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion: A motion was made by Ric Cain with a second by Shirley Lowder that the Stanly County Board of Health meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis R. Joyner, Secretary  
Stanly County Board of Health