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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on November 7th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Debora Norris and Dr. Joan Eudy. Staff members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Thomas Taylor, Dean Lambert, Becky McKeon, and Amy Irving. Dr. Jennifer Lane, Graduate Student was in attendance and Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Ann Yowell for her 9 years of service to the county as Veterinarian Member of the Board of Health.

Ms. Amy Irving, Animal Control Officer was sworn in by Chairman Faulkner and Judie DeMuth, clerk to the board witnessed and notarized the Oath of Office.

Mr. Larry Faulkner then entertained a motion for approval of the October 3rd, 2013 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Ascitutto, seconded by Dr. Mauldin and approved by the board. The Health Director then requested approval of an amended agenda as distributed to discuss establishing a Serve Safe exam proctoring fee and to discuss a sign-on letter supporting adoption of proposed rules clarifying NC's Smoke-Free Law. The amended agenda was approved by the board.

Under Public Comments, Dr. Joseph Hoyle was recognized as an interested community member who shared activities taking place at the local YMCA. The meeting was then turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Joyner updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that Karen Hatley, Finance Officer for the Health Department for a number of years, has turned in her notice of retirement as of 12/31/13.

Reports on expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 9/30/13 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that figures and performance statistics are at expected levels at 25% into the fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Becky McKeon, RN shared information on a Susan G. Komen Grant. She explained that in 2012 the Health Department was awarded a Komen Grant for \$42,825 which enabled 71 women to receive care which included 54 screening mammograms, 20 diagnostic mammograms,

1 biopsy, and 15 ultrasounds. Then in 2013 a Komen Grant in the amount of \$43,439 was awarded to the Health Department which to date has provided 19 screening mammograms, 4 diagnostic mammograms, 4 ultrasounds and 1 consultation. In an effort to receive Komen Grant Funds this year, Mrs. McKeon shared that \$28,857 was needed to provide 50 mammograms, 15 diagnostic mammograms, 8 ultrasounds, 2 biopsies, and 5 consultation visits. She explained that the amount requested is reduced this year due to participants not wanting to become established patients but only wanting mammograms. Mrs. Shirley Lowder made a motion to allow the Health Department to proceed in applying for a Susan G. Komen Grant. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mauldin and passed by the board. Mrs. McKeon added that partners for the requested grant funds include Stanly Regional Medical Center, Carolinas Pathology, Stanly County Imaging, and Stanly Medical Services.

The establishment of a Serve Safe course exam proctoring fee was discussed and Environmental Health Director David Ezzell explained that on 9/1/12, North Carolina made a major change in food safety defense by adopting the NC Food Code. He added that the code requires at least one employee who has supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service must be a certified food protection manager and is required to have passed an ANSI accredited exam for food safety. The Stanly County Environmental Health Program offers the required training twice yearly and effective 1/01/14 there will be a two point deduction on the facilities inspection if at least one staff member has not become certified. A fee of \$50 for Stanly County facilities and \$75 for out-of-county facilities was proposed by the Health Director to cover the costs for environmental staff who are certified instructors to conduct the training and proctor the exam for the Serve Safe course. After discussion, Dr. Mauldin made a motion to approve the establishment of a Serve Safe exam proctoring fee as requested with priority given to Stanly County facilities and make a recommendation to County Commissioners for their approval. Dr. Ann Yowell seconded the motion which was passed by the board.

Information from the North Carolina Alliance for Health was presented to the board concerning the adoption of proposed rules clarifying North Carolina's Smoke-Free Law. Along with the sign-on letter from the Alliance, copies of Authority General Statute's 130A-497 clarifying the definition of enclosed areas for North Carolina Smoke-Free Restaurant and Bars Law was distributed and reviewed by board members. After discussion, Mr. Carter made a motion to send the proposed letter in support of the recommended rules clarification from the Alliance. Dr. Laura Mauldin seconded the motion and was passed unanimously by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Joyner gave an update on Board of Health members whose terms of office will expire on 12/31/13 stating that County Commissioners have appointed Dr. Amy Jordan, DVM as the Veterinarian Board Member effective 1/1/14. Reappointments for all other board members whose terms will end as of 12/31/13 but are eligible to serve an additional term of three years were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Health Director explained that he had served as preceptor to Dr. Jennifer Lane, a graduate student over the past several months. After introductions took place, the meeting was turned

over to Dr. Lane who gave a presentation on her class project which was developing a data input tool to assist with investigation of foodborne outbreaks. She explained that the project focus was to develop forms for outbreak investigations to possibly make the tracking process easier and faster to hopefully be able to target sources that caused illness so that preventative measures can be put in place. Board Members thanked Dr. Lane for her work in public health and wished her future success.

Board Members were updated on appeal hearings held recently due to civil penalty citations issued by Animal Control Officers as outlined in the new Animal Control Ordinance. Director Joyner explained that three hearings have taken place thus far and two were upheld and one partially upheld. He added that apparently the amount of fees now being charged for citations are getting people's attention and should the number of appeals continue to grow the board will be updated for additional discussion.

Information on a shigella outbreak in Cabarrus County was discussed and Mr. Joyner shared that to-date, out of 100 cases, 25 were confirmed including 5 hospitalizations, and several cases are still pending. He added that schools and daycares have been very cooperative.

The employee wellness program for Stanly County employees and their dependants covered by the county insurance plan was discussed and board members were informed that since the clinic started in October a total of 83 have been seen by Patti Lewis, Physician Extender at the Health Department. Thus far, the clinic has been a success and should save the county money in terms of what it has to pay Blue Cross Blue Shield yearly.

Everyone present was reminded that at the October board meeting a decision was made to cancel the December board meeting unless a called meeting is deemed necessary by the Health Director.

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Mauldin made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowder and passed by the board.