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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on February 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Conrad Carter and Dr. Hal Royer. Staff members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Patti Lewis, Becky McKeon, Jennifer Layton, Dean Lambert, David Ezzell and Thomas Taylor. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. First term general public member, Dr. Joan Eudy was sworn in by Mr. Faulkner and Judie DeMuth, clerk to the board witnessed and notarized the Oath of Office.

The floor was then opened for nominations of a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Health for the year of 2013. Dr. Laura Mauldin nominated Mr. Faulkner to continue to serve as Chairman, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Janice Dunlap. With no other nominations offered, Mr. Faulkner was elected to continue as Board Chairman. Dr. Ann Yowell then nominated Conrad Carter to serve as Vice Chairman. Dr. Dunlap seconded the motion, and Shirley Lowder made a motion to close the floor for nominations. Mr. Carter was unanimously elected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Chairman Faulkner then entertained a motion for approval of the January 3rd, 2013 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Dunlap, seconded by Dr. Mauldin and approved by the board.

With no general public in attendance, no comments were noted under the Public Comments agenda item and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director who explained that Commissioner Ascitutto had made a request to move the Animal Control Ordinance under Unfinished Business to the first item for discussion due to his need to leave the meeting early. Everyone agreed and a news article from the County Commissioners February 4th meeting in the Stanly News and Press was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Ascitutto explained that after the third public hearing on the revised Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance was closed, and Mr. Joyner was given the opportunity to address the concerns expressed by the general public, Commissioner Dunevant moved to appoint two commissioner members to a subcommittee to meet with the Board of Health subcommittee to discuss the ordinance information presented thus far. Commissioner Ascitutto informed everyone present that he cast the only nay vote against forming a subcommittee explaining that his intention was to pass the ordinance and not continue to make changes. He further explained that Commissioner Dunevant volunteered to serve on the subcommittee and encouraged Commissioner Ascitutto to participate as well, to which he agreed. Board of Health members were reminded that some months ago, Dr. Yowell and Conrad Carter were elected as the animal control subcommittee which would now need to reunite and meet with Commissioners Dunevant and Ascitutto for further review of the ordinance. Dr. Laura

Mauldin as well as several other board members expressed their willingness to participate in meetings as deemed necessary. The Health Director stated that as soon as a meeting is scheduled, the appropriate representatives will be notified.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Joyner invited new board members and other interested board members to arrive at the next board meeting on March 7th at 5:30 PM to tour the Health Department, Environmental Health and Animal Control facilities and learn about what each program offers.

The Health Director updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that Susie Furr, RN resigned 12/28/12 and Julie Clark, RN resigned 1/31/13. He explained that both employees worked in the Home Health Program and to date, no applications have been received for these vacant positions. A new employee, Jessica Ledbetter will begin work in the WIC Program on 2/25/13 as the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor which is a temporary, part-time position. Ms. Jennifer Layton, who was recently hired as the Health Education Specialist for the Health Department was introduced to the board.

Reports on expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 12/31/12 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that at 50% into the fiscal year figures and performance statistics are at expected levels.

NEW BUSINESS

David Ezzell, Environmental Health Supervisor updated the board on FDA Program Standards, explaining that the Stanly County Environmental Health Food and Lodging Program enrolled in the program standards in January, 2012. Since then, a self assessment has been conducted which involved reviewing and comparing criteria standards. Mr. Ezzell explained that he attended a 3 day training workshop in August, 2012 in Atlanta which specifically taught how to conduct and audit a self assessment. A self assessment was completed and submitted to FDA in December, 2012 which resulted in none of the standards being fully met. The goal of the program this year is to complete a baseline survey to determine what interventions are needed and to develop policies and procedures to ensure that staff are interpreting and inspecting consistently. In December, 2012 grant funds in the amount of \$9,149 was awarded to Stanly County through NACCHO (National Association of City and County Health Officials) and FDA to be used for the Program Standards Mentorship Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Joyner then recognized Patti Lewis, Physician Extender for the Health Department who gave an overview of influenza surveillance information for 2012-13, including various data on flu/respiratory illnesses throughout the state.

Due to the resignation of Margaret Rudisill, Registered Nurse Member of the Board of Health at the January, 2013 meeting, the Health Director discussed various options with the board on filling the vacant position. He informed board members that the names of Deborah Norris and Kim Kimrey, both Registered Nurses at Stanly Regional had been submitted for consideration. Another option discussed was to request that County Commissioners appoint one of the two new RN's who were appointed as General Public Members, effective 1/1/2013 to the vacant RN

position and appoint another General Public Member that would not need to be a nurse to serve on the board. This could add broader background skill sets on the Board. Mr. Joyner explained that should this option be chosen, the RN chosen to fill the vacant position would need to be reappointed after 12/31/13 when Mrs. Rudisill's term was scheduled to end. After discussion, it was decided that since the County Commissioners are responsible for board appointments, the Health Director will discuss this issue with the County Manager before placing this issue on the commissioners' agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Health Director shared information on the upcoming State of the County Health Expo to be held on March 25th in the Magnolia Room at Stanly Regional Medical Center. Board Members were informed that this year's Expo will focus on the topic of bullying and will begin with dinner served from 5 to 6:00 PM, and the program from 6:15 to 8 PM. Everyone was encouraged to mark their calendars to be in attendance.

Board Members were informed that this year the Community Health Assessment will be completed as a joint effort between the Health Department and Stanly Regional. Director Joyner explained that in the past, this assessment of statistics and community health concerns has largely been completed by the Health Department with involvement of other community groups. Joining forces with the hospital will reduce duplication of efforts, provide broader data, and hopefully result in a more thorough assessment of community needs. This year's assessment process has begun and surveys will be accepted through 3/31/13 with the final report expected in August, 2013. Ms. Debbie Bennett encouraged board members to participate in the assessment by completing the survey tool which is online at www.StanlyCountyNC.gov or hard copies will be made available per request.

Next, Dr. Yowell made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the Health Director's annual performance evaluation. Dr. Dunlap seconded the motion, which passed by the board. After discussion of the evaluation, Dr. Mauldin moved to come out of closed session; the motion was seconded by Mr. Cain and passed by the board.

With no further business brought forward, Dr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mauldin and passed by unanimous vote.