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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on March 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. All Board Members were present with the exception of Mrs. Shirley Lowder, Dr. Keenya Little and Dr. Janice Dunlap. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Charles Hartsell, Patti Lewis, Becky McKeon and Lucy Walters. Garrett Allen attended as videographer from Stanly Community College.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present entertained a motion for approval of the February 4th, 2016 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Carter and approved by the board.

With no general public in attendance, no comments were noted under Public Comments and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board Members were updated on the agency's personnel status with the Health Director informing them that no changes have taken place since the last meeting and recruitment for the vacant Animal Control Officer position is still being considered.

Reports on expenditures and revenues for all Health Department programs along with performance reports in all areas of the department, including Home Health and county employee health clinic as of 1/31/16 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that figures and performance statistics are at expected levels at 58% into the fiscal year.

Performance reports reflected lower numbers in Environmental Health and Animal Control programs than normal but the director explained that since these programs are based on services needed/requested by the public and there is limited control over some of the performance numbers. As an example, weather conditions can hinder some site evaluations in Environmental Health. Activities in the dental clinic were discussed and Mr. Joyner informed board members that in the absence of a full time dentist with Dr. Crowe working on Wednesdays, Dr. Dinges working two half days, Dr. Turner as available and Dr. Burnside on Thursdays, patients are able to be seen in a reasonable time frame.

NEW BUSINESS

The Health Director introduced Lucy Walters, WIC Supervisor who updated the board on WIC Program activities. Mrs. Walters distributed information while explaining the importance of the WIC supplemental nutrition program including breastfeeding training activities. She reviewed the amount of federal dollars brought into Stanly County through WIC vouchers, which for the year of 7/1/14 thru 6/30/15 amounted to \$1,340,264.92. A poster with pictures of a monthly food package for a breastfeeding mom and baby was displayed and she explained how the

program has an economic impact for Stanly County as well as promoting healthy nutrition. Board Members were updated on the new "Crossroads" computer program utilized by all WIC Programs in North Carolina, which has proven to save time when processing patients. Mrs. Walters also explained the role of the WIC Peer Counselor who concentrates on educating breastfeeding mothers and makes visits to the hospital when babies are delivered, to answer and assist new mothers with breastfeeding issues. Recently, one of the Spanish Interpreters at the Health Department attended peer counselor training in order to assist Spanish speaking mothers, which has proven to be an asset to the WIC program. Mrs. Walters informed board members of the purchase of 4 breast pumps purchased with grant money for the purpose of offering pumps at no charge to county employees and their spouses who need a hospital grade pump to continue to provide breast milk to their babies when they go back to work. After time was allowed for questions and discussion, Mrs. Walters was thanked for her presentation.

The Health Director updated the board on the State of the County Health Expo informing them that the date has been changed to May 3rd and the location venue will be the Agri-Civic Center. A national speaker and author, Kevin Hines has been secured for the expo. Mr. Hines is one of the few who has survived a suicide attempt of jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. Mr. Hines will address issues surrounding suicide prevention, mental health and services available, and has agreed to charge ½ his usual rate. As Mr. Hine's bio was passed around to the board, Mr. Joyner explained that a meal will not be served at the expo as in the past; possibly light refreshments will be available. Mental health providers will set up booths in hopes of increasing community awareness of suicide, seeking and getting mental health care, etc. Everyone was encouraged to attend and help promote the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The budget process for FY16-17 was discussed and the Health Director stated that all department budgets are due to county administration and finance on 4/15/16. He stated that at last month's meeting the date of April 18th was decided upon for the budget committee to review the Health Department budget before submission to the entire board, but to allow a little more time for completion Mr. Joyner asked to change the review date to Friday, April 22nd at noon. With all three committee members being present; Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Cain and Mr. Carter concurred that April 22nd at noon is an acceptable date for the meeting, with the Health Department budget presented at the May 5th Board of Health meeting.

Because the budget preparation process includes departmental program goals, Director Joyner requested an extension of the current strategic plan to allow time for some of that information to be included in the new strategic plan that is being prepared for 2016-18. Dr. Joan Eudy made a motion to extend the active date of the current strategic plan to the June 2nd Board of Health meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and passed by the board.

The Health Director explained that the taping of tonight's meeting by Garrett Allen, a videographer from Stanly Community College would be blended into an upcoming "Public Health in Action" local cable TV program. The role and responsibilities of the Board of Health will be the topic of the program and along with Director Joyner the board Chairman, Larry Faulkner and Vice Chairman, Conrad Carter will film the episode on March 22nd at 10 AM at the college.

The Duke Endowment grant application for a dental grant pilot sealant project requested through Stanly Regional Medical Center that was discussed at the February board meeting was revisited. Director Joyner made the board

aware of an upcoming visit from The Duke Endowment to meet the dental staff and discuss the specifics of the grant application. Mr. Conrad Carter mentioned the availability of grant funds from the local Rotary Club, and the Health Director agreed to consider this possibility in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Joyner gave a presentation utilizing a PowerPoint display on Influenza Surveillance Information in North Carolina from 2013 - 2016. Information from 52 sentinel sites was outlined and contained bar charts, statistics and confirmed cases in county specific areas. The recent confirmation of 2 cases of mumps in Mecklenburg County was discussed, including an additional suspected case in Montgomery County. Mrs. Becky McKeon, RN reminded everyone that, while vaccines are not 100% effective, they are critical for preventing many communicable diseases. Mrs. McKeon explained her job at the Health Department in trying to be proactive by working closely with school nurses, providers and families and during a recent immunization review by the State, the Health Department was found to be 100% in compliance with all 2 year olds with the county scoring 85%.

Everyone was reminded that the Common's Farmers Market will open 5/9/16 from 9 AM to 1 PM and will continue through the summer and fall months. As in the past, it is anticipated that staff from the Cooperative Extension Office will give demonstrations on how to cook certain fruits and vegetables for adults and children at the market on a weekly basis.

The Health Director discussed scheduling a time with the new board member, Dr. Norwood and any others who would like to participate in an orientation and tour of the health department. Further communication will be shared with the board as orientation opportunities are scheduled.

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Norwood moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cain and passed by the board.