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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on June 2nd, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Ric Cain, Larry Faulkner, Shirley Lowder and Debora Norris. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Ginny Burris, Patti Lewis, and Patricia Hancock.

Vice Chairman Carter called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present entertained a motion for approval of the May 5th, 2016 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Norwood, seconded by Dr. Dunlap 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 Judie DeMuth, Administrative Assistant had turned in her resignation to be effective June 30, 2016. He informed them that she had been employed with the Health Department for 32 years and in that time only missed 2-3 meetings. The vacant position has been posted within the county with hopes to set up interviews and fill the position as soon as possible. Vice Chairman Carter presented Mrs. DeMuth with a plaque in appreciation of her tenure and a large cake was delivered by staff in her honor.

The vacant Animal Control Officer position was discussed and Mr. Joyner explained that a total of 12 applications have been received with several applicants meeting minimum qualification requirements. Interviews should begin within the next couple of weeks in an effort to fill this position.

Reports on expenditures and revenues for all Health Department programs as of 4/30/16 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that at 83% into the year most figures are at expected levels. The receipt of cost settlement funds early in the fiscal year has assisted some programs that fell short in revenues, especially in the dental clinic. The Health Director reminded board members that Animal Control Program revenues are lower than projected primarily due to lower volume of services and less impounded animals.

Performance reports for Health Department programs through the month of April were reviewed and Director Joyner explained that numbers are at expected levels and will hopefully continue through the following months. The Employee Wellness Clinic reflected 90 total visits and Patti Lewis, the Health Department's nurse practitioner confirmed that this number is high due to county employees presenting for health screenings as part an annual health risk appraisal process.

NEW BUSINESS

The status of the new fiscal year budget was discussed and Director Joyner stated that the County Manager and Commissioners have announced their plans to adopt the FY2016-17 budget within the next couple of weeks. At this time, no major changes have been made to the Health Department budget which is good news thus far. Commissioner Lowder confirmed that a meeting is scheduled next week to consider adoption of the budget.

Board Members reviewed and discussed the Health Department Strategic Plan for 2016 - 2018, with Director Joyner explaining the purpose of the plan. Vice Chairman Carter inquired about the demographic patient mix of our clinics and efforts to reach those with disproportionate health status. It was also noted the importance of “getting the word out” in the community about services of the health department. Debbie Bennett commented on the work of the department’s media and outreach committee which identifies opportunities to promote health department services. A motion was made to approve the Strategic Plan by Dr. Janice Dunlap and was seconded by Dr. Joan Eudy. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Several bills currently being introduced in the N.C. legislature were discussed and included a bill to legalize syringe exchange programs, establishing a statewide standing-order for opioid drug overdose kits (naloxone) and state protocol changes for managing rabies exposures among cats and dogs. More information will be shared when additional details are made available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DENTAL GRANT – Director Joyner explained that the department had recently been awarded a \$59,180 grant from The Duke Endowment for a dental sealant project in public schools targeting 2nd and 3rd grade students to reduce dental caries. Due to foundation requirements the grant funds will be received by CHS Stanly and passed through to the health department. Funds will primarily be used for mobile dental equipment and supplies as well as a vehicle (van) for transport.

RABIES CLINIC UPDATE - Everyone was reminded of the annual community rabies clinics that took place throughout the county during the month of May with a total of 271 dogs and cats receiving vaccinations. Appreciation was expressed for veterinarians who participated in the clinics. It was noted that although the number of animals vaccinated through the community clinics have been down in recent years, extensive efforts were made to promote the clinics this year. Director Joyner stated that regular monthly rabies vaccination numbers provided by veterinarian practices in the county have remained consistent in recent years with a slight increase for FY15-16.

OTHER BUSINESS

The July Board of Health meeting was discussed and Dr. Jordan made a motion to cancel the meeting as in the past unless the Health Director decides a meeting is necessary due to urgent business. Commissioner Lowder seconded the motion which passed unanimously passed by the board.

A possible presentation from the NC Harm Reduction Coalition on needle exchange programs is still in the planning process for a future meeting. Their recent focus has been on legislative efforts to allow such programs. Director Joyner noted that a recent breakfast meeting was held on May 17th with over 80 community leadership representatives to share information about substance abuse and to help participants better understand addiction as a disease and explore “best practice” programs.

It was mentioned that the department had recently tested two patients for Zika virus with results pending. They were travel related.

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