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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on September 5th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. All Board Members were present. Staff members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bailey, Debbie Bennett, David Ezzell, Dean Lambert, Patti Lewis, Becky McKeon, Robin Randall and Mary Ann Springer. Jessica Carelock and Leon Warren attended as media representatives.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present, entertained a motion for approval of the August 1st, 2013 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Dr. Yowell and approved by the board.

There were no comments noted under Public Comments and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Health Director updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that currently recruitment is taking place for a Public Health Nurse II and an Animal Control Officer. He then recognized Mrs. Debbie Bailey, Interim Home Health Supervisor who introduced new employees recently hired as Public Health Nurses in the Home Health Program; Robin Randall and Mary Ann Springer. Board Members welcomed the new employees.

Reports on year end expenditures and revenues as of 6/30/13 were reviewed as well as for the month of July, 2013. Mr. Joyner explained that he was pleased with the year-end final figures which reflected 97% collected in budgeted revenues and 92% expenditures in budgeted expenses. He added that at 8% into the new fiscal year, figures are on target for the beginning of a new fiscal year in both Revenues/Expenses and Program Performance data. Mr. Joyner reported that some payments have recently been received in the Dental Clinic and General Clinic through the new NC Tracks Medicaid processing system but the Home Health Program is still experiencing some Medicaid revenue issues.

NEW BUSINESS

A review of data included in the 2013 Community Health Needs Assessment was presented by Debbie Bennett, Health Educator who explained that results were based on 1,397 valid surveys. PowerPoint slides included information on why the assessment is conducted; the top health concerns and community issues noted from the survey overall and the latest data on leading causes of death. After questions and discussion, Ms. Bennett informed the board that the 2013 assessment was completed through a collaboration of efforts through the Health Department, Stanly Regional Medical Center and Stanly County United Way.

Next, the Health Director presented a 2013 progress report on the Community Health Action Plan for 2012 – 2014 which was prepared in conjunction with the 2011 Community Health Assessment. Copies of the report were distributed to board members and interventions to address the Healthy NC 2020 Objectives were reviewed. Several programs and interventions conducted throughout the county that were included in the Action Plan were discussed. These included *Eat Smart, Move More and Weigh Less* and *Energize* programs, the establishment of more farmers markets including the indoor Stanly Commons Farmers Market, *Passport to Fitness*, Stanly County Employee Wellness Committee, *Search for the Gold*, cooking demonstrations, tobacco use prevention and no-tobacco policies in many municipal parks.

Board of Health members' terms of office was discussed with Director Joyner stating that Dr. Janice Dunlap, Optometrist Member and Conrad Carter, Registered Engineer Member would have expiring first terms effective 12/31/13 and both are eligible for reappointment to a second three year term by County Commissioners. Dr. Hal Royer, Physician Member will complete the 2nd term of Dr. Raquel Mullen on 12/31/13 but is eligible for appointment to his first term along with Debora Norris, Registered Nurse Member who will complete Margaret Rudisill's 3rd term on 12/31/13. Dr. Ann Yowell, Veterinarian Member's third term will end 12/31/13 and will not be eligible to serve on the board for an additional term. Possible candidates for a Veterinarian Member were discussed and all other board members with ending terms agreed to continue to serve, if appointed by commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Members were informed that all municipalities have signed resolutions to allow enforcement of the new Animal Control Ordinance; therefore the ordinance is fully enforceable throughout Stanly County. Dean Lambert, Animal Control Supervisor shared a recent incident that occurred in the county involving an unvaccinated animal, and due to provisions in the new ordinance, the situation was successfully handled in a more efficient manner than in the past.

Details of a Stanly County Employee Health Program were shared with the board. Director Joyner explained that the initiative was to provide Stanly County Government with on-site physician extender services for employees and dependents covered under the current county health insurance plan, irrespective of age. Further, the purpose of this service would be to provide timely, cost effective, medical attention for episodic, acute conditions and seek to augment health care services provided by an employee's primary care provider. These services could be provided through the Health Department and a proposal was submitted and accepted by the County Manager, with a start date of October 1, 2013. Information was distributed to the board with details of services to be offered utilizing the Health Department's contracted practitioner, Patti Lewis, FNP-C. The Health Director answered questions and agreed to share additional information with the board as this new initiative progresses.

OTHER BUSINESS

Health Department accreditation activities were discussed and Board Members were informed that the site visit took place this week and ended today. Mr. Joyner thanked everyone involved with the process which included staff members, board members who took part in the interview process, and Gay Welsh, State Consultant for Stanly County. A preliminary report from the audit should be received within a couple of weeks and will be shared at the next board meeting.

The meeting was turned over to Patti Lewis, FNP who gave a slide presentation on all aspects of influenza. She shared information on when flu season typically starts and ends, activity for the 2012-13 season including a summary of the number of positive specimens submitted to the CDC through 5/18/13 and a surveillance report on pneumonia and influenza mortality through 8/24/13. Vaccines that will be used for the 2013-14 flu season were reviewed, along with how long the vaccine protects individuals. Board Members were informed that the Health Department has on hand 200 doses of flu vaccine and plans are being made to begin offering the vaccine in mid September or early October. Any board member who would like to get a flu shot may do so at the October meeting.

An assessment and review of the department's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) efforts was presented by Mr. Joyner. He informed the board that the health department makes its services available to all residents of Stanly County and, as required by federal law, seeks to accommodate all persons who may speak a language other than English. He shared a copy of the assessment report and discussed the types of assistance provided for non-English speaking clients/families including two staff Spanish Interpreters and a phone-based language translation contract that has been able to accommodate all non-English languages the department has encountered over the past 5 years. He highlighted the various languages that the department has utilized the language line for and reported that the data seemed to indicate that the department was adequately accommodating non-English speaking clients.

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