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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

September 3, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on September 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. All Board Members were present with the exception of Dr. Joan Eudy, Mrs. Debora Norris and Commissioner Lowder. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Patti Lewis, Charles Hartsell, Dr. Mindy Turner, Kim Shuffler and Becky McKeon. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present entertained a motion for approval of the August 6th, 2015 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Mauldin, seconded by Shirley Lowder, 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 in the Animal Control Program, Amy Irving resigned as of 8/31/15. In the Home Health Program, a nurse with prior Home Health experience, Beth Saville, PHN II began work 8/11/15 on a PRN basis.

Reports on expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 7/31/15 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that at 8% into the new fiscal year, figures are at expected levels in both Revenues/Expenses and Program Performance data. Performance Measure reports for Fiscal Year 2014-15 was distributed for comparison.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Joyner gave an update on Board of Health members' terms of office stating that General Public Members Shirley Lowder and Joan Eudy would have expiring first terms effective 12/31/15, and both are eligible for reappointment to a second three year term by County Commissioners. He added that Dr. Laura Mauldin, Dentist Member's third term would end 12/31/15 and will not be eligible to serve on the board for an additional term after serving a total of 9 consecutive years. Possible candidates for a Dentist Member were discussed and all other board members with ending terms agreed to continue to serve, if appointed by commissioners.

Details of issues surrounding patient eligibility in the Dental Clinic was reviewed and the Health Director explained various situations when exceptions to the eligibility rules were made, i.e. siblings living in same home, cases where patients no longer had Medicaid but continuity of care is important, etc. . Dr. Mindy Turner and Kim

Shuffler gave several examples of recent patients where insurance was filed in an effort to better serve siblings without Medicaid. Dr. Mauldin added that when dealing with children and the different scenarios of their families' structure and insurance status, it becomes more important to put the best interest of the child ahead of typical eligibility rules.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Health Director expressed appreciation to Dr. Jordan, Conrad Carter, Charles Hartsell and Steven Lemons for their participation in recent meetings to discuss the development of standards of care for large animals (equine) in Stanly County. In the near future, a draft of a proposed ordinance/guidelines will be presented to the board for their input/approval. Mr. Joyner informed the board that Steven Lemons had accepted another position but will try to continue to attend future meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Becky McKeon, RN shared information on influenza, stating that to date the Health Department has ordered but is yet to receive a supply of vaccine. She explained the vaccines that will be used for the 2015-16 flu season will contain two A (H1N1, H3N2) vaccines, and two B (Yamagata, Victoria) vaccines, reminding everyone that it takes approximately 2 weeks after receiving the vaccine for antibodies to develop. Board Members were informed that flu season was typically from October thru March, peaking in December, January, February and March. Additionally, the CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older to receive the vaccine yearly, if possible in October. In addition to human contacts, this year the CDC is recommending the testing of anyone with respiratory infections who have had contact with sick or dead birds, including domestic flocks of chicken, ducks, and turkeys. Also, if there has been human contact with wild aquatic birds, duck, geese, swans, falcons and captive birds of prey. The board was informed that the vaccine will most likely be received within the month and can hopefully be offered at the October board meeting. Director Joyner added that due to the importance of receiving the flu shot to prevent the spreading of the disease, county employees will be required this year to sign a declination if the shot is declined and the employee cannot provide proof of getting the vaccine elsewhere. Patti Lewis informed board members that the Community Care Clinic would be giving free flu shots on September 17th to anyone who presents without insurance coverage and/or inability to pay.

Director Joyner reminded the board that a Strategic Planning Retreat has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd, at the Stanly County Airport from 12 Noon until 4 PM. He added that the Health Department's extended Management Team would be attending as well as four Board of Health members who have expressed an interest in participating; Conrad Carter, Ric Cain, Joan Eudy and Shirley Lowder. Information from this retreat will be shared at the November board meeting, as the October board meeting will cover information from the 2015 Community Health Assessment. Everyone was reminded that this survey was a collaborative effort between Carolinas HealthCare System/Stanly Regional Medical Center and the Health Department, and at the October board meeting, recommended health priorities will be finalized.

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