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STANLY COUNTY CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Consolidated Human Services Board met on Thursday, January 4th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stanly County Commissioners Meeting Room. Board members present were: Jann Lowder, chair, Gene McIntyre, vice chairman, Nancy Smoak, Boyd Huneycutt, Calvin Lloyd, Dr. Joan Eudy, Beth Thomas, Shirley Lowder, Dr. Amy Jordan, Dr. Tom Norwood, Georgette Edgerton, Dr. Dianne Daniels, Ric Cain and Larry Gibson. Members absent: Paige Emerson, Caroline Sawyer and Dr. James Marshall. Staff Present: Debbie Bennett, Shonda Blalock, Jennifer Layton, Teri Bowers, David Ezzell, Interim Health Director, Donna Turner, Donza McLean Interim Social Services Director Jeanette Eatman and Interim Health and Human Services Director Andy Lucas.

Welcome and Call to Order:

Chair Jann Lowder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of the December 7th, 2017 Consolidated Human Services Board Minutes:

Chair Jann Lowder presented the December 7th Consolidated Human Services Board Meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

Motion: After review of the December 7th, 2017 meeting minutes, Dr. Tom Norwood moved they be approved as written with a second by Georgette Edgerton. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

There were no general public members in attendance requesting to speak to the board.

Human Services Director's Report:

A. Personnel Update - Interim Human Services Director Andy Lucas stated there were no personnel issues to discuss other than the update on the interviews conducted for the two new positions which will be discussed later in closed session.

B. NCACC Regional Meeting on Child Welfare - Mr. Lucas informed board members the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) will be holding an upcoming regional meeting on Child Welfare. These meetings are designed to create a forum for county officials and DSS leadership to work together to ensure best practices and consistency across the state. The ideas and recommendations reached at these meetings can then be shared with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. This meeting will be held January 22nd with more information to follow.

Health Director's Report:

- A. Personnel Update** - Interim Health Director David Ezzell stated the Health Department is still currently recruiting for one position of Environmental Health Specialist. He also stated one employee will be retiring at the end of February, 2018.
- B. FY2017-18 Expenditures and Revenues Report** - At 42% into the new year, Revenues are at 34% and doing very well with 36% on expenditures through November, 2017. Mr. Ezzell stated that over all he felt the department was on track at this point in the year pointing out that our revenues tend to go up starting around April and May.
- C. Program Performance Report** - Mr. Ezzell stated all program areas seem to be consistent with what they normally see at this time in the year, with General Clinic trending upward.

Social Services Director's Report:

- A. Personnel Update** - Interim Social Services Director Jeanette Eatman stated they have 5 vacancies and have one new hire, and have interviewed for one part-time Child Support agent. They have accepted one resignation.
- B. FY2017-18 Expenditures and Revenues Report** - Mrs. Eatman stated their revenues are at 25% and expenditures at 34% through November, 2017.
- C. Program Performance Report** - Program Performance reports through November 2017 were presented for review and discussion. Mrs. Eatman reviewed each program and the number of clients that were served. Time was given for questions and discussion by the board.

New Business:

- A. Consolidated Human Services Board Budget Committee** - Chair Jann Lowder informed the board members at this time, she would like to ask for volunteers to serve on a budget committee to help the newly established Consolidated Human Services Board through the budget process. Board members were in agreement and five board members volunteered to serve. Those members were Dr. Tom Norwood, Ric Cain, Larry Gibson, Beth Thomas and Dr. Joan Eudy. More information will be shared with the budget committee members at a later date.
- B. Approval of Child Fatality & Prevention Team Members** - Interim Health Director David Ezzell referred to a handout which listed all the members who serve on the Stanly County Child Fatality Prevention Team. He explained that each county is required to have a Child Fatality Team which requires specific positions to be held as a member of the team. This team meets quarterly to review deaths and injuries of children between birth to eighteen years of age who reside in Stanly County and make recommendations in hopes to reduce fatalities. These recommendations are passed on to the state team and considered by the state for introducing new laws. Mr. Ezzell explained that a requirement for the Child Fatality team is to have a member of the Consolidated Human Services Board to serve and approve the appointment of Dr. Ham, the local health care provider on the Child Fatality Prevention Team. Chair Jann Lowder asked the board if anyone would like to volunteer to serve on the Child Fatality Prevention Team, at which time Shirley Lowder agreed to serve.

Motion: A motion was made by Gene McIntyre, with a second by Dr. Joan Eudy to approve the appointment of Dr. Kendra Ham, to serve as local health care provider and Shirley Lowder to serve as the Consolidated Human Services Board Member on the Child Fatality Prevention Team of Stanly County. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

A. Cervical Health Awareness Month - Chair Jann Lowder introduced Shonda Blalock, RN, Clinical Services Supervisor, who presented a powerpoint presentation on Cervical Health Programs. Mrs. Blalock discussed the various cervical health services offered through Stanly County Health Department. The North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) is one program offered at the Health Department. Mrs. Blalock explained the program has income guideline requirements and is geared toward women who are under insured or have no insurance between the ages of 40 to 64 years of age, and is funded by state and federal funds. She explained we have contracts with medical providers for follow up care for abnormal pap test or mammograms. Other clinic services that offer pap test for women at the Stanly County Health Department are Family Planning, Maternal Health and Adult Health. Mrs. Blalock allowed for comments and questions and was thanked for her informative presentation.

B. 2018 Community Health Assessment - Chair Jann Lowder introduced Debbie Bennett, Health Educator at the Stanly County Health Department who informed members of the board that the 2018 Community Health Assessment is available on the county website ready for everyone to complete. She encouraged everyone to complete a survey and help spread the word for others to do so as well. She also stated that the front desk at the Health Department and all clinic areas have them available for the public to fill out. Ms. Bennett was thanked for her time.

C. Discussion of Strategies to Address Opioid Crisis - Jennifer Layton, Health Educator for Stanly County Health Department was introduced by Chair Jann Lowder. Ms. Layton shared a powerpoint presentation which gave an overview of unintentional drug overdose deaths percentages, the counties strategies/resources and other information. Ms. Layton spoke about the growing problem in the county of opioid addiction and accidental overdose deaths. She also explained some of the programs and strategies to combat the crisis which include, Project Lazarus, North Carolina Syringe Exchange Program, Will's Place and the STOP Act among others. Ms. Layton then introduced Donza Mclean, Social Worker with Stanly County Department of Social Services (DSS). Ms. McLean explained the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the steps which are required to do follow up on children that are suspected to have been affected by substance abuse. Ms. Layton and Ms. Mclean each allowed time for questions and comments. Both were thanked for their time and presentations.

Closed Session - to discuss a personnel matter per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter, with a second by Shirley Lowder. Motion carried unanimously.

After review and discussion, Dr. Tom Norwood moved to come out of closed session; the motion was seconded by Gene McIntyre and passed by the board.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Chair Jann Lowder called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Amy Jordan with a second by Gene McIntyre that the Consolidated Human Services Board meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Andy Lucas, Secretary
Stanly County Consolidated Human Services Board**