



STANLY COUNTY CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

**October 04, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome and Call to Order:

The Stanly County Consolidated Human Services Board met on Thursday, October 4th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stanly County Commissioners meeting room. Chair Lowder called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Vice Chair Gene McIntyre delivered the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance. Board members present were: Jann Lowder, Chair, Gene McIntyre, Vice Chair, Nancy Smoak, Calvin Lloyd, Dr. Joan Eudy, Ric Cain, Beth Thomas, Dr. Tom Norwood, Shirley Lowder, Dr. Amy Jordan, Georgette Edgerton, Caroline Sawyer, and Larry Gibson. Members absent: Dr. Dianne Daniels, Boyd Huneycutt, Paige Emerson, and Dr. James Marshall. Staff Present: G. David Jenkins, Health and Human Services Director, Dolly Clayton, Director of Social Services, Debbie Bennett, Jackie DeSantis, Jennifer Layton, Debra Eudy, Heather Threadgill, Sandy Joyner and Teri Bowers.

Adoption of Agenda:

With no adjustments to the agenda, Dr. Tom Norwood moved to approve it as presented with a second by Shirley Lowder. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the September 6th, 2018 Consolidated Human Services Board Minutes:

Chair Lowder presented the September 6th, 2018 Consolidated Human Services Board Meeting minutes for consideration of approval.

Motion: After review of the September 6th, 2018 meeting minutes, Dr. Tom Norwood moved they be approved as written with a second by Nancy Smoak. Motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Consent Agenda:

None

Public Comments:

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

Introduction of New Staff

Mr. G. David Jenkins introduced Jennifer Layton, who recently received a promotion within the Health Department, accepting the new position of Human Services Program Specialist. Mr. Jenkins explained this is a new position, which is unique in that Mrs. Layton will be working around 80% with the health department and 20% with social services. Mrs. Dolly Clayton introduced two new D.S.S. staff members. Heather Threadgill began employment as a Food and Nutrition Caseworker on August 6th, 2018, and Sandy Joyner started in her role as Program Integrity Investigator on September 18th, 2018.

Shelter Operations – Hurricane Florence:

Jennifer Layton, gave a brief update on shelters that were opened due to the impact of Hurricane Florence on September 14th through the morning of September 17th. Ms. Layton explained the decision by Stanly County

Emergency Management to open shelters and how employees from both the Health Department and D.S.S. worked in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Two shelters were opened, one in Albemarle at Anderson Grove Church Life Center and Locust Elementary School. Ms. Layton shared that both departments worked well together and felt overall the operation went smoothly. Also, she explained that with this unplanned event, it helped to identify gaps in communication and needs which will help with such emergency shelter operations in the future. Board members were given time for questions and comments for Ms. Layton.

Medicaid Transformation:

Mr. Jenkins shared a PowerPoint presentation on Medicaid transformation and the possible impact on Stanly County. He explained most states have some form of Medicaid managed care including N.C. but not to the extent they are moving toward now. Mr. Jenkins shared Medicaid managed care basics and goals. He also shared why this matters to public health and discussed the timeline for Medicaid transformation, with July 2020 the target for completed state wide roll out. Mr. Jenkins stated public health's role is being defined now and discussed the challenges. He also explained steps moving forward to take in preparation such as attest to becoming a Tier 3 Advanced Medical Home, which offers a higher reimbursement rate than Tier 2, which is our current status. Mr. Jenkins and Mrs. Dolly Clayton answered questions from board members.

Federally Qualified Health Center Discussion:

With the use of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Jenkins shared information about Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and the advantages for the Health Department to acquire this designation. The presentation listed the benefits which include base funding of \$650,000 per site annually, capital grants, 340B drug pricing and numerous other benefits. He also stated this would require a separate board from the Consolidated Human Services Board and discussed the role of the board members. He explained that with the extra federal funds we would receive, we could provide less expensive primary care for children and adults in the community who cannot afford care even on the lower end of our current sliding fee scale at the health department, plus provide more variety of services. Mr. Jenkins shared that he has discussed pursuing the possibility of the health department becoming a FQHC with the county manager and Brian Freeman, President of Atrium Health – Stanly, and received their support. He suggested as the process moves forward, he would present this to the board for approval. Board members were allowed time for comments and questions for Mr. Jenkins.

D.S.S. Updates (August):

- A. **FY2018-19 Expenditures and Revenues Report** - Mrs. Dolly Clayton states that the revenue is at 10% and expenditures at 8% through August, 2018.
- B. **Program Performance Reports** - Mrs. Clayton reviewed program highlights including finalizing the adoption of a long term foster care child and praised staff for working so hard to make this happen. Mrs. Clayton also wanted to thank both Health and D.S.S. staff for working together as an integrated team to meet the needs of the community during the Hurricane Florence shelter operation. Also, at the October 1st Stanly County Board of Commissioners meeting recently retired D.S.S. employee Jeanette Eatman was presented the award of Order of the Long Leaf Pine which is awarded by the office of the governor. Mrs. Clayton stated she has enrolled in Leadership Stanly, which is a program offered by the Chamber of Commerce, which will give her an opportunity to learn more about the county.

Health Department Updates:

- A. **FY2018-19 Expenditures and Revenues Report** - Mr. David Jenkins stated that revenues are at 17 % and expenditures are at 14% through August, 2018.
- B. **Program Performance Report** - Mr. Jenkins pointed out the Activities Report included in the board members packet, and stated there was a correction from last month's (July) total in animal bites and this sheet is correct and up to date. Also, with only a couple months into the new fiscal year, included in the packet is the Activities Report for FY2017-18 for comparison.

Consolidated Human Services Update:

Mr. Jenkins reminded board member whose term is expiring to get their application turned in to central administration, which we will in turn present to the county commissioners for consideration of reappointment. Mr. Jenkins shared that Health and D.S.S. staff are having a drop in Christmas Luncheon on December 19th, and invited board members to attend. Reminders with the time and place will come at a later date. Also, board member Shirley Lowder expressed concern with the growing opioid addiction problem in our county and asked if there could be a press release to update citizens on action being taken. Mr. Jenkins stated he would get a statement to the press.

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 Larry Gibson that the Consolidated Human Services Board meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. David Jenkins, Secretary

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