



**CONSOLIDATED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021 – 6:00 PM

**Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance**

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Nancy Smoak	Board Member	Present	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Present	
Ric Cain	Board Member	Present	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Present	
Shirley D Lowder	Board Member	Present	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Vice Chairman	Present	
Jann Lowder	Board Member	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Present	
Michael A Williams	Board Member	Present	
TJ Smith	Board Member	Present	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Scott Efird	Board Member	Present	

Chair Lowder called the meeting to order, asked for a few moments for silent prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. James Marshall. Motioned carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Williams, Smith, Harbeson, Small

## **Scheduled Agenda Items**

### **1. SOTCH Update/Report - Act. #1.2, 1.3**

Debbie Bennett, Health Educator with the Stanly County Health Department, gave an update on the 2020 State of the County Health Report (SOTCH). Ms. Bennett used a powerpoint presentation to update board members and explain the need behind the SOTCH report. She reminded Board members of the 2018 Community Health Assessment priority issues, which are Obesity/Overweight, Substance Misuse and Tobacco use. She explained that while COVID-19 hampered some plans, it did not stop them all and they were able to proceed with certain events. With these priorities in mind, Stanly County's Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPS) were developed and she explained some of the plans which were implemented to combat these issues. She also reviewed the emerging issues in the county such as increased Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia, Mental Health Needs and Food Insecurity. In closing, Ms. Bennett reminded Board members to help encourage everyone to complete the 2021 Community Health Assessment on the Health Department website, which is available until February 17th.

### **2. COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Jenkins shared a slide presentation and reviewed current information on COVID-19 in Stanly County. He reviewed the current case numbers and shared that the department has currently administered 3,545 first dose vaccinations and 31 second doses. Mr. Jenkins also reviewed the prioritization slide highlighting the order vaccines should be given to the public, stating this has generated many questions. Mr. Jenkins shared that the Health Department's through put capability at the vaccination site is around 1500 a week or 375 a day. Stanly County's population of 65 and older is around 12,014 which would take many weeks to get all our older population vaccinated, plus due to limited vaccine supply, we may struggle to get more than around 300-500 per week for awhile, but he has learned that a local pharmacy will be offering vaccine soon in Stanly County. Also, Mr. Jenkins states there is tremendous push to get school teachers vaccinated sharing that early on, age 50 and over Stanly County teachers were offered the vaccine.

In closing, Mr. Jenkins shared that yesterday, February 3rd, they tried implementing a new software versus paper documents that were used at the vaccination site which caused long lines and wait times. He said they learned from this and went back to paper to speed up the process and ease frustration from the public. He took a moment to applaud the hard work and long hours staff have put in during this pandemic and making the vaccination clinics a success. Dr. Joan Eudy asked about second doses and Patricia Hancock explained that staff will be calling to schedule that appointment. After questions and comments from Board members, Mr. Jenkins thanked the Board members and public for supplying snacks, food and comfort items to help staff who are working outside in the elements operating the vaccination clinic.

### **D.S.S. Updates**

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the Report of Services included in the Board members packet, through December, 2020 stating that revenue is at 33% with expenditures at 47%. She pointed out the increase in clients served sharing that in Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), the report shows over 4,000 households receiving services in December, 2020 which is almost 1000 more served than in December,

2019. Also, there was over 15,000 recipients of Medicaid in December, 2020 compared to 13,000 recipients served in December 2019, which points to the impact COVID-19 has had on the community. She took a moment to recognize some of the good work from staff, including completed pandemic LIEAP Applications, finalizing two adoptions, staff maintained Medicaid timeliness and FNS timeliness was regained after a staff shortage, and DSS donated two staff members to help with COVID-19 phone lines and data entry. In follow up from January's meeting regarding need for an RN to complete CAP assessments, Mrs. Clayton was able to borrow a contract nurse from the Health Department to complete the needed assessments, as they are in the process of securing a contract with another provider.

Mrs. Clayton shared that in the past month she has had a conversation with the Local Management Entity (LME/MCO) that is being considered for realignment to replace Cardinal Innovations after an expected disengagement process. She was a part of the conversation with them and sensed an understanding as to how they anticipate to partner with them regarding the challenging mental health issues affecting some of the families they serve. They plan to assign a point person, who can provide assistance when they need help with a particular case, which will be helpful. In the meantime, Mrs. Clayton continues to work with Cardinal Innovations as they are still the LME/MCO and shared they will be providing a point person to provide assistance as well, understanding that DSS will share that person with another county due to population. Also, she wanted to report that she continues communication with the CEO of Cardinal Innovations regarding service request when a new child comes in to care although she continues to be disappointed with the over all response from them, sharing that recently, her staff were able to figure out the appropriate placement for the children, not Cardinal.

She also recognized staff who recently collected donations for Stanly County Christian Ministries and the Stanly County Humane Society, collecting a total of 488 pounds of food, with the help of Health Department staff as well. She acknowledged one staff member Veronica Huffman, who saved all through the year and was able to donate a large amount.

In closing, after receiving a complimentary registration, Mrs. Clayton shared that she has been attending the NC City and County Management Association Winter Seminar online webinar. Some of the sessions she was able to participate in include State of the Economy, Social Networking and Community Engagement. She also shared that she will present a proclamation at the March board meeting in honor of Social Workers month, which is in March.

**A. DSS Report of Services - December 2020**

**Health Department Updates**

**A. Expense/Revenue thru Decvember 2020 - \*Action Required\***

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Health Departments Budget Performance Report through December 2020 included in the Board packet. He highlighted two items that were noticeably high on the revenue page, explaining the 450% in Dental - donations is due to the Duke Endowment and the 1,720% in Health - miscellaneous income is from returns of expired meds, increasing revenue in both those budget lines. Overall, revenue is down due to the pandemic. Expenses are at 41%, which is under budget but explained we are receiving federal dollars which has helped to off set some staff salaries because they are spending the majority of their time doing COVID-19 activities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott Efird with a second by Ric Cain to approve the Budget Performance Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kristi Small, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ric Cain, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Williams, Smith, Harbeson, Small

**B. Activities Summary Report - Dec. 2020**

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Activities Summary Report through December 2020. He pointed out that the number under Other Reportable Diseases are attributed to COVID-19, mentioning that the cases were the highest in December, possibly due to the holidays.

**Consolidated Human Services Updates**

Mr. Jenkins shared that Board training for new and on going members will be coming up next month with more information to follow.

**Adoption of Consent Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by TJ Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Tommy Jordan, Vice Chairman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	TJ Smith, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Williams, Smith, Harbeson, Small

**A. Meeting Minutes - 1/07/2021**

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made

**Adjournment**

Chair Jann Lowder declared the meeting adjourned.