



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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Nancy Smoak	Board Member	Present	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Present	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	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	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Present	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Absent	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the meeting to order, asked for silent prayer, then Board members joined Chair Lowder with the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Chair Lowder amended the agenda by adding B, under item VI, where she will provide a handout. With no further amendments, a motion was made by Ric Cain, seconded by Dr. Marshall. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ric Cain, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	James Marshall, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Robinson
ABSENT:	Drye

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Dave Jenkins presented by powerpoint, an update on COVID-19. The presentation included a graft which shows the cases including positive rates from May 2, 2021 thru Aug. 28, 2021, stating we are still in the acceleration phase of the pandemic. He shared that the county has inched up a bit on receiving first dose shots at 39% with the state average being 66%, and fully vaccinated being 35% in Stanly County with a 61% state average. His report included current hospital capacity and survivability. Time was allowed for questions and discussion.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - July 2021

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services included in the Board members packet. The report is thru the month of July, 2021 showing revenue at 1%, and expenditures at 8%. She highlighted some accomplishments from the hardworking staff, which included the ongoing Review of Eligibility Determination Audit (REDA) which is going well; the first part of the annual Medicaid audit went well; they had a successful tornado drill and their payee audit was completed. They are facing several challenges right now including staffing challenges filling CPS positions, a current child support vacancy and food and nutrition vacancy as well. She shared that they also experienced their first foster child test positive for COVID-19, and since then, a couple more as well in DSS custody, with staff working through these challenges with the foster parents and families. They also experienced a couple employee retirements in August and trying to fill those positions as well. She continues to chair the LME MCO realignment committee with Partners Organization and Cardinal stating that she shared the latest project status report dated 8-15-21, with Board members by email. She states the transition date was yesterday, September 1st and shared that from the DSS perspective, things seem to be going well, finding that Partners seems very responsive to their more challenging cases. Mrs. Clayton also provided an update on the funds allocated for COVID financial impact need, stating they received 16 applications from May 2021 thru August 2021, with 14 approvals and 2 denials. The total payments they've made is \$14,410.00 with around \$2,400.00 left in that fund.

Health Department Updates

A. Exp/Rev - July 2021 *Action Required*

Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that the department received an Agreement Addendum from the state in the amount of \$115,000.00 to be used to employ a School Health Liaison to provide assistance for school nurses in dealing with COVID illness, and will be advertised as soon as approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their September 7th meeting. This position will help in contact tracing, case investigation and other duties, which will help bridge the gap between school nurses and the health department in fielding calls. As far as the Budget Performance report, Mr. Jenkins had no additional

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comments. A motion to approve the Budget Performance report thru July, 2021 was made by Scott Efird, seconded by Nancy Smoak. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Nancy Smoak, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Robinson
ABSENT:	Drye

B. Activities Summary Report - FY2020 / July 2021

Mr. Jenkins briefly reviewed the Activities Summary Report for July included in the Board's packet and states no updates at this time.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

A. Discussion of Expiring Board Member Terms

Mr. Jenkins shared that Jennifer Layton, Human Services Program Specialist, has taken a position as Assistant Health Director in Randolph County. He announced that Doshia Swaringen, who has a master's degree in Health Education, will be starting on September 14th to fill Jennifer's vacant position. Mr. Jenkins shared the names of the expiring terms of Board members, Ric Cain, Dr. Tom Norwood, Dr. James Marshall, Shirley Lowder and Dr. Amy Jordan, and turned the discussion over to Chair Jann Lowder. Chair Lowder shared that Ric Cain, Dr. Tom Norwood and Dr. Marshall had already indicated they would be happy to serve another term at the pleasure of the board. Chair Lowder asked Dr. Amy Jordan if she would agree to serve another term and Dr. Jordan consented that she would be glad to if it were the pleasure of the Board. Chair Lowder states Shirley Lowder does not seek reappointment to the Board, ending her term at the November 16th expiration. Chair Lowder suggested moving Dr. Joan Eudy into the Registered Nurse member position upon Ms. Lowder's vacancy and she presented an application from Mrs. Sherry Poplin, suggesting placing her into the unexpired term of Dr. Eudy, which is a General Public member position. After discussion, Dr. Amy Jordan made a motion to move Dr. Eudy into the registered nurse position, while including the reappointment of Dr. Tom Norwood, Dr. James Marshall, Ric Cain and Dr. Amy Jordan to serve another term with a second by Larry Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Chair Lowder states that Mr. Jason Phibbs contacted her in regards to speaking at the meeting tonight but later informed her he would not be attending and asked that she share some information regarding masking in schools with the Board members. Chair Lowder had the information passed out to Board members as a handout, while the Board members attending virtually will receive theirs later by email. Chair Lowder informed Board members upon reviewing the information, if there were any questions or comments to contact her or Director Jenkins. Board member Diane Robinson wanted clarification due to confusion in the community about the school nurses guidance regarding quarantine for students and is she correct in assuming the nurses guidance comes from the Health Department? Mr. Jenkins states they have addressed some of these concerns through email and phone calls. He states they are taking the tool kit and trying to implement in this brand new school year and unfortunately it's not always black and white. This is where the Health Department comes in as more of a consultant or providing recommendations, as they are to work closely with the schools at the local level to help provide guidance.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Ric Cain. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ric Cain, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Robinson
ABSENT:	Drye

A. 2020 Stanly County Community Child Protection Team Activity

B. Energy Programs Outreach Plan - 2021-2022

C. 2020 Child Fatality Prevention Team Activity

Public Comments

No public comments.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Scott Efird to adjourn with a second from Beth Thomas, motion carried unanimously.