



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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021 – 6:00 PM

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

Director Jenkins opened the Consolidated Human Services board Meeting while also leading invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

**1. Nomination of Chairperson**

Director Jenkins opened the floor for nominations of Chair for the Consolidated Health and Human Services Board. A motion to nominate Jann Lowder for Chairperson was made by Dr. Joan Eudy, with a second from Ric Cain. With no other nominations presented, Jann Lowder was declared Chairman for 2022. Director Jenkins congratulated Chair Jann Lowder and the proceedings were turned over to her.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marshall, Gibson, Jordan

**2. Nomination of Vice Chairperson**

Chair Lowder opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Dr. Norwood nominated Ric Cain. With no other nominations presented, Ric Cain was declared Vice Chairman for 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marshall, Gibson, Jordan

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	Absent	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	

Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Absent	
Tommy Jordan	Vice Chairman	Absent	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Present	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Present	

### **Adoption of Agenda**

With no amendments requested, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the agenda as presented, with a second by Dr. Tom Norwood, which carried by unanimous vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marshall, Gibson, Jordan

### **Scheduled Agenda Items**

#### **1. 2022 Consolidated Health & Human Services Regular Meeting Schedule**

The 2022 Consolidated Health and Human Services Board Schedule was presented for approval with the month of July left open for discussion. Board member Georgette Edgerton suggested we not meet in July and after a discussion, a motion was made to not schedule a regular Board meeting for July 2022, and leave the option to call for one if deemed necessary. A motion was made by Dr. Norwood to accept the meeting agenda for 2022, with a second by Ric Cain. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marshall, Gibson, Jordan

#### **2. 2021 Community Health Assessment priorities**

Debbie Bennett, Health Educator, used a slide presentation to ask Board members for approval of three health priorities to focus on, relating to the 2021 Community Health Assessment. The three priorities presented are 1. Substance Misuse/Overdose; 2. Healthy Living (obesity/overweight, nutrition & physical activity); 3. Mental Health. She reviewed some of the data from the 2021 Community Health Assessment such as the leading community issues, access to services issues and the leading causes of mortality. Ms. Bennett explained these priorities would be addressed by different partners and agencies interested and knowledgeable in health issues affecting the county and strive to come up with health improvement goals. After a period of questions and comments, a motion was made by Dr. Joan Eudy to



approve the three priorities presented by Debbie Bennett, seconded by Kristi Small. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **3. COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Jenkins presented the latest COVID-19 data for the county. The presentation included the number of daily cases, hospitalizations, deaths, positivity rate and the number of those that are fully and partially vaccinated. The presentation included a graph showing that there had been an uptick as expected with the holiday season. He shared information concerning the booster shots stating they are available for anyone age 18 and older at this time and shared that Pfizer vaccine is available for children age 5-11. He shared information on the new Omicron variant stating that three (3) cases have been identified in the United States, and studies suggest it may be highly transmissible however the symptoms have been mild in the three vaccinated individuals who were positive. To date, there isn't a lot of information known about the Omicron variant but it is expected that vaccines currently authorized in the US will remain effective against severe outcomes. Following the presentation, Mr. Jenkins responded to Board questions.

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

#### **A. DSS Report of Services - October 2021**

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services which is included in the Board members packet stating that revenue is at 17% with expenditures at 31% through October, 2021. She acknowledged accomplishments by staff stating that the Recipient Eligibility Determination Audit (REDA) continues to go well and a couple vacant positions have been filled. Some pressing issues she shared is having five vacant positions in Child Protective Services (CPS). Mrs. Clayton explained they have 13 CPS positions, only staffed with eight employees right now, and of those employees, only four have been with the agency for two years or more with the other four with less than six months service. This has been challenging for her staff, however there are two very good and experienced supervisors in that department that are working very hard, shadowing new workers plus working cases due to the staffing shortages.

She shared that she did attend the DSS Board training offered by the UNC School of Government and would be glad to share the powerpoint presentation that was provided, stating that overall, she thought the training was really good. The training discussed the structure of the DSS Board, along with the structure of the system, laws governing the Board, challenges and other information was shared.

Mrs. Clayton shared that her staff has enjoyed kicking off the holiday season by having an appetizer/snack day where employees brought snacks to share, and have also enjoyed decorating their offices and hallways for Christmas to lift spirits. She also states she will be sharing a powerpoint presentation highlighting the DSS department at the Board of Commissioner's meeting Monday, and looks forward to the opportunity to share about all the great work that the staff is doing. In closing, Mrs. Clayton states the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) program begins December 1st and there is a new program, Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, which is aimed to assist qualifying adults when their water is shut off or near shut off.

### **Health Department Updates**

#### **A. Exp/Rev Report thru Oct. 2021 \*Action Required\***

**DECEMBER 2, 2021**

The Health Department Budget Performance Report was included in the Board members packet for review. With no comments or questions, a motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood, with a second by Dr. Joan Eudy to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Tom Norwood, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joan Eudy, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marshall, Gibson, Jordan

**B. Activities Summary Report - October, 2021**

The Health Department Activities Summary report is included in the Board packet for review. No updates were given at this time.

**Consolidated Human Services Updates**

Mr. Jenkins shared that with the approval of the state budget, we have additional funding coming for public health which includes funding for Communicable Disease in the amount of \$144,750.00 for Stanly County and funding for COVID-19 vaccination efforts in the amount of \$164, 025.00 for two years. We also have funds that were awarded previously for vaccination and some renovation expenses. Mr. Jenkins has been consulting with the County Manager on some upgrades for the Health Department including painting, new floors and possible waiting room expansion. And finally, he shared that the Health Department plans to apply for the \$150,000.00 Community Health Grant for primary care patients, which we applied for and was awarded in the past, and was able to provide primary care to patients who qualified financially.

**Adoption of Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood, seconded by Dr. Joan Eudy, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Tom Norwood, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joan Eudy, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Lowder, Teal, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Marshall, Gibson, Jordan

**A. 11-04-21 HHS Meeting Minutes**

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

Chair Jann Lowder reminded Board members to fill out a performance evaluation on Director Jenkins and return to Teri Bowers then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ric Cain motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood and carried by unanimous vote.