



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

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, March 3, 2022 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	Excused	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Chairman	Excused	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Excused	
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	
Stan Leggett	Board Member	Present	

In the absence of Chair Jann Lowder, Vice Chairman Ric Cain called the meeting to order, presided over the meeting, with Board member Larry Gibson providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Oath of Office - Stan Leggett

Teri Bowers, Notary Public, administered the oath of office to Mr. Stan Leggett. Mr. Leggett will serve on the Board as a Consumer of Human Services member.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood, seconded by Larry Gibson, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
SECONDER:	Larry Gibson, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin, Leggett
EXCUSED:	Marshall, Jordan, Teal

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. COVID-19 Update

Mrs. Doshia Swaringen, Human Services Program Specialist at the Health Department, provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Swaringen used a powerpoint presentation which included the numbers of total cases in the state, county, hospitalizations and vaccinations. Following the presentation, Mrs. Swaringen entertained questions from the Board.

2. Board Orientation - New members & Annual training (Activiy No. 36.2, 36.3)

Mrs. Dolly Clayton noted the Board Orientation and Annual Training included in the packet for new and existing members. The information shared is an overview of information for both DSS and the Health Department. She also shared that she and Director Jenkins will set a time for new members who have not attended an in person orientation and get that information out noting that any Board member would be welcome to attend.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - January 2022

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services through January 2022 included in the Board packet, stating expenditures are at 51% while revenue is at 35%. In reviewing the report, she mentioned that total Medicaid recipients is up from last month as well as the number of households receiving FNS services.

Mrs. Clayton took a moment to recognize hard work by her staff, sharing that they are in the last month of the Recipient Eligibility Determination Audit (REDA), which continues to go well. They have contracted with temporary social work staffing, which has helped relieve some of the work load on existing staff. An internal promotion did take place from one of the FNS staff, to a lead worker position. She also reviewed some challenges related to staffing with vacancies in FNS, CPS/APS positions, family and children's Medicaid and the Community Alternative Program (CAP). She reminded the Board of a concern related to FNS stating that recertification applications for FNS services were suspended during the pandemic and started back in January 2022. In March 2020, there were just over 3,400 households receiving services and currently there are 5,228 households receiving services. This is a 50% increase in FNS workload with no more staff to accommodate this increase. She states it is a challenge to meet the state required timeliness of processing these applications.

In closing, she shared that March is Social Work month, with the theme being "The Time is Right" and she took a moment to recognize the great, hard work that the Social Worker's do. Also, Mrs. Clayton shared that she will be attending the National Association of Social Work Ethics conference this month,

the NC Public Health Association Public Health Social Work conference and also the NC Association of County DSS Directors will have their annual meeting this month as well.

Health Department Updates

A. Exp/Rev Report thru Jan. 2022 *Action Required*

The Budget Performance report for the Health Department was included in the packet for review. In the absence of Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Clayton shared that if there were any questions, please let her know and she will direct them to Mr. Jenkins. A motion was made by Nancy Smoak to approve the report as presented, with a second by Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy Smoak, Board Member
SECONDER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin, Leggett
EXCUSED:	Marshall, Jordan, Teal

B. Activities Summary Report thru Jan. 2022

The Activity report for the Health Department was included in the packet for review. In the absence of Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Clayton states that if there were any questions to write them down for her and she will pass them along to Mr. Jenkins.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Masks are optional at the Health Department and DSS now, due to the 6.7% positivity rate and based on the face mask policy. Funds in the amount of \$78,000.00 from the sale of Stanly County Home Health had been budgeted to replace the floors in the Health Department, however due to the extreme rise in supplies and materials, this will be put on hold. Mr. Jenkins plans to ask the county commissioners to use these funds to paint and expand the existing waiting areas to accommodate more people for Covid vaccines, etc., this fiscal year instead of flooring. He plans to ask for flooring in the next budget year. Construction and painting is currently going on in the old Home Health area at the Health Department to accommodate Partners Behavioral Health, who will be leasing this space.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A note was made to correct an error where Dr. Joan Eudy was counted present at the February 3rd meeting when she was in fact absent. A motion was made by Larry Gibson, seconded by Nancy Smoak, to accept the consent agenda with correction. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Gibson, Board Member
SECONDER:	Nancy Smoak, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin, Leggett
EXCUSED:	Marshall, Jordan, Teal

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Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Scott Efird to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Amy Jordan. The motion passed by unanimous vote.