



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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ric Cain	Board Member	Present	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Absent	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Excused	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Excused	
Amy Furr	Chairman	Excused	
Teresa Lanier	Board Member	Excused	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	
Brandon King	Commissioner	Present	
Kenny Kendall	Board Member	Excused	
Dr. Mark Speight	Board Member	Present	
Dr. James Link	Board Member	Present	
Shaun Morgan	Board Member	Present	
Victoria Ramos	Vice Chairman	Excused	
Seena Koohestani	Board Member	Excused	

With the absence of both Chair Amy Furr and Vice-Chair Victoria Ramos, Interim Health Director David Ezzell, called the meeting to order with Commissioner King providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Ezzell opened the floor for nomination of Chair to preside over the meeting. A motion was made to nominate Ric Cain as acting Board Chair, seconded by Beth Thomas. With no other nominations made, a vote to confirm Ric Cain as acting chair passed unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda

With no amendments to the agenda, a motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to accept the agenda as presented, with a second from Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Small, Drye, Robinson, Crump, King, Speight, Link, Morgan, Koohestani
ABSENT:	Marshall
EXCUSED:	Harbeson, Hinson, Furr, Lanier, Kendall, Ramos

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL ISSUE PER G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6)

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to go in to closed session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Crump. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Dengue Virus & Avian Influenza Update

Patricia Hancock used a slide presentation to share information on Dengue Virus and Avian Influenza. She explained that Dengue Virus is a viral disease that is spread to people through mosquito bites. Limited local spread has been reported in Florida, Hawaii, Texas, Arizona and California during the past two years with the idea that most cases have been from travelers infected elsewhere. Mrs. Hancock also shared the signs, symptoms, treatment and prevention of the virus.

She also reviewed Avian Influenza A (H5N1), also known as Bird Flu, is widespread in wild birds worldwide and previously caused outbreaks in poultry and dairy cows. There have been 13 human cases since March 24, 2024. Mrs. Hancock shared current data, how the current surveillance system is being used to monitor for H5N1 in people and what you can do to protect yourself and states the CDC will monitor the situation, but right now the risk is very low. She allowed time for discussion and answered questions regarding both presentations.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - May 2024

May and June, 2024 DSS Board reports were both included in the Board packet. Mrs. Clayton reviewed both reports stating revenue was at 87% while expenditures were 93% through June, 2024. She reviewed Medicaid recipient numbers and Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) numbers stating they had trended down in both May and June. She praised staff, both DSS and health, for helping to supervise foster care children in May for a couple weeks and being on stand by in June and July. They also have staff on stand by for a child this weekend. Other accomplishments by staff she highlighted were that staff are making progress on filling vacancies and Medicaid applications timeliness remains good. Some pressing issues continue, such as filling vacant positions. Mrs. Clayton joined the meeting via conference phone and shared that she is currently in Hickory, NC attending the Social Services Institute.

B. DSS Report of Services - June 2024

Health Department Updates

A. Budget Performance Report - June, 2024

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Mr. David Ezzell reviewed the Budget Performance report thru June 2024 stating that through the year, we ended at 116% revenue which is subject to change after Medicaid cost settlement is complete. Expenditures ended the year at 93% General Health, 85% Dental Clinic and 99% Environmental Health.

B. Activities Summary Report - June, 2024

Mr. Ezzell reviewed the Activities Summary report included in the Board packet saying the numbers stayed fairly consistent from month to month in most program areas throughout the year. He states environmental health had a fairly busy year, however it appeared to slow down in comparison to other years. There were no questions from the Board.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

No updates.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Commissioner King moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
AYES:	Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Small, Drye, Robinson, Crump, King, Speight, Link, Morgan, Koohestani
ABSENT:	Marshall
EXCUSED:	Harbeson, Hinson, Furr, Lanier, Kendall, Ramos

A. Accounts Receivable & Bad Debt Write Off (Act. 33.6)

B. Meeting Mins. for 6-06-24

C. Health & Human Services Board Handbook - Annual Update (Act. 36.2)

D. Department Policy Review (Act. 15.3)

Public Comments

No public comments.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Diane Robinson to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner King.

Chair, Date

Clerk, Date