



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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Excused	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Excused	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Excused	
Stan Leggett	Board Member	Present	
Amy Furr	Board Member	Present	
Teresa Lanier	Board Member	Excused	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder opened the January 5th, 2023 Consolidated Health & Human Services Board regular meeting. Chair Lowder also provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Swearing In Ceremony - Oaths of Office, Commissioner Peter Asciutto and Commissioner Patty Crump

Teri Bowers, Notary Public and Administrative Assistant for the Health & Human Services Department administered the Oath of Office to County Commissioners Peter Asciutto and Patty Crump.

Adoption of Agenda

Chair Lowder presented the agenda for approval, which was accepted by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Lowder, Small, Asciutto, Drye, Robinson, Leggett, Furr, Crump
EXCUSED:	Marshall, Harbeson, Hinson, Poplin, Lanier

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Stanly County Substance Use Project Summary

Wendy Growcock, Health Educator with the Health Department, reviewed a powerpoint presentation on Stanly County Substance Use. She shared an overview of what projects are taking place and some of the data being reported. She explained Project Lazarus and the role the Health Department plays in combating substance use. The presentation included goals, charts, graphs, challenges faced and what is working in Stanly County. She shared that the opioid death rate in Stanly County has decreased below the state level which indicates mitigation efforts are working. She also reviewed the Opioid settlement funds coming to Stanly County and where those funds were appropriated. Mrs. Growcock fielded questions and comments and was thanked for her presentation.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - November 2022

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services included in the packet through November 2022, sharing that current revenue is at 25% while expenditures are at 37%. She states recipients of medicaid and food and nutrition services (FNS) increased from the previous month. She praised staff for the hard work they're doing, such as passing a Medicaid Accuracy Improvement Plan 100% for November, Daycare Subsidies passed monitoring with an accuracy score of 95.06%. Also, Mrs. Clayton shared some department challenges such as ongoing staff vacancies and an increase in foster care.

Mrs. Clayton shared activities the staff participated in the month of December including operating emergency shelters due to the Piedmont Natural gas outage, which included three shifts and started on December 14th at 5:00 p.m., ending on December 15th at noon. Mrs. Clayton assisted during each shift change throughout the event and participated in interviews by station WSOC on Wednesday night and station WCNC on Thursday, which was featured in there news cast.

She shared that the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) opened for all eligible households, with applications being accepted through March 31st or until funds are exhausted. In December, staff processed 106 applications, which was primarily for the elderly and handicapped, however just this week they have received 99 applications for January. She shared that DSS staff is currently collecting food for Stanly County Christian Ministry food pantry, and they plan to deliver those donations on January 20th.

Health Department Updates

A. Exp/Rev Report thru November, 2022 *Action Required*

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Budget Performance Report included in the Board member's packet. He states that typically we should be around 41.5% for this report period, which is through November 2022, but we are currently doing well at 53% due to revenues received, such as Medicaid cost settlement funds. In reviewing the expenses, he explained we are also doing well as our expenses are under the 41.5% projection for this time of year. Mr. Jenkins reminded Board members the Health Department works to

spend all federal and state dollars, grant funds, as well as any revenues from billing of services we receive before any local dollars to help support our programs. A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood, seconded by Larry Gibson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

B. Activities Summary Report - Nov. 2022

Mr. Jenkins had no other information to add regarding the Activities Summary included in the Board member's packet.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

As Mrs. Clayton mentioned earlier, regarding the warming shelter December 14th due to the gas outage, Mr. Jenkins acknowledged our health and DSS employees that stepped up to the task on short notice. He also sent a letter of appreciation to Pastor Justice with Anderson Grove Church for allowing us to utilize their facility in a time of need. He shared that with the delay of Medicaid Tailored Plan launch until April 1, 2023, NCDHHS will delay the implementation of North Carolina Standard Plan and Tailored Plan Tobacco-Free Policy requirements. NCDHHS will work with key community stakeholders, Standard Plans and Tailored Plans to revise guidance on the policy requirements. More information will be provided about the program in Spring 2023.

In order to meet Accreditation Activity 9.1, he wanted to relay public health information related to COVID. XBB.1.5, a sub variant of Omicron that is increasingly circulating across our nation, and health officials believe that it is the most infectious version but doesn't appear to make people sicker. It is too early to determine how evasive it is from vaccine or prior infection, that said, vaccines and masks are still the recommended protections against severe illness. He reminded the Board that the Health Department still has no cost, at home test available to the public at the front desk. Also, if you're COVID-19 positive, there is a no cost, telemedicine provider that is available that can prescribe antiviral pills for those 12 years of age and older, who are experiencing mild or moderate symptoms and are high risk for severe illness. Health insurance and ID are not required, and the number is 704-941-6000.

Mr. Jenkins states local opioid resources event with Attorney General Josh Stein, is coming up on January 9th with Representative Sasser also expected to be in attendance. As you may be aware, Attorney General Stein had a lead role in securing opioid settlement funds and Representative Sasser has also secured substance use funds locally for Stanly County. He invited Board members, stating the event is Monday, January 9th, from 10:30 to 11:30, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room (the Gene McIntyre Room), Stanly Commons, 1000 N. First Street, Albemarle.

In closing, Mr. Jenkins reminded the new Board members there will be an in-person orientation for them and Teri Bowers will be reaching out soon to set up a date and time.

Board member Dr. Joan Eudy took a moment to thank Board members and also recognize members who made donations, arranged for donations or came out to assist with the Thank You pizza party for health

and DSS staff on December 7th. She shared that staff seemed to appreciate the gesture and Mr. Jenkins agreed stating staff expressed their appreciation to him.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ric Cain to accept and approve the consent agenda as presented, with a second from Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ric Cain, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
AYES:	Eudy, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Lowder, Small, Asciutto, Drye, Robinson, Leggett, Furr, Crump
EXCUSED:	Marshall, Harbeson, Hinson, Poplin, Lanier

A. 12-01-22 Meeting Minutes

Public Comments

No public comments were made

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Larry Gibson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.