



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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Excused	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	Present	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Excused	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Excused	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Excused	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Excused	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Present	
Amy Furr	Board Member	Present	
Teresa Lanier	Board Member	Present	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	

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

Adoption of Agenda

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

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

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Chairman's Discussion

Mr. Jenkins discussed the vacancy of the Consumer Board member slot with Mr. Stan Leggett's resignation, as he accepted another Board member position. He discussed that five Board volunteer applications had been received and shared with all current Board members in advance of tonight's meeting and gave Board members time to discuss whether they had reviewed those and were interested in making a recommendation to fill this vacant spot. After some discussion, Amy Furr made a motion to recommend Kenneth Chambers to be presented to the Board of Commissioners as an appointment to the vacant Consumer of Human Services member spot, seconded by Larry Gibson. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and no other recommendations were made.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - November 2022

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS report of Services included in the packet, which is for the month of December, 2022. She pointed out that expenditures and revenues were at 44% and 40% respectively, also noting Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) were up from the previous month. She took a moment to recognize some of the good work by the staff and reviewed accomplishments listed on the report such as the REDA Medicaid Accuracy improvement plan was closed for successful completion, permanency established for three children in foster care and a FNS vacancy was filled. Some challenges they face is the continuing staff vacancies across the department, which they are working diligently to fill, however they have been able to hire two new temporary employees for Child Protective Services to help in that department, and they continue to see an increase in the number of children in foster care.

Mrs. Clayton shared DSS staff had collected canned goods for Stanly County Christian Ministries, which totaled over 172 pounds by the time it was picked up. She also explained the Public Health Emergency continues, yet the maximized allocation of food stamp benefits implemented during the pandemic will end this month, therefore program participants may be shocked when they see their reduced March benefits, although notice has gone out to them. She states there has also been problems across the state where skimming has taken place off the food stamp card and people lose their benefits, although some of it may be recouped in certain situations. In closing, Mrs. Clayton updated board members on the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), stating since December 1st, they have taken 356 applications, keeping staff extremely busy.

Health Department Updates

A. Activities Summary Report - Dec. 2022

Mr. Jenkins states he has no updates or comments to add to the Activities Summary report which is in the board packet for review.

B. Exp/Rev Report thru December, 2022

Mr. Jenkins had no updates to add to the Budget Summary Report and offered an opportunity for questions. With no questions or comments, Amy Furr made a motion to accept the Budget Summary report as presented with a second by Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins shared that the Health Department's mid-level provider, Mrs. Patti Lewis, will be retiring the end of March. Mrs. Lewis is currently a contracted provider through Atrium Health, however Mr. Jenkins plans to present at the County Commissioner's meeting and request approval to hire a full-time advance practice provider due to Atrium no longer being able to provide a contracted position. The new provider position would be a grade 82 with a minimum salary of \$79,000.00. He informed Board members that Stanly County will be included in the Substance Use Network (SUN) project, which is a project funded by the state, through Cabarrus County expanding into Stanly County. The SUN project is a collaborative system of compassionate care and uses best practices to support the health, safety and recovery of pregnant patients with substance use disorder. He shared this project has seen success in Cabarrus county and he will attend training about this project in Asheville March 1-3. In closing, Mr. Jenkins reminded new Board members that someone from the health department would be reaching out to schedule an in person orientation for them.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Amy Furr. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

A. Budget Amendment #2023-67, Misc. Income Environmental Health

B. 1-05-23 Meeting Minutes

Public Comments

Mr. Kenneth Chambers was in attendance and spoke, thanking the Board for voting to recommend his appointment to the Board. He states he is a lifelong Stanly County resident, and he looks forward to serving the residents of Stanly County if given the opportunity.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Amy Furr to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed by unanimous vote.