



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

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 – 6:00 PM

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

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

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

Chair Jann Lowder called the meeting to order with Commissioner Asciutto leading the invocation with a moment of silence and leading the pledge of allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Dr. Norwood to accept the agenda as presented, with a second by Commissioner Asciutto. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                                                                                                    |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Tom Norwood, Board Member                                                                                                                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Peter Asciutto, Commissioner                                                                                                                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Eudy, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Edgerton, Gibson, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Asciutto,<br>Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Furr, Lanier, Crump, Chambers |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Cain, Jordan, Poplin                                                                                                                           |

## **Scheduled Agenda Items**

### **1. SOTCH Report (Act. 1.2 & 1.3)**

Doshia Swaringen updated the Board on the State of the County Health Report (SOTCH) which was submitted just a few weeks ago. She explained the SOTCH report is a required report to the state to measure progress of community health plans, initiatives and goals. She reminded Board members of the Health Priorities selected for 2021-2023 were substance misuse/overdose, healthy living and mental health. Mrs. Swaringen then reviewed the powerpoint presentation which included charts and graphs showing how the county has done with reaching goals and initiatives regarding these priorities. The presentation included information on health disparities, changes in morbidity and emerging issues. After time was allowed for questions and discussion, Mrs. Swaringen was thanked for the update.

### **2. Face Mask Policy Revision \*Action Required\***

Mr. Jenkins discussed a face mask policy revision, which was included in Board members packet. This policy makes wearing face mask optional for employees and patients, except in specific situations as explained in the policy. He explained this policy is comparable to the policy set forth by Atrium Health and other health care providers and recommended this revised policy for consideration of approval by the Board. After discussion among Board members, including possible revisions to this policy, a motion was made by Georgette Edgerton to accept the revised Face Mask Policy, seconded by Larry Gibson. The motion carried by majority vote of 16 - 1. (Commissioner Crump voted against)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [16 TO 1]</b>                                                                                                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Larry Gibson, Board Member                                                                                                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Eudy, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Edgerton, Gibson, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Asciutto,<br>Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Furr, Lanier, Chambers |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Crump                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Cain, Jordan, Poplin                                                                                                                    |

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

### **A. DSS Report of Services - February 2023**

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services included in the Board packet, noting that revenues are at 49% and expenditures 59% through February, 2023. She highlighted the number of total Medicaid recipients, explaining there was a slight drop from the previous month due to the unwinding period of Medicaid due to the pandemic and cuts in extended benefits. Mrs. Clayton took a moment to review accomplishments from staff and recognize their hard work stating the Medicaid application time standard was met, several positions were filled, and the Work First monitoring was completed without any eligibility errors.

Mrs. Clayton shared that in early March, she attended the NC Chapter of the National Association of Social Worker Annual Ethic conference. At the end of March, she attended the Prevent Child Abuse NC,

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Learning and Leadership Summit about Nurturing Positive Childhoods, which included presenters who provided information and encouragement because the work they do is very hard. Also, Social Services staff have completed the compilation and accounting for budget submission to the county manager, which will be presented to the Consolidated Health & Human Services Board at the May meeting.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month to raise awareness of the issue of child abuse and neglect. The Department of Social Services is responsible for identifying child abuse and neglect ensuring safety. She shared that in Stanly County fiscal year 2022, DSS received a total of 662 reports of child abuse and neglect, which involved 1,574 children. Of those 662 reports, 339 were accepted for either family or investigative assessment. So far in fiscal year 2023, the agency has received 567 reports which is 57 more than this time last year. This year, the pinwheels for child abuse awareness are on the grounds here and the hospital and members of DSS and Health attended the Child Abuse Awareness breakfast on March 31st, sponsored by the Butterfly House. She also had on hand a report published by the NC Institute of Medicine and NC child recently published a Child Health Report which she offered to share with Board members if interested. Also, the Child Health County Data Cards have not been published yet but she will share those when they are ready.

### **Health Department Updates**

#### **A. Exp/Rev Report - Feb. 2023 \*Activity 33.2\***

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Budget Summary Report included in the Board packet, which is through February 2023. He states at eight months into the fiscal year, our goal would be 67%, and in reviewing the revenues and expenditures, at this point we are on target to perform well this year.

#### **B. Activities Summary Report - Feb. 2023**

Mr. Jenkins shared that there are no updates to report regarding the Activities report, which is included in the Board packet.

### **Consolidated Human Services Updates**

Mr. Jenkins states Health and DSS budgets will be presented to the Consolidated Health & Human Services Board at the May meeting. Mr. Jenkins shared an update on NC House bill 98, stating it was amended to remove the quarantine and face mask discussion in the bill but the support for not mandating vaccines for state and local government is still included and the bill is moving forward as far as he's aware.

### **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

The March 2nd meeting minutes will be approved at the May 4th meeting after a correction is made. No action was taken

#### **A. 3-02-23 Meeting Minutes**

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Jason Phibbs addressed the Board. He stated since the Health Department continues to offer the Covid vaccine to the public, he asked the Board to seriously review and discuss the mounting data of evidence that the vaccine is dangerous, and it is the duty of this Board to investigate such matters and protect the public health. After the meeting, he will send to each Board member two (2) of the many resources available for review.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Mr. Larry Gibson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Norwood. The motion passed unanimously.