



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

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, May 4, 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	Excused	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Present	
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	Excused	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Present	
Amy Furr	Board Member	Present	
Teresa Lanier	Board Member	Present	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Excused	
Kenneth Chambers	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the May 4th meeting to order, with Sherry Poplin providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

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

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

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Memo - Opioid Settlement Fund Recommendation *Action Required*

Wendy Growcock, Health Education Specialist, reviewed a memo included in the Board packet, which is in regards to the Stanly County Opioid Settlement Funds the county is receiving. The memo, from Board Chair Jann Lowder, will be presented to County Manager, Andy Lucus for consideration and includes recommendations for funding specific strategies to address opioid overdose and deaths in Stanly County. Mrs. Growcock reminded Board members of the memo with recommendations for the opioid settlement funds last year at this time, which they approved. She shared that the recommendations in this memo are in support of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Medications for Opioid Use disorder (MOUD) treatment including counseling, clinical services, drug screening and medications allowed under the NC Opioid Settlement MOA, which is evidence based addiction treatment. Also, a letter from Nazareth Child & Family Connection was included as they have partnered with the Health Department to provide opioid use disorder treatment through the HRSA grant, which will end this month, and would like to continue providing treatment for Stanly County and be considered for settlement funds. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Norwood, and a second by Larry Gibson, to approve the memo of recommendation for opioid settlement funds. The motion passed unanimously.

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

2. FY23-24 Social Services Budget Proposal *Action Required*

Mrs. Clayton reviewed the FY2023-24 Budget Presentation for Social Services included in the Board members packet and shared handouts with updates of the county manager's recommended budget, after receiving this information last week. She shared that they had requested 10 new positions, including five income maintenance positions and one supervisor due to Medicaid expansion as they anticipate roughly 3,500 additional participants eligible for Medicaid and she was happy to share that the county manager has recommended three of the five and the supervisor position due to expansion. Mrs. Clayton reviewed the Enhancement Budget request and pointed out the county manager recommended enhancements on the handout. She reviewed the pie charts included in the presentation which highlights personnel cost, total expenditure and revenue budgets and the financial impact to Stanly County. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Teresa Lanier and seconded by Dr. Marshall, to approve for recommendation of the FY2023-24 DSS Requested Budget to the Board of Commissioners. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

3. FY23-24 Health Budget Proposal, Fee Schedule *Action Required* (Act. 33.2, 39.3) (Fees-Act. 33.5)

Mr. Jenkins presented the proposed FY2023-24 Health Department Budget and Fee Schedule which was included in the Board packet. He reviewed department fees as they require approval and states the memo included in the packet needs some updates. He shared an updated powerpoint presentation, reviewing the budget for General Health, Dental and Environmental Health stating there is an overall 3% target expense increase from last year. He also reviewed enhancement requests, anticipated state/federal funds to be received and discussed NC House Bill 108, explaining this bill in legislation, which would pay \$25 million per year in annual funding for local public health communicable disease services. The presentation also included a pie chart showing a breakdown of the proposed total revenues and expenses. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Asciutto to approve the FY2023-24 fee schedules and the FY2023-24 proposed budget for recommendation to the county commissioners, seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - March 2023

Mrs. Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services stating that revenues are at 57% and expenditures at 66% through the month of March, 2023. In reviewing economic services, she pointed out that the number of Medicaid recipients was up 493 from last month. In recognizing accomplishments from staff, she states they hired three new workers in the Medicaid department, the food and nutrition services processing timeliness is good and they had a termination of parental rights granted for children in foster care, meaning adoption can potentially move forward. They still continue to struggle filling vacant positions and the staff is still working hard on the Medicaid un-winding process.

Mrs. Clayton attended the NC Association of Directors of Social Services annual meeting in April. She shared a key issue discussed at the meeting, The Medicaid Child and Family Specialty Plan, NC House Bill 340 and Senate Bill 156. She explained that this plan would create a state wide care management plan for foster children, with the goal of this program to enhance the access to behavioral healthcare services for foster children across the state. She discussed there is concern over this plan if it passes, as the current providers may not have contracts in the location of the child's placement, which could mean there would not be equal access to providers across the state for the children in foster care with these needs. In closing, Board member Diane Robinson took a moment to express her appreciation for DSS

staff for working so hard to keep all the "moving parts" running smoothly in order to meet demands, to ensure the well being of children in Stanly County.

Health Department Updates

A. Rev/Exp Report - Mar. 2023 *Activity 33.2*

Mr. Jenkins had no additional comments to add regarding the Budget Performance Report, which is included in the Board packet and is current through March, 2023.

B. Activities Summary Report - Mar. 2023

Mr. Jenkins states he had no updates or comments regarding the Activities Summary Report, which is included in the Board packet and current through March, 2023.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins shared that Alaina Gobush has been hired as the new provider for the Health Department and will begin work on June 21, 2023. He also reminded Board members that the Health Department is undergoing an accreditation process with the site visit scheduled for October 3rd and 4th.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

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

A. 4-06-23 Meeting Minutes

B. 3-02-23 Meeting Minutes

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Adjournment

With no further business, Dr. Amy Jordan made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Larry Gibson. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.