



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

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Nancy Smoak	Board Member	Present	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Excused	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	Present	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Excused	
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	
Tommy Jordan	Chairman	Present	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Excused	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Excused	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Excused	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Present	
Stan Leggett	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the May 5th Consolidated Health & Human Services Board meeting to order, with Commissioner Scott Efird providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Ric Cain, seconded by Nancy Smoak to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
SECONDER:	Nancy Smoak, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Cain, Norwood, Marshall, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin, Leggett
EXCUSED:	Eudy, Thomas, Teal, Harbeson, Small

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Strategic Plan Review - *Action Required* (Act. 15.1)

Doshia Swaringen, Human Services Program Specialist, provided an annual update/review on the 2018-2022 Stanly County Health & Human Services Strategic Plan. A handout was provided to Board members as Mrs. Swaringen reviewed achievements, unattainable goals and challenges regarding the Strategic Plan. She also reviewed action items which include developing a tobacco free policy by September 2022 and assess staff involvement with various community coalitions/groups by developing a master list of employees currently serving. Time was allowed for questions and after discussion, some Board members discussed their desire to have the section labeled "Unattainable" to another word indicating the goal was not met. A motion was made by Dr. Norwood, seconded by Mrs. Diane Robinson to approve the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Update, after amendment to replace the word "Unattainable" as the heading to section two. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
SECONDER:	Diane Robinson, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Cain, Norwood, Marshall, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin, Leggett
EXCUSED:	Eudy, Thomas, Teal, Harbeson, Small

2. Review Opioid Settlement Funds Memo *Action Required*

A memo from Jann Lowder, Stanly County Health & Human Services Board Chair, in regards to the Stanly County Opioid Settlement Funds we will receive and recommendations for funding specific strategies to address opioid overdose and deaths in Stanly County, was presented to Board members for discussion. The memo discusses the strategies implemented and progress made in regard to presenting a recommendation to the commissioners. Also, an exhibit A was handed out to Board members to further show funding streams and programs that receive these funds. After discussion, it was suggested that the memo include an annual review in the language. A motion was made by Dr. Jenny Hinson to approve the memo, after the amendment to change the language to include annual review, with a second by Larry Gibson. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Hinson, Board Member
SECONDER:	Larry Gibson, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Cain, Norwood, Marshall, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin, Leggett
EXCUSED:	Eudy, Thomas, Teal, Harbeson, Small

3. County Manager's Recommended Budget Review - Health

Mr. Jenkins gave a brief discussion stating the county manager approved the Health Department budget with most request being approved and it will now go before the Stanly County Commissioners for approval.

4. County Manager's Recommended Budget Review - DSS

Mrs. Dolly Clayton used a handout to Board members to review the county manager's recommended budget for DSS. She shared they were happy to get three new positions recommended which include Income Maintenance III position, On-Call Social Worker and Income Maintenance II position. She reviewed the recommendations regarding Capital Improvement and Enhancements as well. Mrs. Clayton states overall she is pleased with the county manager's recommendations and staff are very pleased with the new positions as their caseloads have increased drastically during the pandemic. The next step will be approval from the Stanly County Commissioners.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - March 2022

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services through March 2022 which is included in the Board packet. She stated there was an increase in Medicaid recipients from last month and a slight drop in FNS recipients, however that could be due to recipients missing recertification deadlines. Mrs. Clayton was very excited to announce that a child had entered into permanent guardianship with a relative after 11 years of foster care, all possible due to the hard work and diligence of staff. Other accomplishments by staff, two adoptions, fiscal monitoring had no issues found, filled one vacancy and in the process of filling another vacancy in family and children's Medicaid. In review of pressing issues she states they continue to have an FNS vacancy, FNS recertification untimeliness due to volume of recertifications, vacant CPS position with no applications and they underwent IV-E and SSBG Review.

Mrs. Clayton spoke about the upcoming Medicaid expansion discussion coming up in legislation. She shared that if Medicaid expansion is approved for North Carolina, in Stanly County, we would see around 2700 newly eligible Medicaid recipients in year one, with anticipation that once it's fully ramped up, there could be an additional 3500 newly eligible recipients, plus another 1700 family planning recipients (partial Medicaid) that would become eligible for full Medicaid. She shared this information to make Board members aware of the potential impact on DSS staff due to processing all the applications and recertification. She attended a meeting of the NC Association of DSS Directors and there was discussion of producing a paper of recommendations and talking points to legislation regarding Medicaid expansion.

She also shared with Board members of a new Children and Family Specialty Plan from the NC Department of Health & Human Services. This is a state wide Medicaid plan specifically for children who are in foster care that will possibly launch in December 2023. The Specialty Plan will include case management services, improve coordination among service providers, families and involved entities in serving plan members. There is currently a lot of discussion regarding this roll out among DSS Directors Association, NC Association of County Commissioners and LME-MCO's as to whether they are for or against this plan.

Mrs. Clayton also presented and reviewed the 2022 NC Data card which highlights key indicators of child well-being, pointing out that all the data points were prior to the pandemic so there is still a lot of unknowns as to how the pandemic may have affected children.

Health Department Updates

A. Exp/Rev Report thru Mar. 2022 * Action Required*

Mr. Jenkins briefly reviewed the Budget Performance Report through March 2022 included in the Board packet stating revenues were up, expenditures down and allowed time for questions or discussion. Dr.

Tom Norwood made a motion, seconded by Larry Gibson to accept the Budget Performance Report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

B. Activities Summary Report thru March 2022

The Activities Summary Report through March 2022 is included in the Board packet for Board member review. Mr. Jenkins states he has no updates or amendments to the report. The report is for informational purposes with no action required.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins states he has no updates at this time.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve the consent agenda as presented. A second was made by Nancy Smoak, and the motion was passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tommy Jordan, Chairman
SECONDER:	Nancy Smoak, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Cain, Norwood, Marshall, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Drye, Robinson, Hinson, Poplin, Leggett
EXCUSED:	Eudy, Thomas, Teal, Harbeson, Small

A. 4-07-22 HHS Meeting Minutes

Public Comments

Larry Wilkins with the non-profit organization Gateway of Hope was in attendance. He shared that they have four homes in Locust with a fifth in the works, stating they seek people who are Stanly county residents but will help anyone who needs it with a safe place to stay once they've graduated a treatment or rehab program. Mr. Wilkins also informed Board members of plans to build a treatment facility for men, which the county does not have, in New London on 26 acres they had purchased along with the former Pat & Mick's restaurant beside it they just recently purchased. Mr. Wilkins said his dream would be to see the court system send those in need to them instead of jail which in turn would take pressure off the court system, EMS and others while helping residents to get treatment from addiction. Mr. Wilkins answered questions from Board members and was thanked for attending the meeting and providing some information.

Adjournment

With no further business, Dr. Amy Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sherry Poplin. The motion passed by unanimous vote.