CONSOLIDATED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, June 1, 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	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	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Excused	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Present	
Amy Furr	Board Member	Present	
Teresa Lanier	Board Member	Excused	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	
Kenneth Chambers	Board Member	Absent	

Chair Jann Lowder called the meeting to order with Commissioner Crump providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Diane Robinson to accept the agenda as presented, with a second from Dr. Marshall. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Review *Action Required* (Act. 15.1)

Doshia Swaringen reviewed the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Update included in the Board member's packet. She discussed the progress that has been made and reviewed the work in progress. She also discussed the challenges the department has faced including the recent retirement of the provider in the Health Department, however a new provider has been hired and will start in a few weeks. After allowing time for discussion and questions, a motion was made to accept the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Update as presented by Dr. Norwood, with a second from Larry Gibson. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

2. Ordinances/Rules Evaluation *Action Required* (Activity 34.4)

Per accreditation activity 34.4, Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Board of Health Rule regarding the construction and inspection of irrigation wells which became effective in 2008. Mr. Jenkins wanted to make Board members aware that some revisions were necessary due to change in titles of state entities and other minor updates. He shared a handout of the revised rule with highlights so members can recognize the differences. Mr. Jenkins states a revision would require a 10 day public notice for a public hearing to inform the general public, so no action can be taken to adopt the revised rule until potentially the next regular Board meeting in August.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - April 2023

Mrs. Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services included in the Board packet stating revenues are at 65%, while expenses are at 75% through April, 2023. She recognized some accomplishments by staff stating all income maintenance positions were filled and reunification was achieved for four children. Some challenges they face are filling vacant positions, the Medicaid un-winding of continuous coverage continues and increased traffic in Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) as those waivers have ended. She states they have received paperwork from the state for supplemental gap/hold harmless funding due to changes in Medicaid reimbursement as CMS is changing their reimbursement rate for Medicaid eligibility staff and additional funding for continuous coverage un-winding and Medicaid expansion. This will amount to just over $120,000.00 coming in the next month and will roll over into the next fiscal year to help offset some of those costs.

Mrs. Clayton took a moment to praise DSS staff for their awesome work in having to house and supervise foster children in their office until an identifiable placement option was found. For safety of child and staff, this requires at least two staff members for supervision at all times. She shared that staff from multiple areas of the department volunteered to help provide supervision, as staff continue to work diligently with Partners Behavioral Health to secure appropriate placement. Board members were impressed by the dedication of DSS in handling these situations and asked that Mrs. Clayton convey that appreciation to DSS staff.

Health Department Updates

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

Mr. Jenkins states at this point in the fiscal year, the target goal is to be at 83.3% with revenues and expenses. While the revenues are higher than this, which is a positive, expenditures are under that and explained the department is in good shape at this point. There was no further questions or discussion regarding the Budget Summary Report.

B. Activities Summary Report - April 2023

In reviewing the Activity Summary Report, Mr. Jenkins explained we still do not have a full-time provider but when the new provider starts June 21st, clinic visits will increase. He also shared that the dental clinic is about to experience staff shortage as two employees will be going on maternity leave and Dr. Mindy Turner states they are asking new patients to check back in January 2024, with a few exceptions for emergencies. Also, WIC staff will begin seeing patients in the office beginning in August which is three months after the public health emergency declaration ended.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins again reminded Board members of the upcoming accreditation stating staff have been busy reviewing multiple contracts, state agreement addendums, policies and updating provider agreements related to Medicaid transformation. He shared that we've received the estimated Medicaid Cost Settlement report for FY2021-22 and it appears to be inline with previous allocations considering Covid was an issue during this time. In closing, he announced they have been awarded a $91,514.00 grant for opioid abatement from Partners Behavioral Health.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

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

A. Board Operating Procedures / Department Policies Review (Act. 15.3)

B. Health & Human Services Board Handbook - Annual Review (Activity 36.2)

C. <u>5-04-23 Meeting Minutes</u>

Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

Adjournment

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

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Jann Lowder, Chair / Date Teri Bowers, Clerk / Date