



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

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, June 2, 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	Excused	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Present	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	Present	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Excused	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Chairman	Excused	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Excused	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Excused	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Excused	
Stan Leggett	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the June 2nd Health & Human Services Board meeting to order, with Georgette Edgerton providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Chair Lowder asked to amend the agenda by adding under section seven (VII), Consent Agenda, item D titled 546 Communicable Disease Pandemic Recovery. A motion was made by Larry Gibson, with a second by Dr. Amy Jordon to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Growing Minds Mentoring Center - Nehemiah Project

Mr. Tony Peek, Director of Growing Minds Ministry, gave a presentation on this program. Mr. Peek explained that Growing Minds Ministry is a part of the Nehemiah Project, and is a youth program that serves youth from eight to twelve years old. The programs are educational based with enrichment opportunities for the youth to be involved in the community. The goal is to work with youth from lower income households while partnering with community partners, volunteers, clergy and others. He encouraged Board members to visit the facility located at 108 E. North Street, which will have a soft grand opening on June 20th, and states they are always looking for volunteers or mentors. Time was allowed for questions and comments from Board members and Mr. Peek was thanked for his presentation.

2. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Jenkins shared a powerpoint presentation while updating the Board on COVID-19. The North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS) have updated key metrics when determining low, medium and high transmission levels. Mr. Jenkins demonstrated how you can go on the COVID-19 dashboard and determined Stanly County is currently at medium level as far as transmission. He also stated that the face mask policy for the Health Department and DSS would be updated to reflect the NCDHHS guidance. Mr. Jenkins shared the latest county data with current hospitalizations, deaths, total cases and vaccinations. He also shared that age under 5 years should be approved for vaccination by June 20th and we expect to receive vaccine by then.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - April 2022

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services, which is included in the Board members packet, stating revenue is at 65% with expenditures at 74% through April 2022. Mrs. Clayton noted that FNS and medicaid application processing timeliness remains good, even after recertification was reinstated in January causing more application processing for staff. Some accomplishments she noted, a child achieved permanence after 14 months in foster care and a Family and Children's Medicaid position was filled. Some pressing issues are they still have a vacant FNS position and ongoing concern about recertification timeliness due to the volume they have, and still dealing with challenges in filling their vacant CPS position.

Mrs. Clayton mentioned last month that NCDHHS had submitted a policy plan regarding a new Medicaid Children and Families Specialty plan, which will be a new state wide Medicaid plan to cover children in foster care, which is NC House Bill 144. This bill passed the senate today and will now go to the house. She also shared that the six LME-MCO organizations are launching an initiative for a state wide plan within the six LME_MCO's, called the NC Child and Family Improvement Initiative with the idea of being a seamless transition for children in custody in one county, then placed in another county outside of their network, with the goal to make sure they get the services they need. Also, NC House Bill 149,

which is Medicaid Expansion, is still in legislation. If it passes, DSS will see an increase in participants and heavier work loads for the already over burdened staff.

In closing, Mrs. Clayton shared that Health & Human Services attorney, Jackie DeSantis is retiring at the end of July with over 25 years public service work.

Health Department Updates

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

Mr. Jenkins states he didn't have any specific updates, stating with additional COVID funding, the budget has remained stable. Dr. Tom Norwood made a motion to accept the Budget Performance Report as presented, seconded by Dr. Amy Jordan. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

B. Activities Summary Report thru April 2022

Mr. Jenkins shared that the Health Department is slowly moving toward other responsibilities outside of vaccines, although we are still providing them. The Health Department also has three new nurses, with one only having prior public health experience, and they're working toward training for them and hopeful more patients will be served once everyone is fully trained.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins reminded Board members there will be no Consolidated Health & Human Services Board meeting in July and he will be scheduling the in person orientation for new members. On a follow up to House Bill 149, Medicaid Expansion, he states the latest information he read is the Senate is in full support but the House wants to hold off until 2023. Mr. Jenkins briefly explained the 546 Communicable Disease Pandemic Recovery funds from the state on the Consent Agenda, stating it is a one time fund received from NCDHHS granted to the Health Department in the amount of \$144,750.00 with several options for spending in COVID and Communicable Disease areas.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Dr. Amy Jordon, seconded by Scott Efird. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Board Operating Procedures / Department Policies Review

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

C. Meeting Minutes 5-05-22

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Gibson to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed by unanimous vote.