



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

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Absent	
Nancy Smoak	Board Member	Present	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Present	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	Absent	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Absent	
Shirley D Lowder	Board Member	Absent	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Absent	
Tommy Jordan	Vice Chairman	Present	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Elizabeth Teal	Board Member	Absent	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Present	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Wendell Drye		Present	
Eric Johnsen	Board Member	Excused	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Absent	

Chair Jann Lowder called the meeting to order, led prayer and Dr. Tom Norwood led the pledge of allegiance. With only nine members present, it was noted that a quorum was not present so no action could be taken.

Adoption of Agenda

No quorum present at the July 1st, 2021 meeting to make a motion to approve the agenda.

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Environmental Health Update

Mr. David Ezzell, Environmental Health Supervisor, provided handouts and gave a brief presentation and overview of the Environmental Health Department. The presentation included information on staff assignments, on-site services and food safety inspections. Mr. Ezzell was thanked for his updates.

2. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Jenkins gave a brief update on COVID-19 and shared a handout with Board members which include numbers indicating the positive cases have dropped with only one positive case today, and hospitalizations averaging zero to three cases. The presentation also included information on the incentive program through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services which is offering \$25 Summer Cards to people to come in and get their shot, along with the person who drives them. Mr. Jenkins allowed time for questions and comments.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - May 2021

Mrs. Dolly Clayton provided a review of the D.S.S. report included in the Board packet, stating current revenue through May 2021 is 81% with expenses at 86%. She highlighted some of the programs stating there were just over 15,000 recipients of medicaid which was an increase from the previous month and they continue to receive applicatins for Covid related funds to help with rental assistance. She pointed out due to left over funds in the budget for Covid rental relief, the county manager approved expanding use for these funds for electric bills and such. She explained when the pandemic declaration ends in December or before, they anticipate clients coming in to see extended benefits have ended and are unprepared, so they are trying to educate recipients now. Mrs. Clayton followed up on an email she sent to the Board members relating to the LME-MCO realignment, which contained a flyer containing various member listening sessions that you can sign up to listen to. She states she will keep Board members informed of new opportunities to attend listening sessions. She shared that the transition plan was submitted to the state by the June 30th deadline and they are already working with Partners to ensure the continuity of care.

She also reminded the Board that today marks the beginning of Medicaid transformation, which means 1.6 million Medicaid beneficiaries began receiving their Medicaid services through North Carolina Managed Care programs, while some who receive specialized services will continue on their tailored plans. She shared the D.S.S. staff continue to determine eligibility for services, but doesn't recommend a plan for recipients, but there is a Medicaid Enrollment Broker to help clients pick a plan that best fits them. Mrs. Clayton entertained questions and comments and noted that more information regarding Medicaid transformation is available on the NC Medicaid website.

Health Department Updates

A. Expense/Revenue thru May 2021 *Action Required*

Mr. Dave Jenkins briefly reviewed the Revenue and Expense report, but with no quorum present, no action to approve was made. He did point out that we have over \$400,000.00 in COVID funds remaining and is seeking approval at the federal level to do some remodeling with hopes to increase capacity to see patients through clinics due to vaccination and testing if needed.

B. Activities Summary Report - May 2021

Mr. Jenkins briefly reviewed the Activities summary report stating that the Community Health Grant, which is for primary care, expired yesterday which may effect primary care numbers.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins said he had no update at this time. Mrs. Dolly Clayton took a moment to recognize the recent passing of an employee with D.S.S., Elizabeth Rummage, who was a veteran employee and well thought of co-worker to many, and will be sadly missed.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

With no quorum present for the July 1st meeting, no action for approval was made.

A. Board Handbook Annual Review - (Act. 36.2)

B. Board Meeting Minutes - 6-03-21

Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

Adjournment