



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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, August 3, 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	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	Excused	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Excused	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Excused	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Excused	
Amy Furr	Board Member	Excused	
Teresa Lanier	Board Member	Present	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	
Kenneth Chambers	Board Member	Present	

In Chair Jann Lowder's absence, Vice Chair Ric Cain called the meeting to order, providing the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Vice Chair Ric Clain asked for a motion to amend the agenda stating an addition to Scheduled Agenda Items, of item three (3), Environmental Health Fee Change, and move Region IV ARPA funds to item number four (4). Also, to move item D. Accounts Receivable & Bad Debt Write Off from Consent Agenda to Scheduled Agenda Items as number five (5). A motion was made by Larry Gibson to approve the agenda as amended, with a second from Commissioner Patty Crump. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Reducing Recidivism Through Recovery *Action Required*

To begin, Wendy shared a handout with Board members regarding an International Overdose Awareness Day Memorial Walk that will be held Thursday, August 31st, 2023 at the Stanly YMCA Park, sponsored by Stanly County Project Lazarus, and invited Board members to attend. She began her presentation by sharing recent data on overdose deaths, stating Stanly County has had a 25.5% decrease thanks to the hard work of the team in Stanly County. She took a moment to introduce Marcus Berry, Robi Cagle and Kari Womack who were in attendance and recognized their hard work with clients every day. Mrs. Growcock then overviewed the Opioid Settlement Funds and the remaining funds available and reviewed funds that have been allocated. She then began her presentation on Reducing Recidivism Through Recovery (RRTR) Opioid Settlement Funds Proposal. She states that one of the areas being missed is working with people who are incarcerated. She then shared the goals, plan, and importance of the RRTR program, which plans to offer recovery education groups led by Certified Peer Support Specialist. She explained the curriculum and how the relationships with the Peer Support Specialists will follow into the community for continued support. The group doing the work, SPARE (Stanly Peer and Recovery Experts) is a work group of the Stanly County Project Lazarus coalition who developed this peer led program modeled on successful detention center programs across the state. She explained the budget and the funds it will take to fund the project, totaling \$63,397.08, with a tentative start date of September 12, 2023. After time was given for questions and discussion, a motion to approve the request to recommend the use of federal opioid settlement funds to support the RRTR program was made by Dr. Tom Norwood and seconded by Dr. Joan Eudy. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

2. Stanly County Rules Governing Permitting, Construction and Inspection of Irrigation Wells - Amendment *Action Required*

Mr. David Ezzell spoke about the amended rule of the Stanly County Rules Governing the Permitting, Construction and Inspection of Irrigation Wells. He explained that the original rule was written and adopted in 2008 by the Board of Health. He shared that no substantial changes were made, just updated rule references and update the Board of health to reflect the current Consolidated Human Services Board. After questions and comments, a motion was made by Larry Gibson, and second by Kristi Small, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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

3. Environmental Health Fee Change - Session Law 2023-90

Mr. David Ezzell shared a handout of the Environmental Health Fee Schedule, for fiscal year 2024. He states he NC General Assembly passed session law 2023-90 in early July which include the fee changes. He explained this fee schedule will also go before the county commissioners for approval and will go into effect September 1st, 2023. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the FY24 Environmental Health Fee Change Schedule by Kenneth Chambers, seconded by Dr. Norwood. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

4. Region IV ARPA Funds Grant - \$28,750 *Action Required*

Mr. Jenkins explained we are included in the Region IV ARPA Funds Grant, which would allocate \$28,750 to the health department. He explained he wanted to seek approval to designate \$3,750 to Lorie Kaylar and associates for a new access point assessment for FQHC (Federally Qualified Healthcare Clinic). He explained that if we were able to get approval to become a FQHC, it would mean an additional \$650,000 per year to support our public health department. Another part of the request is to update our outdated paging and music system which would allow for improved patient privacy. A motion was made by Dr. Norwood, seconded by Larry Gibson, passing by unanimous vote.

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

5. Accounts Receivable & Bad Debt Write Off *Action* (Act. 33.6)

Patricia Hancock presented the accounts receivable and bad debt report included in the Board packet. She reviewed the report and explained the bad debt write off is account balances occurred in the previous fiscal year and no attempt of payment has been made in over twelve months. The

report is broken down into clinical services and dental services. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Kristi Small to accept the accounts receivable and bad debt report, seconded by Dr. Norwood. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Board Report - May 2023

Mrs. Dolly Clayton attended the meeting by phone as she was in Hickory attending the DSS Institute conference. She reviewed the DSS report included in the Board packet for May and June. She pointed out that the number for Medicaid recipients was down from May in June due to the Medicaid unwinding process as well as a small drop in Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). Mrs. Clayton highlighted some accomplishments from staff stating permanency was established for three foster children, hiring of a new supervisor for Family and Children Services by promoting an internal employee, Child Support Agent I filled, an FNS position filled, and Medicaid and FNS application processing timeliness has been good. At last month's meeting, she shared that due to non placement issues, they had housed children in the department and how staff had stepped up to assist in helping foster care staff. She wanted to share that currently, no children were being housed in the office. Some on going challenges they face include filling vacancies, the Medicaid unwinding process and the FNS waivers ending. She states there are rumors the state budget could pass the week of August 7th or 14th, and Medicaid expansion could start as early as October, 2023. The staff is working hard to hire the additional staff to meet demands when Medicaid transformation starts and are currently undergoing a re-alignment of Medicaid staff. Again, Mrs. Clayton wanted to recognize staff for their hard work everyday to meet the demands of the public and have gone overboard the past few months volunteering to help with foster care staff. In closing, Mrs. Clayton explained the two items she has on consent agenda; the Energy Program Outreach Plan and the DSS In-home Aide Program Policy, which need approval and signature from the Board Chair.

B. DSS Board Report - June 2023

Health Department Updates

A. Activities Summary Report - June 2023

Mr. Jenkins did not have anything specific to review on the Activities Summary Report included in the Board packet, other than pointing out an error in the fiscal year total patients in the dental section being incorrect, which will be updated on the next report.

B. Expense/Revenue Report - June 2023 *Activity 33.2*

The Budget Performance Report was included in the Board packet and he shared that as far as revenue, the department came close to the projected mount and kept expenses at 86%.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins shared that they are seeing increases in Covid-19, similar to what they see with seasonal flu or other respiratory viruses. He reminded everyone to have tests on hand to use if

you're not feeling well, and currently, they're waiting on information regarding a booster shot for fall. He states there have been four outbreaks in nursing homes, explaining an outbreak is characterized by two or more people affected. He announced that he nominated the Consolidated Human Services Board for the award of Outstanding Board of Health, 2023, based on all the hard work they have done with the opioid epidemic. He was happy to announce that the Board won this award and there will be a ceremony held on Wednesday, September 20th. He doesn't have the location yet but will share that information when available, and every Board member will be welcomed to attend the ceremony with lunch provided.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

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

- A. Energy Programs Outreach Plan 2023-24**
- B. 6-01-23 Consolidated Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes**
- C. DSS In-Home Aide Program Policy**
- D. Department Policies Review (Act. 15.3)**

Public Comments

Board member Diane Robinson wanted to share information about a program beginning called Celebration Place, geared towards children and teens dealing with hardship and life issues. She explained the program will help teach these children how to deal with stressful situations and break generational cycles that may have caused them issues. This will be held each Thursday at Christ Church in Albemarle, Beginning August 10th, and she told Board members they would gladly be open to volunteers and she had flyers to share.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made by Larry Gibson to adjourn, followed with a second by Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed unanimously.