



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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, October 6, 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	Present	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	Excused	
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	Present	
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	Present	
Stan Leggett	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the October 6th Health & Human Services Board meeting to order, with Larry Gibson providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood, seconded by Larry Gibson to accept and approve the agenda as presented.

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

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Tobacco Free Policy Presentation *Action Required*

Doshia Swaringen presented a Tobacco Free Policy for Health & Human Services Agency stating that effective December 1, 2022, all NC Medicaid standard and tailored health plans will require all contracted medical, behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injury organizations to provide a 100% tobacco free campus. This basically means it will apply to all the property under Health & Human Services control including the buildings, grounds and vehicles. She explained this is also an accreditation requirement for Health Departments. She shared some statistics from the CDC and NC Medicaid on costs of tobacco related health care expenses and possible savings in reduction on smoking prevalence among NC Medicaid enrollees. There were some concerns among Board members of not providing smoking access to employees who smoke and often work stressful jobs. Mrs. Swaringen, along with Director Jenkins, explained that our situation was different since Health & DSS are not a stand alone facility, and there would be smoking allowed in other sections outside the Commons building or parking areas. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Amy Jordan, with a second by Nancy Smoak. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

2. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Presetation (Act. #38.1)

Doshia Swaringen, Human Services Program Specialist, gave a presentation on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). She shared a slide presentation of the Healthy North Carolina (HNC) 2030 Scorecard, which is a project that brings together experts and leaders from multiple fields to form the development of a common set of public health indicators and targets for the state over the next decade. She reviewed the data on the scorecard and explained this is a living document and changes will be made as updates are available and goals achieved in order to meet Stanly County health improvement goals. Mrs. Swaringen states that this information can be accessed at any time by visiting the NC State Center for Health Statistics, scroll to Stanly County, and look at it at any point. Time was allowed for any questions or comments.

3. Face Mask Policy * Action Required*

Mr. Jenkins presented a new face mask policy, explaining this policy follows the current recommendations based on the latest guidance from the CDC and NC Department of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS), and requires Health Department personnel, contractors and venders, to wear face masks while interacting with patients. He went on to explain that the only personnel that will be

interacting with the patients will be dental staff, nurses and management support. Our nurse practitioners, which are contracted, interact with patients as well. This policy will not include DSS staff as in the previous face mask policy, also, community transmission levels will not be a determining factor with this face mask policy. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Amy Jordan, seconded by Dr. James Marshall. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - August 2022

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services included in the Board member's packet, through the month of August, 2022. She reviewed some highlights and informed Board members they still have some available slots for CAP-DA if they know anyone who may need the Community Alternative Program, refer them to DSS. In reviewing economic services, she states Medicaid and Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) recipients are up from the previous month. She shared that the Stanly News & Press printed an article regarding timeliness in processing FNS applications in Tuesday's paper, stating she is extremely proud of the work that the staff is doing and their commitment to meet the timeliness guidelines. She states they have started using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds they were awarded from the state to implement strategies to address timeliness.

Mrs. Clayton recognized some accomplishments from the staff sharing they have filled several key positions, also, she sent out a posting for their Child Welfare/CPS vacant position to 50+ people who are affiliated with local universities across the state in hopes of recruiting a good candidate who will work well with the great, hardworking team they have in place. She shared again how proud she is of all the staff for their hard work.

In closing, Mrs. Clayton shared hand outs with the Board she obtained at a meeting last week from HealthQuest, which is a non-profit organization from Union County with offices in Wadesboro and Monroe, also serving Stanly County. HealthQuest works with individuals without prescription drug coverage to assist them with accessing their medications, and wanted to share this with Board members who can help share this in the community for those in need.

Health Department Updates

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

Mr. Jenkins states with only two months into the new fiscal year, the Health Department sits at 17% for Revenue and Expenses. He also pointed out that they are a little better than their projected Medicaid Cost settlement for both dental and general health.

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

B. Activities Summary Report - August 2022

Mr. Jenkins had no updates to share as the Activities Report Summary is included in the Board member's packet.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

A. Discussion of Expiring Board Member Terms

Chair Jann Lowder discussed that there are Board members, Diane Robinson and Nancy Smoak, whose terms expire in November, however they are eligible to serve another term and have submitted updated applications and agreed to do so. There is another November expiring term member on the Board, Elizabeth Teal, who does not wish to be reappointed at this time. Chair Lowder shared that there had been a number of volunteer applications received to choose from and shared some information on one application, Shawanna Long, who was the most recent applicant. After discussion, Dr. Amy Jordan made a motion to recommend reappointment of Diane Robinson and Nancy Smoak for another four year term as Consumer of Human Services members, also, recommending appointment of Shawanna Long for the Consumer of Human Services member seat that will be vacated by Elizabeth Teal, seconded by Larry Gibson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jenkins recognized that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He also shared that he and Wendy Growcock, Health Educator II, have been working closely with the County Manager on a lot of the opioid settlement funds awarded to the county from federal and state funds. They have worked closely with non-profits for several years now through the HRSA grant, building good relationships and improving numbers as far as deaths related to overdoses, so they will continue to vet a lot of the non-profits that come forward asking for funds. Two contracts have been sent, one for Will's Place in the amount of \$45,000.00 and Gateway to Recovery, in the amount of \$60,000.00. Also, he informed Board members we are still looking to fill a vacant Health Educator position, so if they know someone qualified to send them our way.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A. Consolidated Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes - 9-01-22

A motion was made by Dr. James Marshall to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Mrs. Patty Crump was in attendance and asked if all the applications for the upcoming vacant Board member seat would be turned in and vetted by the Board of Commissioners. Chair Lowder assured her they would be and the commissioners make the final selection from those applications to fill the seat.

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Commissioner Efird shared that the YMCA along with the Second Harvest Food Bank sponsor drive-thru mobile food pantries and recently held one in Locust and are hosting another one October 13th, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Stanly County Commons Parking lot. These events have been very successful and they could use volunteers if anyone is interested.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Larry Gibson, with a second by Commissioner Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed unanimously.