



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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Efirm	Commissioner	Present	
Nancy Smoak	Board Member	Present	
Joan Eudy	Board Member	Absent	
Ric Cain	Vice Chairman	Present	
Beth Thomas	Board Member	Present	
Tom Norwood	Board Member	Present	
James Marshall	Board Member	Present	
Shirley D Lowder	Board Member	Present	
Amy Jordan	Board Member	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
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	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the meeting to order with Mr. Wendell Drye leading invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Larry Gibson, seconded by Ric Cain to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson
ABSENT:	Eudy, Teal
EXCUSED:	Lowder

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. COVID-19 Update / (2nd Annual Report-Community Health Act. 38.1)

Mr. David Jenkins presented by power point, an update on COVID-19. He reviewed the numbers of positive cases, deaths and included slides showing the trend in positive cases since May, stating the good news is we are seeing a decrease in positive cases. He shared the county vaccination rate which is 42% of one dose and 39% of Stanly County population is fully vaccinated, compared with the state rates of 58% one dose and 54% fully vaccinated. According to Mr. Jenkins, one question they've been receiving is can you receive your flu shot at the same time as your COVID-19 vaccine, which he states according to the CDC you can. He also reviewed the guidance for Booster vaccines for Moderna and Pfizer. Mr. Jenkins allowed time for questions and comments.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - Aug. 2021

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services stating that revenue is at 2% while expenses are at 14% through August, 2021. Also, she stated that the need for economic services continues to grow as the number for Medicaid services increased this month as well as for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). Mrs. Clayton took a moment to recognize staff accomplishments sharing that the Adult Medicaid Income Maintenance III position was filled by an internal promotion, the vacant FNS position has been filled, but they are still facing challenges in filling the vacant Child Protective Services position, and are considering help by temp services as they have done in the past. Other issues include the continuing Review of Eligibility Determination Audit (REDA), the Work First Employment vacancy has been filled by an inside transfer and they continue interviews for the Child support Agent vacancy. In closing, Mrs. Clayton gave an update on the status of the LME/MCO realignment of Cardinal to Partners in Stanly County. She shared the Project Status Report from Partners and Status Report from Cardinal to Board members earlier by email, and stated that the realignment is 99% complete, but the realignment committee she is chair of, plans to hold one more meeting in November to address any problems. Mrs. Clayton states that they have found Partners to be very responsive to their challenging cases.

In closing, Mrs. Clayton wanted to convey how much she appreciates the staff and their hard work. Foster care cases have increased along with CPS cases and the perspective staff are carrying more than recommended case loads and doing a great job under these challenging circumstances. Also, during comments, Nancy Smoak stated she wanted to commend Mrs. Clayton and her staff for working so hard and making the transition from Cardinal Health to Partner's as smooth as possible and correcting any errors immediately to keep them moving along. Chair Lowder agreed and thanked Mrs. Clayton and staff on behalf of the Board.

Health Department Updates

A. Exp/Rev thru Aug. 2021 - *Action Required*

Mr. Jenkins began by stating it looked like we are seeing small improvements in the opioid issues in the county after reviewing data presented to him. He feels like a lot of that is due to some of the services

provided now by the HRSA and Community Linkages to Care grant awarded to the Health Department. Also, Mrs. Doshia Swaringen recently filled Jennifer Layton's vacant spot and as she gets acclimated to this position and gains knowledge, he will have her and Wendy Growcock update the Board on the Opioid situation in Stanly County.

He then reviewed the Budget Performance report stating that revenues were good at this point, highlighting that Medicaid reimbursement was slightly higher for general clinic and dental clinic than what was expected. Expenses are where they are expected to be also. A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood, seconded by Shirley Lowder to approve the Budget Performance Report as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

B. Activities Summary Report - FY2020 & Aug. 2021

Mr. Jenkins pointed out a correction on the first page of the Activites Summary Report, where it says where it says July 2020 thru 2021, it should say July 2021 thru June, 2022. The report next month will be corrected accordingly. In reviewing the Activities Report, he noted that the Other Reportable Diseases Column includes COVID-19 numbers and states he has no further comments on this report.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins informed Board members if they would like an influenza vaccine, it would be provided at the next meeting once we get a total of who would be interested. He stated that he was pleased that the Board of Commissioners approved the Board appointments that were presented to them at their October 4th meeting, which included the re-appointment of Ric Cain, Dr. Tom Norwood, Dr. Amy Jordan, Dr. James Marshall and Dr. Joan Eudy. He and Chair Lowder recognized Dr. Jenny Hinson, who joined the meeting via Zoom, for her first term serving on the Consolidated Health & Human Services Board.

He shared that Ms. Shirley Lowder, Registered Nurse member to the Board, did not seek re-appointment to the Board. Mr. Jenkins presented Ms. Lowder with a plaque in appreciation of over 40 years of service to the public by serving on the Consolidated Human Services Board, formerly Board of Health, in different capacities. Mrs. Lowder was thanked by a loud round of applause by all Board members.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ric Cain to approve the consent agenda as presented. A second was made by Dr. Tom Norwood, with the motion passing by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ric Cain, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Tom Norwood, Board Member
AYES:	Efird, Smoak, Cain, Thomas, Norwood, Marshall, Lowder, Jordan, Edgerton, Gibson, Jordan, Lowder, Harbeson, Small, Drye, Robinson, Hinson
ABSENT:	Eudy, Teal

A. FY2020 Communicable Disease Report (Act. 2.4)

Public Comments

No public comments made.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Gibson, seconded by Dr. James Marshall to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.