



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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Health and Human Services Auditorium.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
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	Excused	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Chairman	Excused	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Excused	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Excused	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Excused	
Stan Leggett	Board Member	Excused	
Teresa Lanier	Board Member	Present	

Chair Jann Lowder called the November 3rd Consolidated Health & Human Services Board meeting to order, with Dr. Joan Eudy providing the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Swearing In Ceremony - Oaths of Office

Teri Bowers, Notary Public and Administrative Assistant for the Health and Human Services Director, administered the Oath of Office to first term Board member Teresa Lanier.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Scott Efird to accept the agenda as presented, with a second from Dr. Tom Norwood. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. Respiratory Illness Update

Mr. Jenkins shared a handout and reviewed data on the increased respiratory illnesses in Stanly County. This information is also used to meet accreditation item 38.1, which is to update the Board on public health issues, as well as to inform the Board on what the department has been dealing with. Mr. Jenkins pointed out the graph included on the handout, which is statewide data from the Department of Health & Human Services, illustrates that RSV, Influenza, Rhinovirus and other respiratory illnesses are trending up. The other graph illustrates the influenza like illness emergency department visits show an upward trend statewide compared to previous years. Mr. Jenkins fielded questions and comments.

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - September 2022

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services included in the Board packet through September, 2022, sharing that current revenue is at 9% with expenditures at 24%. She reminded the Board that the national public health emergency had been extended until January 11, 2023, with a 60 day notice required for termination. She shares this noting that Food and Nutrition (FNS) services are maximized during this period and also some of the Medicaid eligibility is extended as well. She highlighted some accomplishments by staff stating they had filled several key positions, with some continued vacancies they are working hard to fill, and they are working on getting temps for both child welfare and FNS. As chair of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, she is working diligently to fill Board positions and will be recommending four applicants at the Board of Commissioners meeting later this month. Mrs. Clayton took a moment to discuss Medicaid expansion to make Board members aware of some concerns should it pass, and the significant impact at the local level. The funding for additional DSS Medicaid eligibility staff is through the county at 25% and federal at 75%. They anticipate with Medicaid expansion an additional 3,500 cases for Stanly County, which means they could need four additional income maintenance positions and one income maintenance supervisor. She states the cost of additional staffing would be \$319,000.00 and hopes there will be some funding and a transitional period to meet the demand.

Mrs. Clayton passed out brochures created by Child Protective Services (CPS) staff, on how and when to make a CPS report. She reminded the Board that everyone in the state is a mandated reporter if you suspect abuse or neglect of a child. She also displayed a poster Board, and shared brochures, that were created by the state to help DSS with recruitment, as every DSS across the state is having trouble with recruitment in child welfare. These materials will come in handy with recruitment and she plans to attend a webinar with suggestions on how they can use some of these materials.

In closing, Mrs. Clayton explained that in the 2022 Appropriations Act, NC Health Choice was

eliminated. She shared that this is good news as children receiving NC Health Choice will be moved to NC Medicaid. Previously, when some children turned six years old, they were transferred to NC Health Choice, which would result in reduction of services and created problems particularly with special needs children. She states her staff has been working diligently to get these children switched over and she shared a handout from NC Child explaining these changes. Mrs. Clayton allowed time for questions and comments. Chair Lowder asked when the low income energy assistance program would open and Mrs. Clayton shared that the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) would be begin taking applications from the aged and disabled, December 1st, and starting January, the program opens up to everyone to apply. They also still have the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), for income eligible individuals who can apply for assistance with their water bill. With both these programs, the money go straight to the vendor to make sure payment is received. Board member Georgette Edgerton asked about the vacant wait list for the Community Alternavite Program (CAP) and Mrs. Clayton explained that they no longer manage the wait list, the state does, and they currently have spots available to accept individuals on that program.

Health Department Updates

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

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the Budget Performance Report included in the Board member's packet. As mentioned previously, we have collected the Medicaid settlement fund for both general and dental health, which were both more than previously determined, and that is why they are at 102% and 113% respectively. He mentioned Farmer's Market revenue is doing very well at 172%. With expenditures, he shared that supplies are sometimes purchased early in the year which is reflected in the report. He states he had a question regarding the prior year to date on the right hand side, and explained it reflects the transactions through the month of September for the previous year, which shows an indication of where we are in the current year compared to the last. A motion was made by Dr. Norwood to accept the Budget report as presented, with a second by Larry Gibson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

B. Activities Summary Report - September 2022

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the health department activities report pointing out that a significant amount of immunizations had come through, with some of them being influenza vaccine and they continue to give Moderna and Pfizer covid vaccine. Based on numbers he reviewed, he states 60-70 Moderna and around 40 Pfizer vaccines had been given in the past week.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

No updates to report.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ric Cain to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Dr.

Norwood. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

A. Consolidated Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes - 10-06-22

Discussion - Appreciation Luncheon, Dr. Joan Eudy

Dr. Joan Eudy spoke in regards to the Board sponsoring an appreciation dinner for Health and DSS staff. She shared that there are 95 employees at DSS and 48 at the health department, for a total of 143. She had an idea of a simple “thank you” lunch and has looked at the first Wednesday in December, and has estimated an expense for pizza, water and paper products. She has already reached out to some local businesses for donations and asked Board members to let her know if they were aware of any contact information or businesses for sponsorship. She welcomed any ideas from other Board members and donations for paper products and water.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Tom Norwood to adjourn, with a second by Scott Efird. The motion passed unanimously.