



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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Call to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Stanly County Consolidated Health and Human Services Board met on Thursday, December 1, 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	Present	
Georgette Edgerton	Board Member	Present	
Larry Gibson	Board Member	Present	
Jann Lowder	Chairman	Present	
Laura Harbeson	Board Member	Excused	
Kristi Small	Board Member	Present	
Wendell Drye	Board Member	Present	
Diane Robinson	Board Member	Present	
Jenny Hinson	Board Member	Present	
Sherry Poplin	Board Member	Excused	
Stan Leggett	Board Member	Present	
Amy Furr	Board Member	Present	
Teresa Lanier	Board Member	Present	

David Jenkins opened the Consolidated Health & Human Services Board meeting. He also provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

1. Nomination of Chairperson

David Jenkins opened the floor for nominations for chairperson for the Consolidate Health & Human Services Board. A motion to nominate Jann Lowder for chairperson was made by Georgette Edgerton, seconded my Dr. Amy Jordan. With no other nominations presented, Jann Lowder was declared Chairperson for 2023. Mr. Jenkins congratulated Chair Lowder and the proceedings were turned over to her.

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

2. Nomination of Vice Chairperson

Chair Lowder opened the floor for nomination for Vice-Chairperson. Dr. Norwood nominated Ric Cain, seconded by Larry Gibson. With no other nominations being presented, Ric Cain was declared vice-chair of the Board.

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

Adoption of Agenda

Chair Lowder amended the agenda by inserting VIII. Employee Luncheon Discussion by Dr. Joan Eudy, after agenda item VII. With no further amendments, a motion was made by Dr. Norwood, seconded by Larry Gibson, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Scheduled Agenda Items

1. 2023 Consolidated Health & Human Services Board Meeting Schedule

The regular monthly Board meeting schedule was included in the Board packet for review. Chair Lowder asked if there were any questions or suggestions in the proposed schedule. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Larry Gibson and seconded by Diane Robinson, to approve the 2023 regular meeting schedule. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

2. Strategic Plan 2023-2025

Doshia Swaringen, Human Services Program Specialist, presented the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan for approval. The Board members received the plan by email and copies were passed out at the meeting. She explained the Strategic Plan describes the county's local public health and social service priorities and the agency's plan for addressing them over the next three years. Results from the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and data from the North Carolina Center for Health Statistics were utilized to help guide these priorities. She then reviewed the strategic goals and strategies that will be used to help obtain those goals. Mrs. Swaringen allowed time for questions and comments. After discussion, a motion was made by Scott Efird, with a second from Dr. Joan Eudy to approve the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

D.S.S. Updates

A. DSS Report of Services - October 2022

Mrs. Dolly Clayton reviewed the DSS Report of Services included in the Board member's packet and passed out a color coded/highlighted one for easier reference. She noted that revenue through October, 2022 is at 16% while expenditure is at 30%. They received notification from the Division of Health Benefits that the public health emergency will be renewed January 11, 2023 and last for at least 90 days, which means the benefit allowed for food and nutrition services will be on-going. She highlighted some accomplishments by staff which include a child in foster care was returned to their parents, no findings with their Fiscal Compliance Monitoring for 2022/2023, the follow up REDA Audit was at 100% accuracy and the County Medicaid Audit was successful with no pay backs. They still continue to have challenges in filling vacancies and continue to work on filling temporary positions as well. She also passed out the 2021-2022 DSS annual report to Board members, pointing out this includes a lot of great data points which is an indication of the hard work by DSS staff. She shared that today is the start of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) for applicants 60 years and older or disabled, while all households may apply starting January 1st.

In closing, Mrs. Clayton shared information that will affect Stanly County in the future in regards to a court case from 2017. This court case, Samantha R. vs. The State of North Carolina challenged the lack of adequate home and community based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In February 2020, the state was found to be in violation, and failed to submit an acceptable plan. In November, the judge issued a plan to the State with the following guidelines: 1) the Innovations

Waiver waiting list must be eliminated in ten years, 2) the state must resolve the shortage of direct support professionals who provide community based support, 3) divert or transition the 3,000 people that want to leave or avoid an institutional setting over the next eight years and cease new admissions after six years, except for respite or short term stabilization, 4) the State must provide quarterly updates on how they are working on these measures. Mrs. Clayton states that this is concerning for Stanly County because a lot of the people we are currently serving guardianship for are institutionalized or in an adult home setting, so having to figure out where they will live in the community will be very challenging, however the NCDHHS Secretary has appealed the judges order with a different plan in mind in moving forward.

Health Department Updates

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

Mr. Jenkins reviewed the budget performance report included in the Board packet reminding the Board with four months in to the year, we should be around 33% for revenues and expenses. He also pointed out that the number in parenthesis in the report, indicate a surplus, meaning we received more than projected for the budget. He expressed that we are on target at this time. Dr. Tom Norwood motioned to approve the Budget Performance report as presented, seconded by Dr. Amy Jordan. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

B. Activities Summary Report - October 2022

Mr. Jenkins had no updates to the report.

Consolidated Human Services Updates

Mr. Jenkins explained that in anticipation of approval for Medicaid expansion next year, the Health Department has gone through the process of the required Medicaid Transformation in the last couple years. This means the department now works with five managed care organizations that they receive reimbursements for Medicaid claims. Just last year, they received around \$80,000.00 in cost settlement funds and they just received the first year in reimbursements through managed care and it was around \$20,000.00, which is a significant difference. These issues have been brought to the attention of the Division of Medicaid benefits and they are working to try and address the reimbursements and denials, which is quite challenging. He wanted Board members to be aware as it will not effect the budget this year, but could potentially impact us in future budget years if this isn't rectified with the managed care organizations.

Mrs. Clayton shared that a couple employee holiday festive events were shared with the Health Department holding a hot chocolate and cider with cookies event for staff, while DSS staff enjoyed desserts prepared by her kids.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A. 11-03-22 Meeting Minutes

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

Thank You Luncheon Update - Dr. Joan Eudy

Dr. Eudy updated the Board on the employee appreciation luncheon they are hosting. She said the community and businesses have been so generous with giving money and donations. She has secured enough funds for 50 pizzas, Beth Thomas has secured water donations with Pepsi, Jann Lowder is contributing cookies, Kristi Small is supplying paper products and Georgette Edgerton is contributing vegetable trays. She urged all Board members who could attend to please come by Wednesday, December 7th from 11:30 to 1:30.

Public Comments

Adjournment

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