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### ***STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH***

**February 4, 2016**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Stanly County Board of Health met on February 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. All Board Members were present with the exception of Mrs. Debora Norris and Dr. Tom Norwood. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Patti Lewis, and Becky McKeon.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present entertained a motion for approval of the January 7th, 2016 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Cain and approved by the board.

With no general public in attendance, no comments were noted under Public Comments and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

#### **HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Board Members were updated on the agency's personnel status with the Health Director informing them that no changes have taken place since the last meeting with recruitment for the vacant Animal Control Officer position still being considered.

Reports on expenditures and revenues for all Health Department programs along with performance reports in all areas of the department, including Home Health and county employee health clinic as of 12/31/15 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that figures and performance statistics are at expected levels at 50% into the fiscal year. He added that Animal Control had less activity, but that is not unusual for the month of December, and the number of employees seen thru clinic shows consistent utilization of the program.

Medicaid cost settlement funds were discussed, and the Director stated that the revenue amount reported for the Dental Clinic was high due to the receipt of \$460,000 from the 2014 cost settlement. The remaining 10% should be received soon. Mr. Joyner added that the cost report information for the 2015 Medicaid cost settlement was submitted today and the Home Health Program accountant verified that approximately \$60 - \$70,000 in Medicare revenue was outstanding due to billing issues but should be received within the next couple of months.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Health Director shared information on the upcoming State of the County Health Expo to be held on May 2nd in the Magnolia Room at Stanly Regional Medical Center. Board Members were informed that this year's expo will focus on the topic of destigmatizing mental health issues in hopes of increasing community awareness of suicide, seeking and getting mental health care, etc. Speakers for the expo are being considered and everyone was encouraged to mark their calendars to be in attendance.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The budget process for FY16-17 was discussed and the Health Director stated that all department budgets are due to county administration on 4/15/16. He stated that the Health Department budget could be presented at the May Board of Health meeting if the Budget Committee met during the third week of April. All three committee members being present; Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Cain and Mr. Carter concurred that April 18th at noon would be the best date for the meeting.

Director Joyner made the board aware that a Stanly Community College staff member would likely be in attendance at the March 3rd board meeting to film the board in action. He explained that he, Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Carter would meet on March 22nd at 10 AM at the college and tape a segment of the "Public Health in Action" cable TV program. The program will discuss the role and responsibilities of the Board of Health, and the actual board meeting footage would be blended into their discussion.

Board Members were informed of the submission of a grant application through Stanly Regional Medical Center to The Duke Endowment in an effort to obtain funding for a dental sealant project in Stanly County. The project would focus on dental sealants or varnish for Stanly County Public School children in the second and sixth grades, over a two year period and coordinated by the Health Department's Dental Director, Dr. Mindy Turner. The expected outcome of the project would be to decrease the incidence of dental decay in permanent teeth of participating children, which should set them up for long term good oral health as young adults. Along with the Dental Clinic Staff, the Stanly County School Health Nurses would also be asked to assist with student recruitment and scheduling the sealant projects. Sources of revenue to fund this proposal would come primarily from the Duke Endowment, with the dental fund balance and Medicaid Reimbursement contributing to the total expense of approximately \$72,660. Board Members were supportive of this endeavor. After discussion and questions, Director Joyner assured the board that extensive efforts are made by the dental clinic to assist school nurses in seeing and evaluating children who present with tooth pain/issues.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Community Outreach Supervisor, Becky McKeon, RN gave a presentation on the Zika Virus. She explained that in May 2015 the Pan American health organization issued an alert for the first confirmed Zika virus in Brazil, and this outbreak led to Guillain-Barre syndrome and pregnant women giving birth to babies with birth defects. She added that the CDC has issued travel notices for people traveling to regions and countries where Zika virus is ongoing. Transmission, symptoms, treatment and prevention information was shared and discussed with the board. Mrs. McKeon was thanked for her report.

The Health Director discussed scheduling a time with the new board member, Dr. Norwood and any others who would like to participate in an orientation and tour of the health department. Further communication will be shared with the board as orientation opportunities are scheduled.

A brochure containing the 2015 Community Health Assessment Report prepared by the Stanly County Health Department and Carolinas HealthCare System Stanly Regional Medical Center along with an updated Health Department Organization Chart was distributed to the board.

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lowder and passed by the board.