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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on October 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. All Board Members were present with the exception of Dr. Amy Jordan, Mrs. Debora Norris, Dr. Laura Mauldin and Commissioner Lowder. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Patti Lewis, and Charles Hartsell.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present entertained a motion for approval of the September 3rd, 2015 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Dunlap, seconded by Conrad Carter, 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

Director Joyner informed the board that there were no changes in personnel to report. He then reviewed expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 8/31/15.

Mr. Joyner explained that at 16% into the new fiscal year, figures are at expected levels in both Revenues/Expenses and Program Performance data. He reminded board members that the new electronic healthrecord system, Cure MD, was scheduled for a start date of 10/13/15, which may affect clinic activities temporally but should pick back up after a couple of months. Board Members discussed the low volume of activities in the Animal Control Program and Charles Hartsell, Supervisor, explained that he believed the ordinance has made a difference in repeat offenders and more responsible animal owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from the 2015 Community Health Assessment was distributed and Board Members reviewed the leading causes of mortality and age-adjusted mortality rates, major health issues, and overall community issues. The Health Director explained that the two priorities identified the Stanly County Partners In Health Coalition after reviewing the information were (1) Heart Disease and (2) Substance Abuse. After discussion, a motion to approve the CHA priorities of Heart Disease and Substance Abuse as presented was made by Mrs. Lowder, seconded by Dr. Dunlap and passed by the board.

The Health Director expressed appreciation to the Health Department Management Team (DMT) as well as Board of Health Members Ric Cain, Conrad Carter, Joan Eudy and Shirley Lowder for participating in a Strategic Planning Retreat on September 22nd at the Stanly County Airport. A summary of information that was discussed at the retreat was reviewed by the board. The need to look at security issues of Health Department was discussed.

Mr. Joyner explained there are several areas of concern regarding public access to certain areas of the department and agreed to report back to the board with prices for increased security at the November board meeting.

Next, the Health Director proposed to extend the current strategic plan a few months in order to conduct a short survey (email) among other health and human service organizations within the county to get their views and opinions regarding Health Department services. After discussion, Mr. Cain made a motion to extend the report through 3/31/16 in order to gather additional data for the new strategic plan and enhance interagency collaboration. Mrs. Shirley Lowder seconded the motion, which was passed by the board.

The issue of delayed Medicaid cost settlement funds was discussed, and Director Joyner explained that a portion of the 2011 Medicaid cost settlement has yet to be paid to the Health Department. He informed the board that several counties are involved in efforts to receive funding owed to them as reflected in yearly cost reports. A letter to the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) was shared with the board, which requested \$33,323 as a final settlement for 2011 to the Stanly County Health Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Joyner gave an update on Board of Health members' terms of office stating that Dr. Tom Norwood has agreed to be considered as the dentist member, replacing Dr. Laura Mauldin, if appointed by Commissioners. The name of Dr. Norwood along with Shirley Lowder and Joan Eudy has been submitted for approval and are on the County Commissioners agenda for their 10/5/15 meeting.

The Health Director updated the board on the latest information in regards to large animal standards. He explained that new North Carolina session law prohibits establishing local standards of care for large animals (including equine) in individual counties. Since a subcommittee of the board has been meeting and working on establishing minimum standards of care for horses in Stanly County, Mr. Joyner met and discussed this issue with Jenny Furr, County Attorney. Mrs. Furr confirmed that under this session law, establishing such standards are not allowed in individual counties. The director stated that he had informed the Large Animal Standards Committee of this information, and everyone agreed that animal cruelty is the only issue that can be dealt with in regards to large (equine) animals.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Members were informed that notice was received today that the first flu related death has occurred in the Western Region of North Carolina. A limited supply of influenza vaccine has been received by the Health Department. Additional vaccine should be received soon that will allow shots to be advertised and available to the general public.

Board Members discussed whether to hold a December Board Meeting, and a majority agreed unless a called meeting is deemed necessary by the Health Director, there will not be a December Board Meeting.

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