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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on November 5, 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. Janice Dunlap. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Patti Lewis, Becky McKeon, Patricia Hancock and David Ezzell. Leon Warren and Larry Penkava attended as media representatives.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming everyone present, introduced Mr. Penkava as a new media representative with the Stanly News and Press. Dr. Laura Mauldin was then presented a plaque and recognized for serving 18½ years as the Stanly County Board of Health Dentist Member.

Next, the board chairman entertained a motion for approval of the October 1st, 2015 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Conrad Carter, seconded by Shirley Lowder, 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 in the Dental Program, October 29th was Dr. Dana Witherspoon's last day of employment. He explained that Dr. Bill Burnside is still providing coverage one day per week and Dr. Candice Crowe has agreed to work on Wednesdays when needed. When queried about the end of Dr. Witherspoon's employment, Director Joyner advised that should detailed particulars be discussed, a closed session could take place at the end of the board meeting. All board members agreed.

Reports on expenditures and revenues for all Health Department programs along with performance reports in all areas of the department, including Home Health as of 9/30/15 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that figures and performance statistics are at expected levels at 25% into the fiscal year. He pointed out that the number of WIC patients served remained the same for the past three months; however the number has increased for October. After discussion and questions, including the preferred ways to deal with the bat population, Director Joyner updated the board on cost settlement issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. David Ezzell, Environmental Health Supervisor shared recent legislation updates concerning changes in environmental health programs. He explained possible revisions to the licensing boards, permitting for on-site wastewater systems, well drilling changes, well construction permits specifically for irrigation water wells and issuance of permits for private drinking water wells in areas served by public water. After time was allowed for discussion/questions, Mr. Ezzell was thanked for sharing the most current information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Joyner gave an update on Board of Health members' terms of office stating that County Commissioners appointed Dr. Tom Norwood as the dentist member, replacing Dr. Laura Mauldin at the October 5th commissioner meeting. Also, board members Shirley Lowder and Joan Eudy were appointed to a second term on the Board of Health.

Mrs. Patricia Hancock, RN, Nursing Director shared information on the Health Department's EHR (Electronic Health Records) new CureMD system. She explained that the process of planning and training for Practice Management began in July and successfully went live on October 13th. Next, planning and training for the clinical module has begun with a go-live date scheduled for December 14th. Mrs. Hancock explained that the process has been very smooth and staff is looking forward to using the new system.

Next, the Health Director updated the board on his proposal to extend the current strategic plan 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 a draft of the proposed survey was distributed, reviewed and discussed, Director Joyner assured the board that the survey would be finalized and distributed utilizing their comments/suggestions by mid-January, with a completion date of 3/31/16.

Building security issues at the Health Department was discussed and Mr. Joyner explained areas with the highest security concerns, which included the dental clinic door leading to Health Department clinics and private offices and back hallway door leading from clinic to private offices. He informed the board that to install card key swipe entries on three doors the cost would be approximately \$6,100. Also, the need to increase security of storage rooms in the future was discussed. Board Members agreed that security was important and could be handled in several ways but the first priority should be the door in the dental clinic and then proceed with considering other areas.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Members were updated on various information including surveillance reports on influenza and Public Health Epidemiologists respiratory viral pathogen results. Also, a dental health grant application has been submitted in an effort to obtain funds to help with school sealant projects. Director Joyner informed the board that on 12/11/15 another presentation concerning drug intervention (Project Lazarus) would take place at the hospital. The last Stanly Commons Farmers Market for 2015 will take place on Monday before Thanksgiving and will begin again next spring. Information from the Community Health Assessment will be presented at the January board meeting. A possible called meeting may be necessary in the next couple of weeks due to a dangerous dog appeal.

Everyone present was reminded that a decision was made at the October board meeting to cancel the December board meeting unless a called meeting is deemed necessary by the Health Director.

Commissioner Lowder made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Dr. Laura Mauldin seconded the motion, which was passed by the board. After discussion, Mr. Carter moved to come out of closed session; the motion was seconded by Dr. Mauldin and passed by the board. With no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:00 PM.