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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on January 8, 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 Commissioner Jann Lowder. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Charles Hartsell, Amy Irving, Patti Lewis and Becky McKeon. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

The Health Director welcomed those present and called the first meeting of the year to order as an organizational meeting to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the year. The floor was opened for nominations of a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the board for the year of 2015. Dr. Laura Mauldin nominated Mr. Faulkner to continue to serve as Chairman of the board, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Dunlap. With no other nominations offered, by acclamation Mr. Faulkner was elected to continue as Board Chairman. Dr. Laura Mauldin then nominated Conrad Carter to continue to serve as Vice Chairman of the board. Mr. Ric Cain seconded the motion, and with no other nominations, Mr. Carter was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman of the board.

Chairman Faulkner then entertained a motion for approval of both the November 6th and December 4th board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes for November and December as presented was made by Dr. Dunlap, seconded by Mr. Cain and approved by the board.

The Health Director explained the need to change the meeting agenda to move the discussion of Animal Control Adoption Protocol listed under Unfinished Business to the top of the agenda to allow the public in attendance an opportunity to speak if they so desired. The board concurred with this request and Mr. Joyner proceeded by explaining how adoptions are currently handled at the Animal Shelter. He outlined the steps which consisted of placing a 120 hour hold on all stray animals to allow time for an owner to reclaim their lost animal. After that time, if adoptable, the animal could be adopted by the public. However, the director stated that he had allowed the Stanly County Humane Society to put a hold on animals in a "stray-wait" status to help assure moving animals out of the shelter once the time was up in an effort to reduce euthanasia. He further explained that due to the increase in social media over the past year, public adoptions have increased and some recent complaints from the general public have centered on the local Humane Society having the opportunity to put "holds" on stray animals before they were available for public adoption. While the animals in those circumstances could still be adopted through the Humane Society by the public, the cost to adopt from the Humane Society was \$150 rather than \$100 for adoptions directly from the animal shelter. Chairman Faulkner then opened the floor for discussion and several general public members requested to speak which consisted of representatives from various rescue groups. The concerns expressed were centered on the need to give the general public an ample amount of time to either reclaim or adopt from the shelter before allowing the Humane Society to place a hold or adopt the animals and to allow other rescue leagues the opportunity to adopt/rescue from the shelter in addition to the Humane Society. After discussion, and time allowed for questions from the board, Dr. Laura Mauldin made a motion to allow all adoptions/rescues on a first come first serve basis after the

120 hour shelter “stray-wait” period. Mrs. Shirley Lowder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by the board.

HEALTH DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Joyner updated the board on personnel and informed them that a new employee, Randy Huneycutt, began work on Monday, January 5th filling the vacant IT Integration Specialist position which is contracted through the County IT Department. In the dental clinic, the board was made aware that one of the dentists currently working on a part time basis has expressed an interest in full time employment which will be discussed later.

Reports on expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 11/30/14 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that figures and performance statistics are at expected levels at 42% into the fiscal year. He added that the reason no number was reported in the WIC program was due to the new Crossroads computer system which is not allowing this information to be reported, but this issue is expected to be resolved in the future. Patient visits in the county employee wellness clinic shows consistent utilization of the program.

NEW BUSINESS

The budget process for FY15-16 was discussed and the Health Director requested that a budget committee comprised of at least three board members be appointed. Chairman Faulkner explained that this committee, as in the past would attend a meeting with the Health Director and key department personnel to review the proposed budget before submission to the entire board, usually occurring during the month of April or May. Mr. Ric Cain, Mr. Carter, Dr. Jordan and Mr. Faulkner all volunteered to serve on the committee.

The need for a Livestock/Equine Minimum Standards Requirement Committee was discussed and Dr. Jordan explained that no state guidance is available on this issue but past issues in the county warrants the possibility of guidelines to establish a minimum standard of care. Dr. Jordan, Mr. Carter and the Health Director agreed to meet in the near future to discuss and present back to the board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Community Outreach Supervisor, Becky McKeon, RN and Physician Extender, Patti Lewis, FNP presented a PowerPoint presentation which outlined Influenza Surveillance statistical information from 2012-2015. Respiratory illness and North Carolina flu associated deaths were included in the report. Dr. Lewis informed the board that to date 734 flu shots have been administered through the Health Department with 196 out of approximately 400 county employees receiving the shot.

Board Members were informed that an agreement for the new electronic health record system Cure MD is completed and is currently being reviewed by the County Attorney.

Copies of the 2014 State of the County Health Report (SOTCH) were distributed to the board and Director Joyner explained that this information would be reviewed and discussed at next month's board meeting.

Mrs. Shirley Lowder made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the Health Director's annual performance evaluation, job description and to discuss a personnel matter. Dr. Laura Mauldin seconded the motion, which was passed by the board. After review and discussion, Dr. Dunlap 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 8:45 PM.