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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on February 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. Joan Eudy and Debora Norris, RN. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, David Ezzell, Charles Hartsell, Randy Huneycutt, Jennifer Layton, Patti Lewis and Becky McKeon. Mr. Gary Lewis attended as a guest and Leon Warren as media representative.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present entertained a motion for approval of the January 8th, 2015 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Mauldin, seconded by Dr. Dunlap, and approved by the board.

No comments were noted under Public Comments and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Joyner updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that in the Dental Clinic, Dr. Candace Crowe has accepted the vacant full time dentist position and will begin work on Monday, March 30th. The Health Director expressed appreciation to the County Manager as well as County Commissioners for their support in this endeavor. In the Home Health Program, board members were made aware that the Physical Therapist, Nancy Srail will be on medical leave until the end of March. Mr. Randy Huneycutt, Computer Support Specialist for the Health Department was in attendance and was introduced to the board.

Reports on expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 12/31/14 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that figures and performance statistics are at expected levels at 50% into the fiscal year. He added that the WIC Program continues to experience challenges with the new Crossroads computer system which is still not allowing statistical information to be reported. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved in the near future. Patient visits in the county employee wellness clinic shows consistent utilization of the program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The meeting was turned over to Debbie Bennett, Health Educator who presented a PowerPoint overview of the 2014 Stanly County State of the County Health Report (SOTCH). Information shared included the emerging health and community issues in Stanly County including priorities, selected health issues, new initiatives and health indicators. Ms. Bennett ended her presentation by outlining not only areas that need attention but also accomplishments over the past few years.

NEW BUSINESS

The Health Director discussed scheduling a time with the two newest Board of Health members for orientation and a tour of the health department. Both Mrs. Lowder and Dr. Little agreed to let Mr. Joyner know when they would be available.

Director Joyner recognized Jennifer Layton, Health Education Specialist who distributed information from the Stanly County Minority Health Council. She reviewed Stanly County health disparity data from the State Center for Health Statistics, which included White/non-Hispanic, African American/non-Hispanic and Hispanic statistics. Mr. Gary Lewis, a representative from the Minority Health Council shared the role of council members, which he explained began in July of 2014. After reviewing the mission statement, he explained that the 12 member council functions in collaboration with the Stanly County Partner's in Health Coalition meet monthly and are all serving voluntarily. Time was allowed for questions/comments and Mr. Lewis thanked Mrs. Layton, Mr. Joyner and the board for their support.

OTHER BUSINESS

Community Outreach Supervisor, Becky McKeon, RN presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining national measles cases and outbreak statistics. She explained issues with US travelers who have returned from the Philippines in 2014, explaining that most of the confirmed cases are among unvaccinated individuals. Mrs. McKeon further explained that during the month of January, 2015 a total of 102 measles cases were reported in 14 states with 1 outbreak that started from an exposure at Disneyland in California. Vaccination information including students in the County school system that has a medical and/or religious exemption was included in the report. After discussion, Mrs. McKeon was thanked for her report.

The Health Director shared information on the upcoming State of the County Health Expo to be held on March 30th in the Magnolia Room at Stanly Regional Medical Center. Additional information on the Expo will be shared at the March board meeting.

Board Members were informed that due to the merger between Carolina's Medical Center and Stanly Regional Medical Center the Community Health Assessment may be due sooner than normally scheduled. The Director explained that in 2013 this assessment became a joint effort between the hospital and health department.

Everyone present was made aware that the message board at the Stanly Common's entrance off First Street is currently broken and not repairable. Efforts are underway to replace the message board which is used for health promotion messages and publicity of services.

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Mauldin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and passed by the board.