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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on March 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. Laura Mauldin, Ric Cain and Debora Norris. Staff Members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, David Ezzell, Patti Lewis and Becky McKeon. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present entertained a motion for approval of the February 5th, 2015 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Shirley Lowder, seconded by Dr. Little, 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 reported that no changes had occurred in personnel during the month of February, reminding them that Dr. Candace Crowe would begin work as a full time employee on Monday, March 30th in the dental clinic.

Reports on expenditures and revenues along with performance reports for all Health Department programs as of 1/31/15 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that figures and performance statistics are at expected levels at 58% 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 very soon and if not, another way to report clients' visits will be taken into consideration. In the Animal Control Program, Director Joyner explained what qualifies as a contact, also clarifying when an officer responds to calls for stray animals. Patient visits in the county employee wellness clinic shows consistent utilization of the program, and due to a large number of employees experiencing flu-like symptoms in February; figures will likely be over 100 on the next performance report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Health Director updated the board on budget preparation for FY2015 - 2016, informing them that program supervisors are currently looking at figures and researching costs. He made board members aware that the largest requests being considered for the new fiscal year will be two vehicles, one in the Animal Control Program and one in the Environmental Health Program. After details of vehicle replacements were discussed, Director Joyner added that he is also considering the possibility of requesting body cameras for Animal Control Officers which would cost approximately \$500 each.

The pros and cons of using the cameras as well as the carrying of firearms and BLET Certification were discussed, with no decisions reached. Replacement of GPS units in the Environmental Health Program will also be considered for the new budget request.

Environmental Health Supervisor, David Ezzell updated the board on current State Environmental Health Regulations. He reviewed the substantive rule changes that Local Health Departments must comply with in the Regulatory Reform Act of 2014. After time was allowed for questions/comments, Mr. Ezzell was thanked for his presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Health Director thanked Commissioner Lowder and Dr. Little, the two newest Board of Health members for their attendance earlier tonight at a new member education & orientation session and touring of the health department.

OTHER BUSINESS

The 6th State of the County Health Expo sponsored by Partners in Health was brought to everyone's attention. Director Joyner stated that this year's presentation topic will be "Suicide: Understanding & Preventing" and everyone should have received an invitation to this event to be held on March 30th in the Magnolia Room at Stanly Regional Medical Center. He added that exhibits and a buffet dinner will begin at 5 PM and anyone wanting to attend could call the number on their invitation or see himself or Judie DeMuth after the board meeting.

A snapshot of 2014 Health Department activities recently submitted to the County Manager was distributed to the board. The Health Director explained that this information will be published as part of the Stanly County Report to the People for the year of 2014.

The message board at the Stanly Common's entrance off First Street was discussed as Mr. Joyner explained that the sign is currently inoperable and is used to promote public health messages and services of the department. At the February 16th County Commissioners Meeting, this item was approved for replacement, utilizing funds from the Health Department's Medicaid Fund Balance. The director explained that since the approval of this expenditure was mentioned in a recent news article, he wanted to insure the board that appropriate steps had been followed for this expenditure.

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