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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on June 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Commissioner Ascitutto, Dr. Amy Jordan, Dr. Janice Dunlap and Debora Norris. Staff members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Patricia Hancock, Becky McKeon, Patti Lewis, Thomas Taylor, Charles Hartsell and David Ezzell. Leon Warren and Tiffany Thompson attended as media representatives.

Chairman Faulkner called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to those present. With no general public in attendance, no comments were noted under Public Comments. With an initial quorum not present to approve the May minutes, Chairman Faulkner turned the meeting over to the Health Director for his report.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Joyner updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that no vacant positions are posted at this time other than the Animal Control Officer position discussed at the May board meeting. He added that interviews have been conducted for the officer position with an offer expected to be made within the next week.

Reports on expenditures and revenues for all Health Department programs as of 4/30/14 were reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that at 83% into the year most figures are at expected levels, and with Medicaid cost settlement funds expected to be in excess of \$450,000 this year, final figures should look good.

Performance reports for all Health Department programs through the month of April were reviewed and Director Joyner explained that numbers are at expected levels and will hopefully continue through the following months. The employee wellness clinic reflected 63 total visits and Dr. Patti Lewis the Health Department's practitioner confirmed that seeing county employees and family members through this clinic had not been a burden or caused any problems with the regular flow of day to day clinic operations.

With a quorum now present, Chairman Faulkner entertained a motion for approval of the May 1st, 2014 board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Mauldin, seconded by Shirley Lowder and approved by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Patricia Hancock, Nursing Director gave a presentation on the clinic's Practice Management review and improvement efforts and explained how implementing changes in the way Health Department clinic services are organized and operated, could make a positive impact on clinic participation and the number of clients served. She shared objectives of the process and explained the need for better health outcomes by improving clinic efficiency and cost effective services, while developing tools and skills in order to optimize staff resources to the highest level of skill and licensure. After time was allowed for questions and discussion, Mrs. Hancock was thanked for her presentation.

The North Carolina Medicaid EHR Incentive Program was reviewed with the board. Mr. Joyner explained that this program is called "Meaningful Use" and in order to receive funds, 30% or more of the clinical visits must be Medicaid patients. Incentive payments are based on eligible providers and the department has 3 dentists and 1 nurse practitioner who are eligible. He added that these incentive funds could help offset electronic health record system costs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The status of the new fiscal year budget was discussed and Director Joyner stated that the County Manager and Commissioners have announced their plans to adopt the FY2014-15 budget the last week of June. No major changes in the Health Department budget is expected and final approval of the state budget will possibly take place sometime in July.

Recommendations for the Board of Health physician member position left vacant by Dr. Hal Royer were discussed. Director Joyner informed board members that after talking with several possible candidates whose names were shared with him; thus far no one has agreed to serve. Everyone was encouraged to contact the Health Director for recommendations of possible candidates for the physician member position.

Board Members were made aware that the Nancy Lee Henderson beneficiary donation to Animal Control for approximately \$148,000 was received last week and has been placed in a designated fund balance to be used in the Animal Control Program. Interested stake holders, staff, any board member and/or interested parties will meet soon to discuss ways to prioritize use of the donated funds and further information will be provided to the board at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS

The July Board of Health meeting was discussed and board members concurred in cancelling the July 3rd meeting unless issues warrant action before the first Thursday in August.

Director Joyner shared that the state Home Health survey team has been conducting an onsite review this week. Initial results will be shared tomorrow and he didn't expect any alarming concerns.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Carter made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lowder and passed by the board.