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## *STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH*

**September 6, 2007**

The Stanly County Board of Health met on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. All Board Members were present with the exception of Dr. Mark Emery, Dr. Lana Riemann, and Mr. Frank Simpson. Staff present was Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Debbie Bennett, Judie DeMuth, David Ezzell, Patti Lewis and Becky McKeon. Sarah Jane Rosser and Leon Warren attended as media representatives.

Board Chair Hathcock called the meeting to order and entertained a motion for approval of the April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Mauldin, seconded by Dr. Marshall and approved by the board.

### **HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Joyner updated the board on personnel changes informing them that Stacy Hatley, Environmental Health Specialist who had been employed since 8/21/2000 resigned her position as of 8/24/07. Additionally, Environmental Specialist, Wayne Padolik who was employed 8/7/06 left the department effective 8/24/07. The director stated that the department is currently recruiting for both these vacant positions. Board Members were informed that Jazmin Aviles-Garcia was employed on 9/4/07 as a new Interpreter for the department, and Joy Heglar, RN, who works with maternal outreach & postpartum clients returned from leave on 9/4/07.

A report on Health Department expenditures and revenues as of July 31<sup>st</sup> was reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that these figures reflected the first month of a new fiscal year and future reports would be more useful in reviewing budgetary patterns.

Recent recall issues for Castleberry and other generic canned food products affected with botulism were discussed. Board Members were informed that State Department of Agriculture officials requested that local independent grocery stores, church kitchens/food pantries, shelter ministries, daycares, etc. be checked by Health Department staff to assure that recalled products were off shelves and disposed of properly. Director Joyner explained that large chain stores were notified by officials and recalled products were effectively removed from shelves, but concern was being concentrated on the smaller stores and locations that may not have received the mandatory recall information. David Ezzell, Environmental Health Supervisor gave an update on the recalls stating that 88 different food items of various store brands totaling 1,395 cans were pulled from shelves of the 85 establishments checked by Health Department staff. He added that the majority of cans pulled were from two local food pantry facilities. Board Members were informed that throughout the state of North Carolina, a total of 33,000 cans were pulled from the shelves of 11,600 establishments.

Other recall information was discussed with the Health Director stating that it has recently been discovered that many toys manufactured in China contain lead based paint which can cause serious health issues, especially to children who may ingest the lead. He added that the Health Department has two Smart Start Program RN's who work with daycares located in Stanly County disseminated pertinent information to each daycare. Also, Mr. Joyner stated that if anyone expresses a concern of the possibility of lead paint contamination, the Health Department will conduct tests to confirm suspicion and take action accordingly.

Board members were made aware that the county is currently conducting a job classification and pay study. Director Joyner explained the study stating that since the Health Department and the Department of Social Services employees are considered Competitive Service Employees subject to the State Personnel Act, they are not included in the classification portion of the study but will be included in the pay study.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed the upcoming flu season, with an update of recommendations from (ACIP) the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices distributed and explained by Patti Lewis, the Health Department's Family Nurse Practitioner. Director Joyner explained the need to increase the flu vaccination fee from \$20 to \$25 based on the department's cost analysis, and Dr. Ann Yowell made a motion to approve the fee increase as requested to cover all costs for the vaccine, supplies and overhead involved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Laura Mauldin, and passed unanimously by the board. The Health Director also shared the possibility of scheduling a drive through flu clinic early in October to encourage the community to get vaccinated as well as contribute to Bioterrorism/mass event training for county staff.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Director Joyner gave an update on the Alcoa/Badin Lake Fish Study, explaining that he was continuing to work on the effort and had been unable to finalize plans on how the study would be conducted and who would cover the cost involved with the testing. He reminded Board Members of a meeting scheduled in Raleigh on September 19<sup>th</sup>, where county representatives, Alcoa and representatives from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will discuss the environmental concerns to hopefully increase the level of understanding and establish how to proceed in the study.

The current Smoking Policy at the Commons Facility, Court House, and all county property was discussed. The Director made the board aware that even though the Stanly Commons Facility is smoke free, the County Court House still allows smoking in a break room and he reminded board members that recently ratified N.C. House Bill 24 allows local governments to regulate smoking in buildings of local government. Several smoking issues were discussed, and the Health Director recommended that the Board of Health request an Administrative Smoking Policy be established by County Commissioners which would include the following recommendations; Prohibit smoking in all county buildings, Prohibit smoking within 50 feet of county building entrances, and Prohibit smoking in all county vehicles. Dr. Laura Mauldin made a motion to forward the recommended smoking policy to the County Manager and County Commissioners for their consideration. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Debby Johnston, and passed by the board.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Information was shared with the Board on grant funding in the amount of \$12,000 for 2007-08 that is available from the Healthy Carolinians group. The grant application is being completed and the Health Director stated that a possible use of funds would be to hold a local health conference and invite community leaders and elected officials to discuss various health issues and concerns.

Board Members were informed that several officials from the UNC School of Dentistry had recently visited the Health Department Dental Clinic. Director Joyner stated that the officials extended an invitation for our clinic to become rotation site of the Dental School's Externship Program, which would allow up to two dental students per session to work in our clinic as part of their Community Site Rotation requirement. This would begin in May, 2008. After student lodging concerns were discussed, everyone agreed that this was a good opportunity for the dental clinic and Dr. Laura Mauldin proposed that regular staff consider scheduling their vacation time when the dental students began working in the clinic, as work loads as well as space in the clinic would be affected.

The Health Director informed the board that the operating room schedule for dental clinic patients will change on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-3 cases on Thursdays to 1 case only on Monday and Wednesday mornings. The director added that surgeries are currently scheduled thru mid November, 2007.

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Mauldin made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rudisill, and passed by the board.