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## ***STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH***

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### **Meeting Minutes**

The Stanly County Board of Health met on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members present were Dr. Laura Mauldin, Mr. Gene McIntyre, Dr. Raquel Mullen and Mr. Frank Simpson. Staff present was Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Debbie Bennett, Judie DeMuth, David Ezzell, Becky McKeon and Patti Lewis. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Commissioner McIntyre called the meeting to order and since a quorum was not present, immediately turned the meeting over to the Health Director.

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

The Health Director updated the board on the agency's personnel status reminding the board of the retirement of Linda Morris, RN as of 4-30-08 who worked in the Smart Start Program. Mr. Joyner shared that Joy Heglar, RN who currently makes post partum newborn home visits will be transferring to the vacant Smart Start Program position, effective 5-1-08. Also, recruitment has begun for a Community Health Assistant which is assigned to the WIC Program. This position has been left vacant since 3-3-08.

A report on Health Department expenditures and revenues as of March 31<sup>st</sup> was reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained the reports and stated that at this time of the fiscal year figures should be at a maximum of 75%, but since totals thus far fell below that range, all program areas were covered.

Board Members reviewed a clinic activity report that reflected statistics on patients seen at the Health Department from July 2007 thru March 2008. Mr. Joyner explained the figures, stating that all clinics had increases in patient activity since FY05-06 and FY 06-07. Patient statistics for the Dental Clinic were not included in the report, and the Health Director stated that he would present those figures at a later date.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The board was informed that the Health Department budget for FY2008-09 has been forwarded to the County Manager's Office which to date is still being reviewed. The director explained that an additional \$8,800 in General Aid-to-County funding from the NC Division of Public Health had been received and must be used for purchases in the FY2007-08 budget year. A request has been forwarded to the Board of Commissioners to use these funds to proceed with upgrading computer equipment that is scheduled for replacement and recommended by the Information Technology Department in the FY2008-09 budget. This will reduce the number of needed computer replacements in next year's budget and allow for the use of non-county funds.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Health Director explained why the public hearing scheduled for tonight's board meeting to consider revisions to the Rules Governing the Construction, Repair, and Abandonment of Wells in Stanly County was postponed. He explained that at a recent Health Director's meeting it was brought to his attention that if counties adopt their own well rules rather than the State well rules, the Attorney General's Office will not provide legal representation in the event of tort claims. Board Members were informed that the primary difference in the new State rules was the requirement of 35 feet of grouted well casing and Stanly County Well Rules require a minimum of 40 feet. More importantly, the State rules will only apply to drinking water wells; Stanly County Well Rules also apply to other wells such as irrigation wells because they also can contribute to ground water contamination and could be connected to a home for

water supply. Legal concerns and other issues involved with making a decision on the well requirements for Stanly County were discussed. In lieu of revising our existing rules to reference the new state rules and provide more stringent requirements such as additional grouting depth and application to irrigation wells, the Board of Health could sunset or repeal our local rules and simply fall under the State regulations for drinking water wells and adopt local companion rules for non-drinking water wells. Mr. Joyner explained that since a quorum was not present, a vote could not be taken to revise or sunset the County's Well Rules on 6/30/08 when the State rules go into effect on 7/1/08. He added that to reach a decision before 7-1-08, a public hearing must be scheduled for the next scheduled board meeting on 6/5/08, with a quorum present. All those present agreed to proceed as recommended by the Health Director.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

An update on the Animal Control Program was given and Board Members were made aware that it was necessary to re-roof the shelter at a cost of \$5,000. Mr. Joyner shared that he met with a couple of local Veterinarians this week to discuss opportunities for transitioning to euthanization by injection. This issue will be discussed further in the near future.

Board Members were made aware that the Health Department Management Team met today and will meet again tomorrow to discuss the upcoming accreditation, currently scheduled for 11/12/08. Mrs. Gay Welsh, State Nursing Consultant will lead the meetings and be available for assistance in preparation for this important process, which consists of 143 activities that will be thoroughly reviewed by the State Accreditation Team.

The board was informed that effective 7/1/08 temporary food service establishments/vendors must pay a \$50 fee, per event for a permit/inspection from an Environmental Health Specialist. This is a State established fee but will be retained locally to support the Environmental Health Program.

With no further business to discuss, the board adjourned at 8:30 PM.