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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on May 1st, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Dr. Laura Mauldin, 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.

Board Chair Hathcock called the meeting to order and entertained a motion for approval of the April 3rd and May 1st board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Marshall, and approved by the board.

Next, a motion was made by Mrs. Rudisill and seconded by Mr. Chambers that the board open the scheduled public hearing for consideration of sunsetting and repealing the Rules Governing the Construction, Repair and Abandonment of Wells in Stanly County and adoption of Stanly County Rules Governing the Permitting, Construction and Inspection of Irrigation Wells in Stanly County. The sunset provision was necessary to avoid a conflict with new State rules for drinking water wells which were going into effect July 1, 2008. It was noted that the public hearing had been advertised as required by N.C. statutes. With no questions presented by the board, and no public representation present, Mr. Chambers made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Upon returning to regular session, Dr. Riemann made a motion to approve the sunset provision of the existing county well rules and adopting the proposed Stanly County Irrigation Well Rules as presented, to become effective July 1, 2008. Mr. Stephen Chambers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by the board.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Health Director updated the board on the agency's personnel status stating that interviews have taken place for a Community Health Assistant to work in the WIC Program and a decision should be made soon, followed with a job offer.

A report on Health Department expenditures and revenues as of April 30th was reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained the reports and stated that at this point in the fiscal year figures should be at a approximately 83%, and most program budget totals thus far fell below that range.

The board was updated on the status of the Health Department budget for FY2008-09. Director Joyner stated that county administration had asked departments to reduce their requests by approximately 2.5%, and after reviewing requests made by all Health Department program areas, some office furniture requested in the Environmental Health Program was reduced along with the decision to paint part of the Health Department instead of all areas inside the agency. Also, the number of new computer systems were reduced considerably as new General Aid to County funding from the NC Division of Public Health was received and Board of Commissioners approved to use these funds currently to proceed with upgrading a portion of the computer equipment that was scheduled for replacement in the FY2008-09 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Conflict Disclosure Policies and Confidentiality Statements were distributed to all Board members for their review and signature. Everyone was instructed to sign the information and turn in to Judie DeMuth, Clerk to the Board before their departure.

The Health Director explained the need for Board approval of two policies: 1) Developing Policies and Procedures and 2) Delegation of Authority. Copies of the policies were shared with Board members and after review and discussion Mrs. Rudisill made a motion to accept and approve the policy on Developing Policies and Procedures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed by the board. Next, Mr. Chambers made a motion to accept and approve the policy on Delegation of Authority as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. McIntyre and passed by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An update on the Animal Control Program was given and Board Members were made aware that the approval of an additional Animal Control Officer in the new budget will help to transition to euthanization by needle injection and assist with daily shelter operations working with the public. Also, the state will offer training on euthanasia to animal control personnel sometime in the next year.

Director Joyner gave an update on the Badin Lake Fish Study status and shared information from a review of data and proposals regarding water quality in Badin Lake. The report was prepared by John Rodgers, Jr., PhD for Stanly County. The Health Director stated that the report highlighted some of the concerns that have been raised in the past regarding water quality and potential human health risks. A copy of the report had been shared with the NC Division of Public Health, Occupational & Environmental Epidemiology Section. Director Joyner stated he had been in further communication with the State Health Director, and a meeting was being planned for July in Raleigh to discuss moving forward with a fish study.

OTHER BUSINESS

A review of recent departmental activities was discussed. The Health Director informed the board that the required information for re-accreditation of the Partners in Health Coalition was sent to Raleigh today. Mr. Joyner commended Christi Greer, Health Educator for her work on this project.

The board was made aware that the Department Management Team was planning a one day strategic planning meeting to be held possibly during the month of July. This meeting will assist with goal-setting for the department and should take place on a yearly basis in the future. Mr. Joyner added that as part of the accreditation process his job description should be reviewed by the board at a minimum of every 3 years. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Doctors Jim Link, Tom Mangum and Kay Griffin were commended for their assistance in the recent rabies clinics held in various locations throughout the county. A total of 1,010 vaccinations were given to dogs and cats over a two day period, and appreciation was expressed for everyone involved.

Next, the Board of Health meeting normally held the first Thursday in July was discussed, and there was a consensus to cancel the meeting unless issues warrant action before August.

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 departmental activities that will be thoroughly reviewed by the State Accreditation Team.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner McIntyre made a motion for adjournment at 8:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rudisill, and passed by the board.