



## Stanly County Health Department

1000 North First Street, Suite 3

Albemarle, NC 28001

Phone (704) 982-9171 Fax (704) 982-8354

www.co.stanly.nc.us

Dennis R. Joyner, MPH  
Director

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

**November 5, 2009**

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Stanly County Board of Health met on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Stephen Chambers and Drs. Laura Mauldin, Lana Riemann and Ann Yowell. Staff members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Patti Lewis, Becky McKeon and Thomas Taylor. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Vice Chair Faulkner called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present, turned the meeting over to Director Joyner for his report.

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

The Health Director updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that Carol Brooks, Receptionist was retiring as of 11-30-09. Recruitment for her position and the PHN II position left vacant by the resignation of Cara Haywood will take place in the near future.

Reports on expenditures and revenues as of September 30<sup>th</sup> was reviewed, and Mr. Joyner explained that the figures were on target for the third month of a new fiscal year, with the Dental Clinic and Home Health Programs exceeding revenue projections. Performance reports for all Health Department programs for the month of September were reviewed.

The Health Director updated the board on H1N1 and seasonal flu preparation and statistics. He informed them that the Health Department is currently out of seasonal flu vaccine and will not be getting an additional supply. A flu clinic opened to the public was held at the Health Department on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 332 doses of seasonal flu vaccine were administered. As of today, a school vaccination initiative has begun with approximately 2,400 parental consents received from the Stanly County school system. Director Joyner added that 4,500 doses of seasonal flu vaccine has been received from the state for a childhood immunization initiative, which will allow shots to be given to children in public schools, private schools, home schools, etc. at no charge. Mr. Joyner stated that the H1N1 vaccine supply is slowly increasing, with two public clinics held to date with approximately 550 doses given. A clinic will be held next Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 PM and additional H1N1 clinics will be scheduled as more vaccine is received. Priority groups are still the focus of these clinics which include; pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, health care and emergency service workers, persons 6 months through 24 years of age, and people 25 through 64 years of age at high risk for complications of influenza. Surveillance reports and charts with various flu statistics were reviewed with the board, reflecting a rapid increase in influenza-like illnesses since the reopening of schools and colleges. Board Members were made aware that a supply of Tamiflu suspension medication has been received from the CDC for children up to 1 year of age, at no charge. Dr. Mullen stressed the importance of using caution when prescribing Tamiflu, especially in children less than one year old.

With a quorum now present, Vice Chair Faulkner entertained a motion for approval of the October 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mrs. Hathcock, seconded by Mrs. Rudisill, and approved by the board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Members were informed of the availability of state H1N1 flu funds. Director Joyner explained that \$5-\$7,000 was available for surveillance activities, \$60,000 for planning purposes, and \$78,000 for implementation of intervention activities. He further stated that in order to utilize the funds, stipulations are significant with salaries covered only if position descriptions are appropriately revised or contracted professional services are used rather than current Health Department staff. The possibility of contracting with the N.C. Alliance of Public Health Agencies, Inc. to hire staff to assist with H1N1 activities was discussed and more information on this issue will be forthcoming.

The Health Director reminded the board that the implementation of the State of North Carolina No-Smoking Law would be effective 1-2-2010. The amount of \$1,700 in state funds is available to assist with the no smoking law and Mr. Joyner stated that current plans are to use the funds for signage, frames and coasters at local restaurants.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Board of Health members' terms of office was discussed with Director Joyner stating that both Dr. Mauldin and Mrs. Johnston have agreed to serve a second term if appointed by County Commissioners. Several names were mentioned for a new General Public Member to replace Dr. Riemann and Commissioner McIntyre reminded the board that a volunteer application should be completed by anyone interested in serving on a county board. After discussion, Mrs. Hathcock made a motion to recommend the name of Aretha Sherrill for County Commissioner's consideration. The motion was seconded by Dr. Marshall and approved by a majority of the board.

Everyone present was reminded that unless a called meeting is deemed necessary there would not be a December Board Meeting. Donations were given for the Health Department employees Christmas luncheon which will take place on December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Joyner informed the board that a letter to Ms. Elizabeth Roberts from Chairman Chambers has been mailed along with the recommendations and comments matrix outline as was decided at the October board meeting. Board Members were made aware of a petition against various issues at the animal shelter currently posted on the internet by Ms. Roberts.

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