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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on February 5th, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Dr. Jim Marshall and Dr. Ann Yowell. Staff present was Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Debbie Bennett, Judie DeMuth, Patti Lewis, and Becky McKeon. Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Board Chair Hathcock called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Next, the floor was opened for nominations of a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Health for the year of 2009. Mrs. Margaret Rudisill nominated Mr. Stephen Chambers to serve as Chairman of the board, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Mauldin. With no other nominations offered, by acclamation Mr. Chambers was elected to serve as Board Chairman for the year of 2009. Mrs. Teri Hathcock then nominated Mr. Larry Faulkner to serve as Vice Chairman. Commissioner McIntyre seconded the motion, and with no other nominations, Mr. Faulkner was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the board.

Chairman Chambers then entertained a motion for approval of the November 6, 2008 and January 8, 2009 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. McIntyre and approved by the board.

With no general public in attendance, no comments were noted under the Public Comments agenda item and the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board Members were invited and encouraged to attend the presentation of a plaque to the Health Department for achieving accreditation by the N.C. Health Department Accreditation Board on February 16th at 7:00 PM during the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

The Health Director updated the board on the agency's personnel status informing them that Virginia Smith will begin work in the vacant Nutritionist position on 2/16/09, and interviews have been completed on final candidates for the new IT Support Technician position. Mr. Joyner stated that he planned to make an offer within the next week for this position and added that the pool of applicants were extremely well qualified.

A report on Health Department expenditures and revenues as of December 31st was reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that with revenues at 52% and expenses at 45%, figures are on target for this time of the fiscal year, and he added that the status of county budget reductions due to the present economy downturn remains unchanged since the last board meeting. Department performance reports through December, 2008 were then reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The budget process for 2009-10 was discussed and the board was informed that neither the County Manager nor Finance Director have announced a due date for department budgets to be completed. However, due to the size of the Health Department budget, Mr. Joyner instructed DMT members in January to begin the budget process with a target date of March 31st to be completed. Chairman Chambers asked for at least three volunteers from the board to work on a Budget Committee. He explained that this committee, as in the past would meet with the

Health Director and key department personnel sometime during the month of March to review budget proposals before submission to the entire board. Mrs. Debby Johnston, Dr. Raquel Mullen and Mr. Larry Faulkner all agreed to serve on the committee and Director Joyner stated that more information and a date and time to review the budget could possibly be announced at the end of February or early March.

The issue of allowing Animal Control officer to carry sidearms for additional personal safety was discussed, and several questions were posed in reference to liability issues. After discussion, Mr. Joyner agreed to check with the County Attorney, State Officials, and other counties with Health Department based Animal Control Programs and report back to the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Joyner gave an update on the Badin Lake Fish Study stating that the lab analysis of fish samples gathered in the fall of 2008 for PCB and PAH constituents have been completed. He added that an extensive amount of complex data is being analyzed and the final results may require another month or two to complete. Officials from the Division of Water Quality held a public hearing on January 15th in the County Commissioners meeting room concerning the APGI Yadkin Hydroelectric Project's 401 Water Quality Certification Application. Mr. Joyner shared a copy of his comments that was presented at the meeting and discussed the primary concerns with the board.

The board was informed that clinical staff is currently looking into the possibility of extending hours of services offered at the Health Department. Mr. Joyner gave some examples of ideas from staff thus far, which included flex lunch times and "open access" scheduling. A proposal will be processed and shared with the board at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Information on a prenatal education series, "Embrace", were distributed to board members. The Health Director explained that classes would be held for eight weeks at Stanly Regional Medical Center, in an effort to ensure that families of Stanly County are educated and better prepared to have a healthy pregnancy, delivery and to promote positive parenting skills. Sponsors include the Stanly County Partners in Health's Infant Mortality Reduction Team, Albemarle Rotary, West Stanly Rotary, Stanly Regional Medical Center, the Stanly County Health Department and other health and human service providers in the community.

Board Members were informed that new imaging software has been installed in the Health Department Dental Clinic which will allow dental staff to work more efficiently with patients at chair side and enhancing dental records.

Mr. Joyner shared information on legislation being introduced during the 2009 Session of the NC General Assembly, House Bill 2- an act to Prohibit Smoking in Public & Work Places and House Bill 6-an act to provide for Humane Euthanasia of Animals in Animal Shelters. He explained that a contract signed during the past year with a local Veterinarian, now allows the vast majority of animals needing to be euthanized at the local shelter to be conducted through needle injection. Carbon monoxide gas was still being used for high risk situations such as feral animals.

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.