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STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting Minutes

The Stanly County Board of Health met on April 2nd, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Dr. Laura Mauldin, Dr. Raquel Mullen, Mrs. Debby Johnston, Mrs. Margaret Rudisill and Dr. Ann Yowell. Staff present was Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Debbie Bennett, Judie DeMuth, David Ezzell, Patti Lewis, Becky McKeon and Thomas Taylor.

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Since a quorum was not initially present to approve the March 5, 2009 minutes, and no general public was in attendance for comments, the meeting was turned over to the Health Director.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Health Director updated the board on the agency's personnel status and introduced Thomas Taylor who began work on March 3rd as a Computer Support Technician. Mr. Joyner reminded everyone that currently there are no vacant positions under recruitment at the Health Department with four positions that are established with State Personnel but not budgeted as this time. The county currently has a hiring freeze in place and should a vacancy occur, it would necessitate County Manager approval before the position could be filled.

A report on Health Department expenditures and revenues as of February 28th was reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that with revenues at 69% and expenses at 62%, figures are on target for this time of the fiscal year. Performance reports for all Health Department programs through February, 2009 were reviewed with the Health Director stating that statistics are consistent with previous months.

The board was updated on legislation introduced during the 2009 Session of the NC General Assembly. House Bill #2- an act to Prohibit Smoking in Public & Work Places was discussed. One modification to the bill would allow businesses that do not serve or employ persons over the age of 18 to not be affected by conditions of the bill. Mr. Joyner stated that this would weaken the public health impact of the bill and efforts were underway to address those concerns in the Senate version of the bill. There is also a bill to require a fee for restaurant inspections, which failed last year but is being reintroduced this year. A letter from Dr. Lee Hunter, Director of the Animal Welfare Section was shared which outlined rules that have now passed but enforcement will not begin immediately since they represent a significant advancement in euthanasia protocol, and it is possible that a phased enforcement may be adopted. Mr. Joyner stated that more detailed information/requirements should be received within the next couple of months.

With the Health Director's report now completed and a quorum of Board Members present, Chairman Chambers entertained a motion for approval of the March 5, 2009 board minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mrs. Hathcock, seconded by Dr. Marshall and approved by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

The budget process and schedule for FY2009-10 was discussed and the board was reminded that the Health Department budget would be presented at the May board meeting, and the Board of Health Budget Committee would meet on 4/23/09 at noon for a luncheon meeting to review the budget before it is mailed to the entire board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Joyner gave an update on the Badin Lake Fish Study stating that the physical signage containing advisory fish consumption information to be posted at various public access points on Badin Lake has been delayed by the State due to APGI's filing of a contested case hearing appeal to the N.C. Attorney General's Office. He explained that APGI's appeal primarily challenged the necessity of the signage and the State Department of Public Health's (DPH) process for recommending the advisory from the fish study results. It was unclear as to the Attorney General's Office timeframe for addressing the appeal. After discussion, the need to move forward on this task was the consensus of the board and the Health Director would continue to monitor the situation closely with DPH and explore the possibility of the fish consumption information being made available at locations where fishing licenses are obtained as suggested by Board members.

The transitioning of the Parish Nurse Program from Stanly Regional Medical Center to the Health Department was discussed and the board was informed that as soon as liability issues are examined this transition should take place.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Health Director informed the board that the month of April was designated as Public Health Month in North Carolina, and several activities are planned for Health Department staff. Other upcoming meetings and activities were reviewed with the board which included a County Employee Wellness Fair which was held today, a Health & Human Services Resource Fair to take place on 4/9/09 at the Agri-Civic Center with over 50 vendors planning to attend, and a State of the County's Health Expo for 2009 to be held on April 27th at Stanly Regional Medical Center. Board Members were informed that this year's Expo would focus on youth concerns in the community and they were encouraged to mark their calendars to attend.

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.