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

**September 3, 2009**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Stanly County Board of Health met on September 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Stanly County Health Department. Board Members absent were Mrs. Teri Hathcock and Dr. Lana Riemann. Staff members present were Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Judie DeMuth, Debbie Bennett, Gary Godwin, Patti Lewis, and Becky McKeon. Jenny Furr, County Attorney, was in attendance and Leon Warren attended as media representative.

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order and after welcoming those present, entertained a motion for approval of the August 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Dr. Marshall, and approved by the board.

Ms. Elizabeth Roberts was recognized from the general public and given the opportunity to share her concerns regarding the Animal Control Program. Ms. Roberts gave a detailed account of a visit she made to the Animal Shelter on 6-29-09, and board members were given written information containing complaints, concerns and recommendations to address various issues dealing with adoptions, care of animals, and other procedures.

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

Board Members were informed that no personnel changes had occurred since the last meeting and reports on expenditures and revenues as of July 30<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Mr. Joyner explained that the figures were on target for the first month of a new fiscal year. Performance reports for all Health Department programs for the month of July were reviewed.

Information concerning H1N1 and seasonal flu preparation was discussed and the Health Director stated that 1,500 doses of seasonal flu vaccine has been ordered but not yet received by the Health Department. Hopefully, the vaccine will arrive within the next couple of weeks and plans are to integrate giving the flu shots into regular clinic schedules for the general public, give to all county employees willing to receive the shot, and possibly go into group homes, assisted living residents, schools, etc. Board Members were informed that H1N1 vaccine should be received by the Health Department in October and with the CDC identifying priority groups to receive this vaccine being: pregnant women; household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age; healthcare and emergency medical services personnel; all persons 6 months -24 years of age; persons aged 25-64 who have chronic health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza. A letter has been distributed through School Superintendent Dr. DePaul to all schools informing parents of ways to prevent the spreading of flu, and to keep children home if suspected of being sick with flu-like symptoms. Mr. Joyner stated that the Health Department planned to distribute flu education materials to churches, clubs/organizations, etc. to educate the general public in an effort to prevent panic should an epidemic occur.

Infant Mortality Data through 2008 was shared with the board and bar charts were reviewed as the Health Director explained the information. Mr. Joyner added that the state had designated September as Infant Mortality Reduction Month. He reminded members that the Infant Mortality Reduction Team of the Partners in Health Coalition are sponsoring the prenatal education series, "Embrace," and that effort is going well. Additional awareness activities will take place during the month for children ages birth through one year.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Director Joyner informed board members that fish consumption advisory signs have been erected in Stanly and Montgomery counties at Badin Lake public access points by the N.C. Wildlife Resource Commission. He stated that the signs contain advisory guidance concerning fish consumption from the lake and added that the signage and lettering is extremely small but the information should be helpful. He has expressed his concerns regarding the size of the signage to state DPH officials. A news release will be published soon to make the public aware of the signage and information on the signs since it has been approximately six months since the advisory was issued.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Judie DeMuth, Clerk to the Board verified that board members requesting board meeting minutes, agenda's, etc. be emailed rather than the usual mailing process included Debby Johnston, Teri Hathcock, Laura Mauldin, Lana Riemann, Raquel Mullen, Gene McIntyre, Stephen Chambers and Margaret Rudisill.

At 7:45 PM, A motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion was seconded by Dr. Marshall and passed by the board.

Upon returning to regular session, Chairman Chambers announced that a subcommittee consisting of Dr. Yowell, Mrs. Rudisill, Dr. Mauldin, Mr. Faulkner and himself would meet on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM to review and discuss recommendations and comments concerning Animal Control program issues. Also, he shared that the committee would visit to the animal shelter on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, and an update of efforts would be given at the next board meeting.

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