



Davie County Health and
Human Services 154
Government Center
Drive, Mocksville, 27028
12:00 PM

AGENDA

DAVIE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
Regular Meeting December 14, 2021

I. Roll Call/Sign in

Chairman Renegar called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Wright to confirm attendance. Several staff members were in attendance for the meeting as well. Suzanne Wright, Katie Brewer, Kim Shuskey, Justin White and Crista Ramroop represented members of the HHS leadership team.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Baker	Optometrist	Present	
Joe Boyette	At-Large/Consumer	Present	
Kathy Cornatzer	Nurse/At-Large/Consumer	Present	
Andreia Collins	Social Worker/Consumer	Present	
	Engineer		Vacant
Jessica McCaskill	Veterinarian	Present	
Richard B. Poindexter	Commissioner	Present	
Terry N. Renegar	Chairman	Present	
Andrew Rivers	Dentist		Absent
	Psychologist		Vacant
Sherri Jefferies	At-Large/Consumer	Present	

Clio Austin	Physician	Present	
Sara Buchanan	Pharmacist		Absent

II. Call to Order

Mr. Renegar reviewed the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement with members and asked if anyone needed to acknowledge such. Hearing none, Mr. Renegar continued with the next agenda item.

“Pursuant to NCGS 160A-86 and the Davie County HHS Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Section included in the HHS Board Operating Procedures adopted September 22, 2020, I would ask each of you before you adopt the agenda today if there is any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with respect to any matter on the proposed agenda which will come before the Board today for a vote. If so, please speak up and let the Board know at this time before the agenda is adopted.”

III. Invocation

Chairman Renegar provided the invocation.

IV. Discussion & Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Renegar asked members of the Board to review the agenda for consideration. With no additions, deletions or suggestions, **Andreia Collins made a motion to approve the agenda. Brian Baker seconded.** The motion carried

V. Review of Minutes

1. Consolidated Human Services Board Meeting – September 2021

Mr. Renegar asked members of the Board to review the meeting minutes that were provided electronically and in the Board packet for consideration. ***Kathy Cornatzer made a motion to approve the minutes as provided. Joe Boyette seconded. The motion carried***

VI. Public Comment **

The Board sets aside part of each meeting for individuals or groups to address the board.

Any person wishing to address the Board can place their name on the sign-up sheet before the meeting is scheduled to begin. The chair will call each speaker in the order in which his or her name appears on the sign-up sheet. Each speaker is limited to three minutes to address the Board. At the end of the Public Comments section of the meeting the chair will open up the floor for comment from any member of the public who wishes to speak and has not yet had the opportunity to do so. It should be noted that the Public Comments section of the meeting is for members of the public to address the Board. Board members will not render an opinion or give any comment with regard to the subject matter presented by members of the public.

Mr. Renegar asked Ms. Wright if anyone signed up to speak under public comments. Ms. Wright indicated that there were no members of the public present or requests from the public to speak under public comments at this meeting. Mr. Renegar then moved to the next agenda item.

VII. Presentations

- HHS Year End Highlights Report (Suzanne Wright)

Mr. Renegar asked Ms. Wright to share the next information related to the next agenda item. Ms. Wright shared a PowerPoint outlining accomplishments within HHS over the past year. Due to time limitations for the meeting, Suzanne touched on the following highlights, but included the entire presentation in the Board packet.

Highlights:

1. Successfully planned and implemented one of the first mass vaccine clinics in the state, vaccinating well over 30,000 people in drive thru clinics alone over a 5 month period
2. Assisted with Government Center design and renovation efforts. 112 staff members from 3 other buildings were relocated
3. Secured additional wellness programming and fitness room space for Senior Services by re-purposing the Brock Building
4. Contracted with Monarch New Horizons to provide coffee/snack shop services in the Government Center
5. Child Welfare facilitated 21 adoptions to help children achieve permanency, the most adoptions in the history of the agency.
6. HHS worked to navigate and implement the historic statewide transition to Medicaid Managed Care.
7. HHS received a grant award of \$275,000 over 2.5 years to fund the opioid project in Davie.
8. Implemented the first Child Welfare Court Collaborative for District 22-B (Davie and Davidson).
9. HHS worked in partnership with Kintegra Health (FQHC) to receive a Community Health Grant award for \$108,590 and prepared to co-locate an adult primary care clinic
10. Medicaid Administrative Claims submitted by social work staff resulted in total reimbursement of 57,906.30 (11 x)
11. Employee Wellness showed a 57% total cost savings for the county. \$95,175 was saved in out-of-pocket medical co-pays for employees, and another \$98,910 saved in out-of-pocket pharmacy co-pays (not included in the % of cost savings for the overall clinic). More services were added for employees
12. Won two AIRS Innovation Awards for the Senior Services online delivery of nutritional supplements and incontinence supplies.
13. Veteran Services provided invaluable services for many, many veterans/families in Davie County (ramps, thousands of dollars in claims and awards, burials, stove and other household donations, etc.), and recognition from Ted Budd's office
14. \$Child Support received a total of **\$56,475** in incentive payments, which was an \$18,090 increase from the previous year and also the highest in the history of the agency. The incentives are offered based on performance.
15. DCVP provided at least 15 trainings to law enforcement, students and teachers on various topics
16. Provided 53,795 congregate meals through a frozen meal pick up program
17. Medicaid application workers, both Family and Children's and Adult had perfect scores on the REDA (Recipient Eligibility Determination Audit). These audits occurred monthly for several months.
18. Adult Protective Services had a busy year and a few "firsts" as they experienced 1 restoration for guardianship, 1 transfer of guardianship to family members, 3 Emergency Ex-parte orders for adults being abused, neglected or exploited, assisted 11 residents with placement, and responded to 10 facility-related complaint investigations.
19. Used more than 13 media platforms to educate multiple sectors and the community at large on COVID-19, Domestic Violence and other health topics. These efforts reached more than 1.5 million people.
20. **299** total vital records (birth and death certificates) were processed in 20-21

21. Billing and Business Operations staff worked to process thousands of COVID-19 vaccine administration claims through various insurance groups. To-date, \$259,000 has been collected, with more coming in daily.
22. The new program integrity position worked to recover \$85,192.48 in fraud claims.
23. HHS met its overall performance measures for the year!

VIII. Action Items

Mr. Renegar noted one action item on the agenda and asked Justin White to explain the item needing action.

- Public Health Division SOTCH Report – **Justin White/Allegra Tucker**
SOTCH Report 2020
 - “State of the County’s Health” report for 2020 into 2021 was completed as a survey from NCDHHS this year. In addition, the Community Health Assessment will be scheduled for next year. A new scaled down version of the SOTCH was implemented into a 1 page state document. All benchmarks and activities presented to the state were met. Justin reviewed details from the SOTCH report
 - SOTCH Report:
 - All CHA, CHIP, SOTCH have shifted to being fully digital
 - Community Health Improvement plans were mostly paused due to COVID response
 - Local department is tracking priority issues, COVID-19
 - Emerging issues: COVID-19
 - Spoke with Clinic staff, CPS, Veterans, DV
 - Great summary of how COVID impacted services for low-income population, Total amount of services were decreased or eliminated which in turn increase community health issues surrounding mental health, domestic violence, substance abuse, well/sick primary care
 - New/Paused/Discontinued initiatives
 - Worked on substance use issues, cancer awareness, and COVID mitigation. There has been opioid education materials provided as well as a Community Response team assembled
 - 24/7 COVID call center for 1 year

Hearing no questions, Mr. Renegar called for motion on the action item. **Richard Poindexter made a motion to approve the SOTCH Report as presented. Kathy Cornatzer seconded.** The motion carried.

VIII Consent Agenda

1. Financial Report (Debbie Dotson)

Mr. Wright covered the financial reports in Ms. Dotson's absence. Debbie Dotson provided a current to-date report rather than through Period 4. Overall, the county contribution for HHS to date is \$399,716, which is right at \$1.2 million less than last year at this time. Health revenue last year was adjusted by 500K to reverse the Journal Entry made for a double cost settlement received. Health has still not taken an appropriation for the year and that flows down to the total department appropriation. DSS expenses are down slightly compared to last year, but appropriate HHS expenses are being coded to DSS for reimbursement purposes, so DSS expenses will look higher than other Divisions. Kim Shuskey provided an update on Senior Services and Davie Center for Violence Prevention.

2. LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Funding (Crista Ramroop)

Ms. Ramroop shared that Davie County DHHS will be receiving \$54,748 for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Ms. Ramroop worked with Johnny Lambert, Davie County Public Utilities, and other providers to determine individuals in need of LIHWAP service funds. LIHWAP will cover direct payments to public utilities and other water service providers for eligible individuals. This program transitioned from being a NCDHHS-driven program to a locally driven program. **Joe Boyette made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Andreia Collins seconded.** The motion carried.

.Director's Comments

Director comments were covered during the meeting and will be provided in writing to HHS

Board Members as well.

1. Child Welfare Behavioral Health Project for Davie included in the state budget.
The state budget provides funds for a two-year child welfare and behavioral health pilot project for access to comprehensive health services for children in foster care; counties set forth as participants include Davie, Forsyth, Rockingham, and Stokes. Leadership from Davie, Forsyth and Partners are working together to determine next steps with the project.
2. LME-MCO Update – Transition complete effective November 1, 2021. Child Welfare reports having great interaction with and support from Partners with regard to children in DSS custody.
3. NCDHHS Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Compliance Letter. NCDHHS provided a compliance letter for the Division of Public Health's Emergency Preparedness and Response program, specifically related to Medical Countermeasures full scale exercise. COVID-19 vaccine clinics were used as evidence for this requirement.
4. Davie County Division of Public Health is working with Davie County Schools to transition CCNC contact tracers to support school efforts with contact tracing. Staff is currently working to secure contract tracers that will co-locate with Davie County Schools' staff.
5. Resolution from The Board of County Commissioners. The Davie County Board of County Commissioners recently voted to approve a resolution indicating Davie County's opposition of potential federal mask and vaccine mandates related to COVID-19. The resolution does not impact local Board of Education decisions about mask requirements.
6. COVID-19 Update – Justin White. Justin White provided the following local update on COVID-19. Current numbers show:
 - 7,278 total cases Davie County of Davie
 - 220 active cases
 - 102 lab confirmed deaths
 - 55% fully vaccinated (57% partially)
 - Of the current cases
 - 25% are 17 or younger

- In school and fewest vaccinated
- Percent positivity rate
 - 11/7-11/13 = 7.7%
 - 11/14-11/20 = 9.2%
 - 11/21-11/27 = 12.8%
 - 11/28-12/4 = 13%
 - 12/5-12/11 = 26.7% , limited # of tests this week to-date but the positivity rate at the end of the week is on track to be above the 13% experienced last week.
- With winter weather, holiday gatherings, more indoor activities, cases are likely to increase.

X. Other Business

XI. Closed Session:

Mr. Renegar announced the need to address items in closed session and called for a motion. Richard Poindexter made a motion to move to closed session. Kathy Cornatzer seconded. The Board moved to closed session to address items under NCGS 143-318.11.

Applicable for December 14, 2021 meeting

§ 143-318.11. (a)(6); To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting .Open Session.

Joy Boyette made a motion to return to open session and Brian Baker seconded. The motion carried.

XII. Open Session

Mr. Poindexter asked about environmental health and if the timeframe for getting construction authorization or improvement permits issued. Justin White reported that environmental health was coming along with inspections and the wait time was less than three weeks. Justin reported 8 weeks or greater in some of the surrounding counties. Justin indicated that Environmental Health attempts to address within two weeks or less but factors influencing delays often include staffing, information or action needed from the property owner or contractor, and weather conditions.

XIII. Adjourn - Next meeting will be held February 22, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Richard Poindexter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andreia Collins seconded. The motion carried.