



Health Department
210 Hospital Street
Mocksville, NC 27028
12:00 PM

AGENDA

DAVIE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD Regular Meeting April 27, 2021

I. Roll Call/Sign in

Mr. Renegar requested roll call of all members in attendance, either virtually or in-person.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Baker	Optometrist	Absent	
Joe Boyette	At-Large/Consumer	Present	
Kathy Cornatzer	Nurse/At-Large/Consumer	Present	
Andreia Collins	Social Worker/Consumer	Present	
	Engineer		
Jessica McCaskill	Veterinarian	Absent	
Richard B. Poindexter	Commissioner	Present	
Terry N. Renegar	Chairman	Present	
Andrew Rivers	Dentist	Absent	
Kathy Hedrick	Psychologist	Absent	
Sherry Jeffries	At-Large/Consumer	Present	
Clio Austin	Physician	Present	
Sara Buchanan	Pharmacist	Present	

II. Call to Order

“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.”

Mr. Renegar reviewed the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement. There were no conflicts noted.

- Code of Ethics Forms (sent via Docusign)

Mr. Renegar reminded Board members to sign the Code of Ethics forms that were sent to each Board member through Docusign.

III. Invocation

Mr. Renegar provided the invocation.

IV. Discussion & Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Wright indicated that changes had been made to the original email that was emailed out last week. There were a few additions to the agenda after it was provided to the Board electronically. There are two policies and a strategic plan for review and action from Davie Center for Violence Prevention. Two additional items were added under Director Comments. Andreia Collins made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Joe Boyette seconded. The motion carried.

V. Review of Minutes

1. Consolidated Human Services Board Meeting – February 2021

Board Chair, Terry Renegar, asked if the Board had reviewed the meeting minutes from February before moving forward with a motion.

Ms. Wright provided a few highlights from the meeting minutes for Board Members.

- Katie Brewer provided a brief update on the state's Foster Care Plan, and shared plans for use of Cardinal grant funds through the Foster Care program.
- Davie Center For Violence Prevention and Senior Services applied for grants through the Woodson Foundation and United Way.
- Justin White provided a COVID -19 update
- The financial update showed increases in revenue and decreases in expenditures in every Division within HHS.

At the conclusion of the review, Mr. Renegar asked for a motion on the meeting Minutes from February. Richard Poindexter made a motion to approve. Kathy Cornatzer 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 if any member from the public had signed up to speak under public comment or if any were present. No members of the public signed up or were present to speak under public comments.

VII. Presentations

- **Older Americans 2021 Proclamation**
Kim Shuskey, Deputy Director of Aging and Adult Services

Kim Shuskey provided the following update to the Board:

May is Older American's Month. This year's theme is "Communities of Strength", recognizing the importance older adults play in fostering the connection and engagement that build strong, resilient communities. Senior Services is celebrating with several activities. Throughout May we are hosting Community Walk at the new park. We will have 20 rocks along the outdoor walking trails which illustrate Senior Services involvement in our community. All ages are invited to complete the walk and find the rocks. Those 55 and older who do so & fill out a form will be entered in a drawing.

In addition we have invited community leaders to join us in May by volunteering at some of our special events. HHS Board members are invited to join us at any of these events. Davie County Commissioners will proclaim Older American's month at Monday's board meeting.

- **Foster Care Investment Agreement/General Cardinal Update**
Katie Brewer, Deputy Director of Child Welfare

Ms. Brewer provided an informational update on the following:

There are four main topics that currently surround Cardinal Innovations and members who utilize its services in Davie County:

Disengagement from Cardinal

- The conversation around disengagement originated from concerns over timely, effective and accessible services for all members, particularly for children in foster care.

- DC DHHS does not have the authority to make a decision to disengage with Cardinal or change the designated LME-MCO, this decision rests with the Board of Commissioners.
- Thus far, Davie County has remained in network with Cardinal. All counties remaining in network as of July 1, 2021 are required to stay with the identified LME-MCO until at least June 30, 2026. For counties seeking disengagement, the process must be started by June 30, 2021.

Cardinal's Foster Care Reinvestment Agreement

- This plan provides financial assistance to help agencies meet the needs of children in foster care, including costs related to placement and training for foster parents. If the agreement is approved by the Board of Commissioners, DC DHHS is projected to receive the following allocations from Cardinal:

FY 21 Monthly \$25,800 Annual \$309,600

FY 22 Monthly \$17,200 Annual \$206, 400

Total Projected Reinvestment: \$516,00

· NC's Specialized Foster Care Plan

- "NC DHHS is designing a specialty Medicaid managed care plan...to meet the unique needs of the children and youth currently and formerly involved in the child welfare system...[T]he FC plan...will...enabl[e] children and youth currently and formerly involved in the child welfare system to access a continuous, full range of physical and behavioral health services and maintain treatment plans when placements change." (Specialized Foster Care Plan Concept Paper, Page 3). The anticipated launch date is July 1, 2023. No management entity has been selected to execute this plan as of today's date.

Cardinal's DSS Liaison

- Cardinal's staffing plan for this position mirrors the co-location staffing plan identified in NC's Specialized Foster Care Plan. This means Cardinal is seeking to place staff in the offices of DC DHHS and other agencies.

- DC DHHS has requested that Cardinal allow this role to include focus on expanding capacity and accessibility to mental health and substance abuse providers in Davie County. This emphasis would address the identified goal of the position, which is to assist in prevention and frontloading of services in child protective services.
- Cardinal has not been able to confirm personnel for this position as of today's date.

At the conclusion of Ms. Brewer's presentation, Mr. Renegar asked if we could research other LME-MCOs, specifically Partners to and obtain information about the organization and operational practices. Andreia Collins made a motion for the HHS Director to engage in conversations with other LME-MCO and explore options that could support Davie County's mental and behavioral health needs. Joe Boyette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Wright indicated the she would reach out to other LME-MCOs immediately.

Davie Center for Violence Prevention Strategic Plan 2021-2026

Brandi Patti, Assistant Director of Davie Center for Violence Prevention

Brandi Patti, Assistant Director of Davie Center for Violence Prevention shared DCVP's strategic plan for 2021-2026.

This plan emphasizes our commitment to the community. The goals laid out in this plan will allow Davie Center for Violence Prevention to further its mission by meeting the needs of victims, while engaging other community partners to better equip our community to respond to domestic violence and sexual assault.

Values Statement:

- We believe that everyone has the right to have a life free from domestic violence and sexual assault.
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Mission Statement:

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Vision Statement:

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Strategic Focus Areas:

1. Community Outreach & Education
2. Comprehensive Client Services
3. Staff Training and Education
4. Sustainable Infrastructure

Goals by Focus Area:

Community Outreach & Education

- Grow and enhance Davie Center for Violence Prevention to build resilience and promote healthy relationships by being more present in the community.
- Provide leadership for community-wide participation to intervene earlier to domestic violence and sexual assault to create a coordinated response.

- Expand prevention efforts at all educational levels resulting in increased referrals for services and request for information.

Comprehensive Client Services

- Develop and enhance services and partnerships that empower clients to gain economic independence.
- Provide evidence-based services that effectively meet the comprehensive needs of clients for them to achieve safety and a life free of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Develop a strong commitment to housing for victims.

Staff Training and Education

- Implement coordinated staff development plan to ensure continued professionalism to incorporate best practice.
- Annually review accomplishments to ensure alignment with strategic plan.
- Implement advocate self-care practices due to the constant exposure to secondary trauma.

Sustainable Infrastructure

- Develop and expand strategies for fundraising to build a stronger, more sustainable agency.
- Collaborate with community-based organizations implementing quality interventions needed to meet service gaps.

Strategies: What specific actions will we do to achieve our goals?

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- Annually evaluate provided presentations, literature, and community events to educate and increase community awareness regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.

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- Annually create relevant and effective services that supports high quality programs and advocacy efforts.

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- Annually increase awareness and leverage our collective ability to proactively address and respond to issues related to domestic violence and sexual assault.

Sustainable Infrastructure

- Annually evaluate infrastructure and finances to ensure sustainable high quality services and accessibility for victims and survivors.

- **COVID-19 Vaccine and Numbers Update**
Justin White, Deputy Director of Public Health

Justin White shared the following update with the Board:

Davie County is an Orange County (8.5% positive rate, low hospital impact
3,974 total cases, 37 deaths **(numbers are skewed)** among Davie residents

Local vaccination numbers:

13,136 partially vaccinated (30.7%)

11,061 fully vaccinated (25.8%)

Davie Health Department Administered

16,800 1st doses

13,330 2nd doses

29,830 total doses

Davie County Performance Comparison

Iredell County HD (~181,000 population) has administered 24,000 total vaccines

Wake Forest Baptist Health (entire system) has administered 57,000 total vaccines

Yadkin County (similar population size to Davie and location) 18,500 total administered

Drive-thru mass clinics have been a huge success with lots of great feedback from community and patrons. Great participation from Health Department Staff, HHS staff, EMS, Law Enforcement, and wonderful volunteers! Turn out numbers for clinics are reducing and we are preparing for an appointment-based system where we will be administering vaccines within the new HHS facility.

- **Medicaid Transformation Update**
Crista Ramroop, Deputy Director of Adult Welfare and Economic Services

Ms. Ramroop reported the following to the Board:

Davie County has a total of 5,653 Medicaid recipients moving from NC Medicaid Direct to Managed Care. As of April 11th, 2021 only 186 recipients have chosen a Prepaid Health Plan, which is only 3.29%. Open enrollment began March 15th and will continue through May 14th. Enrollment packets have been sent out to beneficiaries, instructing the beneficiaries to call the Enrollment Broker Call Center. The Enrollment Broker will conduct Choice Counseling with the beneficiary to assist the beneficiary in choosing a Prepaid Health plan. The four Health Plans include: Healthy Blue, Wellcare, United HealthCare and AmeriHealth. DSS has seen an increase in calls from recipients regarding the enrollment packets. The recipients are encouraged to contact the Enrollment Broker for assistance. DSS will be responsible for entering Managed Care Preference evidence to NCFAST when the information is provided by the beneficiary. DSS will continue to experience increased volume of calls after May 14th if the beneficiary did not choose a Prepaid Health Plan and is auto enrolled. The beneficiary will have 90 days after auto enrolled to make changes to their Prepaid Health Plan.

VIII. Action Items

1. Senior Services Fee Policy (Kim Shuskey)

One of the new requirements for being a NC Certified Senior Center of Excellence is to have a policy that addresses fee based activities. The intent is to ensure that participants have access to a wide variety of activities available to them at no cost. Since Davie County Senior Services does not charge for the most of their programming, the policy proposed is that we will offer the majority of our programs (typically at least 95%) at no cost to the participant. Because they have many options to choose from a scholarship program is not necessary. Kim has sent the policy to the State and it meets the requirements to fulfill the standards for certification.

Kathy Cornatzer made a motion to approve. Sherri Jeffries seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

2. Davie Center for Violence Prevention Policies and Strategic Plan (Brandi Patti)

DCVP created a strategic plan for 2021-2026. Plan includes value, mission and vision statements along with guiding principles. DCVP chose 4 focus areas; 1. Community Outreach and Education 2. Comprehensive Client Services 3. Staff Training and Education 4. Sustainable Infrastructure. Each focus area has 2-3 goals. Plan also states that each goal will be evaluated annually.

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Andreia Collins made a motion to approve the strategic plan. Joe Boyette seconded. The motion carried.

VIII Consent Agenda

1. Financial Report (Debra Dotson)

Health Revenue is up compared to last year, due to receipt of COVID funds. DSS is consistent when compared to last year. Senior Services has increased revenue due to COVID funding. Veteran's Services is consistent with last year. Domestic Violence revenue is up, due to very efficient grant reimbursement filing. Wellness Center expense is up, due to increased employee drug usage. Overall Revenues are up, expenses are down and county contribution is down.

2. FY 2022 HHS Budget Summary (Debra Dotson)

Health Revenue projections are down due to uncertainty regarding Medicaid Transformation. DSS revenue projections are down as they do not reflect CIP and LIEAP funding. DSS will do a budget amendment once exact amounts are known. Domestic Violence revenue projections reflect anticipated grant funding. Operating expenses for all divisions were held at the same level as last year. The only expense increase is in salary & fringe. Three new positions were requested for the next fiscal year – one EH Specialist and two IMC caseworkers. The only capital expenditures requested were two new vehicles for Environmental Health.

3. United Way Grant Award (Kim Shuskey)

Davie County Senior Services received \$4,000 this year from United Way (\$1,000 less than last year). DCVP received \$6,000 this year from United Way (\$2,000 less than last year).

Richard Poindexter made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Austin seconded. The motion carried.

.Director's Comments

Director comments will also be provided in writing to HHS Board Members

1. Building relocation and opening plans

The HHS relocation was successful despite vendor changes prior to the public health move. The vendor contracted to move both Social Services and Public Health dissolved its business in the three weeks between the Social Services and Public Health moves. The technology move vendor was contracted with to complete the public health relocation. The vendor change delayed our original timeline by one week.

HHS plans to open the government center to the public on May 3rd. All programs within social services and public health will be in person beginning on that date. Senior Services will be resuming Meals on Wheels deliveries (hot meals on May 3rd, and all other services will resume in person on July 1. The plan is to open both sites – Senior Services main and Senior Services wellness/fitness programming at the Brock.

2. COVID-19 and School Letter

Davie County Health and Human Services continues to work closely with Davie County Schools on its re-opening plans. The Governor's re-opening plan for schools required 6 feet of social distancing at all times, which is a near impossibility – if not impossible - for our high school setting. In addition, the school re-opening plan for face-to-face learning occurred at a time when the CDC was considering reducing the physical distancing requirements to 3 feet; Pfizer vaccine was just made available to those 16 years of age and older with severe medical conditions; and Moderna vaccine trials were beginning on children under the age of 15. HHS

supported Mr. Wallace's decision to safely continue school in its current phase until the three items mentioned above were worked out – likely all before the summer break ends. The letter of support is included in the Board packet.

3. Certified Rabies Vaccinators

The county now has 5 additional Certified Rabies Vaccinators. All 5 are employed by The Country Veterinary Hospital (Dr. McCaskill) and were certified in April. A copy of the letter from NCDHHS is included in your packet.

4. Coffee Shop RFP

- A copy of the coffee shop RFP (request for proposals) is included in the Board packet. Proposals are due by April 28.

X. Other Business

XI. Closed Session:

No closed session planned for this meeting.

§ 143-318.11. (a)(1); To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

§ 143-318.11. (a) (3)

XII. Open Session

N/A

XIII. Adjourn –

With no additional business to discuss, Mr. Poindexter made a motion to adjourn.
Joe Boyette seconded. The motion carried. Next Meeting: June 22, 2021 at Noon

