



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

AGENDA

DAVIE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Regular Meeting February 23, 2021 via MS Teams

I. Roll Call/Sign in

II.

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		
Jessica McCaskill	Veterinarian	Present	
Richard B. Poindexter	Commissioner	Present	
Terry N. Renegar	Chairman	Present	
Andrew Rivers	Dentist	Present	
Kathy Hedrick	Psychologist	Absent	
Sherry Jeffries	At-Large/Consumer	Present	
Clio Austin	Physician	Present	
Sara Buchanan	Pharmacist	Present	

III. 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.”

- Code of Ethics Forms (sent via Docusign)

IV. Invocation**V. Discussion & Approval of Agenda****1. Approval of Agenda:**

Ms. Wright explained that Karen Bentley with Cardinal Innovations had to cancel the presentation schedule for this meeting. The Cardinal presentation will need to be removed from the agenda.

VI. Review of Minutes**1. Consolidated Human Services Board Meeting – December 2020**

Ms. Wright shared a summary of happenings from the December 2020 meeting. Items listed below were reviewed again with the Board:

- A new Board Chair was voted on and approved at the last meeting. Terry Renegar will now lead the HHS Board.
- Six policies from Davie Center for Violence Prevention were reviewed and approved
- A financial update was provided and carry forward funds for HHS were discussed
- The HHS Community Development Block Grant application is ready and awaiting submission. HHS is applying for a mobile unit and additional CIP/LIEAP (Crisis Intervention and Low Income Energy Assistance) funding
- Updates were provided, for COVID-19, the Davie County Legislative Agenda and Cardinal Innovations Healthcare services

VII. To 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.

Chairman Renegar asked if anyone had signed up to speak under public comments. Ms. Wright indicated that, to-date, no one had signed up to speak under public comments

VIII. Presentations

- Cardinal's action toward performance improvement

At the last HHS Board meeting, we discussed changes to the Cardinal Innovations infrastructure and potential implications for services. Karen Bentley, VP of Community Outreach and Engagement for Cardinal Innovations was supposed to join us to provide a brief overview of the processes implemented to improve performance, and how Cardinal is performing based on data. Unfortunately, as mentioned, Ms. Bentley cancelled her presentation today.

Karen Bentley, VP of Community Outreach and Engagement for Cardinal

- Foster Care Plan (Katie Brewer)

Katie Brewer, Deputy Director of Child Welfare was asked to provide updates on the state's Foster Care Plan.

Deputy Director Brewer explained that a new managed care plan for children in foster care is supposed to roll out in July 2022, which will change the way that Medicaid

covered behavioral, intellectual disability and health services are administered for this group.

Cardinal Grant Funds Use:

Director's Comments:

IX. Action Items

Kim Shuskey will be providing Senior Services by-laws for action today. Kim can provide background on the by-laws and recent changes made.

1. Senior Services By Laws

Senior Services' Advisory Council updated their bylaws. Most changes involved clarification of responsibilities. In addition, the number of members changed from 14 to 12. The most significant change was that the council is no longer appointed by the Davie County Board of Commissioners, but is instead now appointed by the Davie County Health and Human Services Board. Senior Services' Advisory Council approved the changes at their February meeting.

VIII Consent Agenda

1. Financial Report (Suzanne Wright)

The year to date financial comparison report shows that overall, HHS is showing more revenue, fewer expenses, and less country contributions than this time last year. Much of the revenue increases are due to COVID-19 grant funding. As you can see, every Division in HHS is showing more revenue and less expenditures to date. Ms. Wright explained that this does not financially reflect a typical year since COVID funding was received in every Division.

2. Davie Center for Violence Prevention (Kim Shuskey)

Aging and Adult Services recently applied for several grant:

- Woodson Foundation – DCVP applied for \$17,500 for general operations and Senior Services applied for \$8000 for the Family Caregiver Support Program

- United Way – DCVP applied for \$20,000 for general operations and Senior Services applied for \$10,000 for Meals on Wheels

3. Cardinal Grant Funds Use (Katie)

Deputy Director Brewer explained that the Division of Child Welfare is seeking to use remaining funding from Cardinal for a part-time position to create a temporary full-time position for 18-months. The position will provide clinical support to children in foster care and adults in the 18-21 Program.

.Director's Comments

Director comments will be provided in writing to HHS Board Members

1. HHS Building ribbon-cutting comments

The ribbon-cutting event for the new HHS building took place on February 15th.

Speaking points include:

Today we celebrate three years of decisions and historical events that impacted the design of this facility.

Mr. Renegar's timeline started in January of 2018 and ended with the pre-construction kick-off in April of 2020.

There are **three** additional dates I would like to add to that timeline:

- In May of 2017, Department Directors from Public Health, Senior Services, Veteran Services, Domestic Violence and Social Services came together to begin planning and creating a shared vision for what consolidation might look like for 5 departments that had always functioned independently. At that time, we also enlisted the help of a consulting group and specific consultant that has been with us every step of the way through consolidation, building design and budgeting processes. She started with us in 2017 and has been with us every step of the way, including today.

- In April of 2018, The Board of Commissioners voted to Consolidate Health and Human Services, bringing all 5 departments together under a single department model.
- On March 22, 2020, Davie County had its first lab-confirmed positive case of COVID-19.

Those three additional dates will help me explain the significance of today and this facility by sharing how the new space will allow for expanded and coordinated service options, additional security features, and a design with emergency preparedness and response in mind.

To limit my comments now, I look forward to sharing details about each space and how they are tied to Consolidation and COVID-19 as we tour the facility shortly.

- A key part in planning for consolidation was developing a shared vision for coordinated care and service delivery. As you will see during the tour, the design of this building will support our efforts for better coordination of care and services between Divisions.
- We are more than doubling our clinical exam space by moving to this facility. There is now clinical space to accommodate expansion of pharmacy and adult primary care services through a partnership with a federally qualified health center. The additional preventive services offered through adult primary care will help improve the health of our population and also limit the number of unnecessary Emergency Department visits. This space will also allow for more integrated health options, including behavioral health for our pediatric and adult patients.
- Each County plans for and carries out pandemic and emergency preparedness and response efforts. This planning involves multiple departments, agencies, and leaders coming together to ensure the health and safety of those within our County. There are often multiple operations and meetings going on at once. COVID-19 response has been going on for nearly a year, which required the establishment of call centers and ongoing coordination meetings between law enforcement, EMS and Public Health. The new facility has a training room large enough to accommodate joint coordination meetings and call center operations in one location. I would love to be able to show comparison photos of current call center and coordination operations and space versus what we will have with this new facility, but that will come later.
- Co-location with the Sheriff's office will provide a more secure environment for staff working in this facility, as there are situations that prompt 24 hour staff coverage in both

child welfare and public health. Co-location will also present new opportunities for the Sheriff's staff and HHS to coordinate and work together.

- An additional safety feature is the addition of intake rooms for use in directly serving patients and clients. The work flow inside the building will now limit traffic in unauthorized areas, while also providing more convenient and accessible space for our patients and clients to interact with staff and receive services.
- COVID has forced us to meet and train virtually over the past year. Our offices were not equipped with conference technology that allowed for larger group training or meetings. This facility is equipped with technology systems to support continued virtual meetings with state and regional offices, and will allow Davie County to be an ideal regional training hub for both HHS and the Sheriff's Office in the future.
- Once we occupy this space, there will be sufficient space to hold staff meetings for HHS. Currently there are 116 staff members and a conference room that holds 30. COVID-19 restrictions and space issues have impacted our options for holding all staff meetings for this many people.
- We will no longer have to utilize multiple county buildings to carry our necessary child welfare components like family visitation and child and family team meetings.

With the support of all involved we were able to create space that allows for better service delivery and opportunities all the way around. For those of you responsible for making this new facility possible - either directly or indirectly – thank you!

2. COVID-19 vaccination and testing update

Justin White shared information about the COVID-19 drive thru clinics

COVID-19 CASES

- 3,510 total cases
- 129 active cases
- 44 individuals are deceased
- 3,425 recovered

- 25-49 remains the highest age group for positive cases

Testing: For the past month, Davie County has been averaging a little over 1,200 tests per week

- Positivity Rate: Positivity rate last week was 13.2 %
- Davie switched to an orange county per the White House Task Force report
- Total tests since July of 2020, 32,488
- Cases peaked from second week of November through January.
- Largest age group with positive cases remains 25-49 year olds.

VACCINES

- Total Vaccines provided to-date over 10,000 after last week.
- 1282 second doses were provided last Wednesday (2/17).
- First dose vaccine shipments were delayed by inclement weather across the US last week, so NC and Davie County did not receive vaccine to carry out planned clinics.
- FEMA will provide \$103 Million to North Carolina for COVID-19 vaccination costs as a 100% cost share through 30 September 2021.
- Davie County Division of Public Health has received over \$300,000 in COVID-19 funds, but funds were specifically designated for testing, contact tracing and investigations, public information, and vaccine planning and administration. Public Health has expended 73% of these funds, and all should be expended by

- mid-March.

3. FQHC Grant Submission

HHS worked with the Federally Qualified Health Center, Kintegra Health, to finalize a Community Health grant through the Office of Rural Health. As discussed with the Board in the past, HHS is looking to further its partnership with Kintegra to provide pharmacy and adult primary care for residents of Davie County. If awarded, the Community Health grant will provide \$150,000 per year for a number of years.

4. Medicaid Transformation

The Board of Commissioners will receive an update on Medicaid Transformation from Lauren Leonard, CCPN, and Sherry Bradsher, Cansler Collaborative Resources consulting group. Community Care Physician Network was contracted by HHS to negotiate MCO contracts, and will be sharing updates related to the impact of Medicaid Managed Care on local public health. Sherry Bradshser will be discussing the impacts to local Social Services operations. There are many unanswered questions around Medicaid Transformation that will impact local operations and finances, so we are looking for answers prior to the July 1 2021 go-live date. A FAQ attachment is provided for your review.

5. Budget Update (vehicle disposal and staffing requests)

Davie County is currently working on budget documents for submission in March.

6. Brock use update

Kim Shuskey shared that planning and renovations for Senior Services continue at the Brock. At this time, a painting contract is holding up progress.

7. Child Welfare Update

Deputy Director Brewer informed the Board that the Division of Child Welfare had a positive outcome for a complex legal case, with the Division of Child Welfare's decision-making being reinforced through an administrative finding.

X. Other Business**XI. Closed Session:**

Due to virtual meeting, the closed session will be postponed until the next in-person meeting

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§ 143-318.11. (a) (3)

XII. Open Session**XIII. Adjourn**

