



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

AGENDA

DAVIE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Regular Meeting February 22, 2022

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.

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

II. Call to Order

III.

"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."

IV. Invocation

V. Chairman Renegar provided the invocation.

VI. 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 as provided. Kathy Cornatzer seconded. The motion carried.

VII. Review of Minutes

1. Consolidated Human Services Board Meeting – December 14, 2021

Mr. Renegar indicated the Board meeting minutes for December 14, 2021 were emailed out to Board members prior to the meeting, so he asked if everyone had time to review, and if so, indicated that a vote was needed on the meeting minutes. Ms. Wright had a summary of action items from the previous meeting if anyone needed a review. Kathy Cornatzer made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Joe Boyette seconded. The motion carried.

VIII. 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 Ms. Wright if any members of the public signed up to speak. Ms. Wright indicated that she had receive no requests from the public or had anyone sign up. Mr. Renegar moved on to the next agenda item.

IX. Presentations

- Foster Parent of the Year

The DCHHS Division of Child Welfare recognized Nathan and Lisa Parrish as Foster Parents of the Year.

Nathan and Lisa Parrish began their fostering journey in January 2017. They served as a sanctioned placement for a teenaged girl named Alyra whom Lisa had met through a mentoring program. In July of the same year, the couple completed training and became a licensed foster home at Davie County DHHS. In November 2017 Nathan, Lisa, and Alyra, chose to become a forever family. Nathan and Lisa worked hard to allow Alyra to be her own person and provide support that enabled her to carve her own future. The Parrish's have since become a family of four. Alyra's biological brother, Juelz, who was placed in the Parrish home in 2020, also recently became part of this forever family. Nathan and Lisa fought tirelessly for Juelz to achieve his goal of belonging to a family and obtaining permanency prior to his 18th birthday. He and Alyra are on their way to becoming successful, independent adults with the continued support of Nathan and Lisa.

Since becoming foster parents, Nathan and Lisa have fostered seven children ranging in age from 3-years-old to a 19-year-old in the 18-21 Program. Most of these placements have been lengthy and, at times, challenging. They rely on positive reinforcement, modeling and natural and logical consequences to help children make positive decisions. Importantly, they choose their battles and strive not to take

misbehaviors personally, a critical skill in being able to foster adolescents and older children. Nathan and Lisa have found balance in encouraging independence while also ensuring wellbeing and cultivating

positive self-image and self-esteem. Nathan and Lisa show a level of respect for the children in their home as individuals and create a safe place to express needs.

The couple is also excellent at partnering with biological families, previous or current foster placements as well as the Department. Nathan and Lisa have built relationships with families and serve as a source of support and encouragement for families no longer involved in Child Welfare services. They leave a powerful legacy of partnership and unconditional commitment and love to the children and families impacted by their fostering journey.

For these reasons and many others, please join DC DHHS in congratulating Lisa and Nathan on being DC DHHS's first ever Resource Parents of the Year! Together with the rest of the DC DHHS Resource Parents, they are a formidable force in changing the lives of children in our community

- **COVID-19 Updates – Testing, Vaccines, Guidance, Numbers (Justin White)**

Justin White, Deputy Director of Public Health provided a COVID-19 Update

- COVID numbers currently:
 - 11,158 total cases
 - 150 active cases
 - 120 lab confirmed deaths
 - 59% 1 dose, 57% 2 or more doses
- Vaccine Update
 - Vaccine numbers and demand are down. There were 47 total vaccines provided last week, and 53 the week before.
 - We are in the second week of offering extended hours. Tuesdays open until 7pm and Thursdays opening at 7am. There is an event scheduled for this Saturday at the Government Center from 8am – noon.

- We are reaching out to businesses and offering to do a strike event at their place of business where we can give 1st 2nd or booster doses
- We are also reaching out to people that we had originally vaccinated to let them know that they are eligible for 2nd doses or booster doses and scheduling appointments for them
- Testing Update
 - Working through the surge of Omicron, testing became the primary concern and issue in response. The peak week of testing, Jan 10-14, the LHI site completed 963 tests. During this time, we set up testing at the Health Dept. for symptomatic staff and as an overflow for the LHI site as needed. This past week, the LHI site completed 200 tests for the week.
- Masks
 - Health & Human Services received 2 shipments of N95 masks totaling 18,200. We so far have handed out around 10,000 masks to employees, businesses, and the community. They are available for pickup here at the front desk of the government center.
- New Guidelines for Schools and Childcare
 - - Strong schools and childcare toolkit guidance from NCDHHS went into effect yesterday. The main guidance change is that the toolkit no longer is recommending exclusion for individuals that have been exposed or a close contact. Positive individuals would still need to isolate for 5 days and mask for days 6-10. The removing quarantine would be applicable in mask required or no mask settings.

- **Ageing and Adult Services Grants (Kim Shuskey)**

Davie County Senior Services recently applied for the following grant opportunities:

- Senior Services applied for funds from the Recovery Act from the Area Agency on Aging for Nutrition Services. Ms. Shuskey indicated that Senior Services was eligible to apply for up to \$39,395. We applied for the full amount for congregate nutrition and should hear at any time whether or not we received this grant.
- Due to staffing shortages with our In Home Aide provider, Senior Services has not expended those funds at the level in which we should have at this time of the year. We moved \$27,590 from In Home Aide to

\$19,502 in HCCBG funds. This was awarded to us for congregate nutrition as well.

- Senior Services applied for \$7,000 from the Woodson Foundation. We should hear about these funds in the spring. If funded this money will go toward our Family Caregiver Support Program.
- Senior Services will soon submit an application to United Way for Meals on Wheels. We will apply for \$10,000, but are typically awarded between \$4,000 and \$5,000.
- Senior Services applied for an AmeriCorps grant which, if funded, would provide us with a volunteer coordinator. This is a nation-wide competitive grant so we do not know what our chances are in receiving. Amount requested was \$115,000 over a two year period.
- DCVP applied for \$17,500 from the Woodson Foundation and should also hear about those funds in the spring.
- DCVP will soon submit an application to United Way for program support. The request will be for \$8,000. Last year we received \$6,000.

X. Action Items

Mr. Renegar realized that we failed to cover the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy earlier so he 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.

- **Public Health Division Policy on Policies – Justin White**

Justin White provided the following information on behalf of the Division of Public Health:

The Division of Public Health is in the process of gathering evidence and activities to submit for accreditation. For 2022, the state has developed a new Health Department Self-Assessment Instrument (HDSAI), which outlines all activities, evidence and requirements for submission. The new Instrument outlines items that must be included in the Division of Public Health so we wanted to adopt a policy on policies that would incorporate these requirements needed for the Health Department

separate from the HHS Policy on Policies. However, the Division-specific policy aligns with the HHS Department-wide policy.

Having this policy on policies in place will then allow Health to update and amend all further division and programmatic policies to meet new and updated standards.

The policy on policies includes: • Guidelines on how the board of health approves agency policies (including which go to the board of health vs. health director) • Detail on format for policies • Protocol for establishing a new policy (including resource assessment) • Detail on where policies are kept and how staff can access them • Detail on how staff are informed of changes in policies • Detail on how revisions are tracked. The policy on policies should include: • Guidelines on how the board of health approves agency policies (including which go to the board of health vs. health director) • Detail on format for policies • Protocol for establishing a new policy (including resource assessment) • Detail on where policies are kept and how staff can access them • Detail on how staff are informed of changes in policies • Detail on how revisions are tracked.

Mr. Renegar asked Ms. Wright to explain the Board's rule-making authority, specifically with regard to COVID decisions. Ms. Wright the Board's responsibilities and rule-making authority.

Vote: Andreia Collins made a motion to approve public health's policy on policies as presented. Joe Boyette seconded. The motion carried.

VIII Consent Agenda

1. Financial Report (Debbie Dotson)

A year-to-date financial comparison report was provided for the Board's review. Ms. Dotson shared that the overall county contribution, after revenue and expenses are considered, is \$671,972.80 less than last year at this time. Again, public health has not taken a county contribution at all and has \$384,000 in excess revenue that helps reduce the overall county contributions needed for HHS. DSS is showing almost \$100,000 less in overall expenses YTD, and \$148,000 more in revenue. Senior Services and Davie Center for Violence Prevention are showing more revenue, but also more expenses right now.

2. Senior Services Advisory Board- Eric Southern (Kim Shuskey)

the council will contain a representative from each town and county council whenever feasible. Those who are representing the town or county council have a membership that expires upon completion of their term on the town or county council. Eric Southern did not seek re-election for Mocksville Town Board, therefore his term on our council officially ended in December of 2021. Matthew Britt resigned from our council in January of 2022 due to a change in his work responsibilities. We are requesting that Eric Southern remain on our board to fill the vacant slot left by Mr. Britt. That term expires 6/30/24.

The Mocksville Town Board is discussing a replacement for that slot and we will bring to you whenever we receive a nomination.

Vote: Kathy Cornatzer made a motion to approve items on the consent agenda. Joe Boyette seconded. The motion carried.

.Director's Comments

Director comments are presented during the meeting and will be provided in writing to HHS Board Members as well.

1. One Year Anniversary:

One year ago last week (February 16th), a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new Davie County Government Center. DCHHS (public health, DSS and employee wellness) has officially been in the new building for a year!

2. Update: Child Welfare Behavioral Health Project for Davie included in the state budget.

The state budget reads, *"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."* There has been no movement at the state level to provide further direction on these funds. Mr. Bone, Davie County Manager, reached out to Senator Krawiec; Partners reached out to NCDHHS; the HHS Director in Rockingham reached out to the DSS Directors Association; and I reached out to our HHS consulting group, Cansler Collaborative Resources for additional information. From our collective understanding, technical corrections must to be made to the state budget, and the pilot project is one of the areas within the state budget awaiting technical corrections and assignment of someone/some department to oversee the project and associated funds. Representatives from

three of the four counties associated with this pilot project have started meeting monthly to provide updates and hopefully get direction and funding to move forward.

3. LME-MCO – Facility Use Agreement.

The facility use/lease agreement between DCHHS and Partners Behavioral Health Management has been in development since we last met. Revisions were made and reviews by both parties had to occur before submitting a final revised agreement for Board of Commissioner and county administration approval. The facility use agreement will be included on the agenda for Board of Commissioners approval at the March 7, 2022 meeting. The agreement defines the space being utilized by Partners Behavioral Health Management for its on-site case management and community engagement work. Partners plans to occupy 3 office spaces within the HHS side of the new Government Center. There has been much discussion about the wellness center presence in Davie County. Cardinal was leasing a facility on Gaither Street, but Partners chose not to move forward with that expense based on an analysis of utilization and cost. Partners does plan to continue wellness programming within the county by partnering with county departments and community agencies that carry out similar programming and utilizing county-owned spaces like the library, senior services, HHS, EMS, etc. for its programming.

4. 2022-2023 Budget, staffing and carry forward funds

Davie County Health and Human Services is currently working to develop its budget for FY 22-23. To date, and in compliance with the County's budget timeline, DCHHS submitted capital projects, staffing requests, and vehicle replacement assessments. There were two capital projects submitted: a generator to support the HHS side of the Government Center, and new GPS equipment for Environmental Health. During the design and renovation process for the new Government Center, a generator was requested to support operations when/if there were power outages or emergencies. The Sheriff's side of the government was fully supported by a generator, but HHS was asked to designate two-three outlets that could be connected to a generator to ensure the vaccine refrigerator and freezer were operating if the power failed. Since moving in, the power has been off multiple times and power outages have resulted in lost work hours for staff housed in this facility – and lost access to services for residents. We requested a generator be purchased using American Recovery Act funds, but submitted this item as a capital project as well to hopefully ensure it gets funded. In addition, Mr. Bone and Robin West approached public health leadership about how they could financially support (with discretionary funds) a project to help environmental health staff be more efficient since building is on the rise and finding sufficient numbers of trained EH staff right now is not. Justin White proposed a GPS system and submitted all information and quotes to Mr. Bone and Robin. We have included this as a capital project in case there are no discretionary funds available to support it.

Due to increased demand in all service areas, DCHHS is requesting several positions in the new budget. Many of the positions requested for Public Health are fully funded through agreement addenda with NCDHHS – a new communicable disease nurse position, 2 new COVID-related nursing positions to assist with school health, and there were two other nursing positions approved through American Rescue Plan funding. Most of the remaining positions are partially funded through reimbursements from NCDHHS/DSS, at least 50% reimbursement for each DSS position requested – 1 is fully covered with grant funds. Positions not covered by grants or other cost recovery methods are those requested through Aging and Adult Services for Senior Services. We propose to use

between \$350,000 and \$375,000 in COVID-19 vaccine revenues to cover certain salaries and expenses within public health so that \$350,000 of our overall budget allocation from the county can be used to cover the cost of these other needed positions. Revenue generated in public health must be budgeted and spent in public health programs, specifically the program that generated the funds. Unless additional grants will allow, Senior Services will never be in a position to fund additional staff from revenue generated through its programs/services. DHHS will have to request a budget amendment to bring COVID-19 revenues forward for our use.

5. **Update:** 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.

Three contract tracers from CCNC were assigned directly to Davie County Schools. After the recent Strong Schools NC Toolkit guidance change, Davie County Schools released the three contact tracers last Friday (2/18/2022) because contact tracing in schools is no longer recommended.

X. Other Business

Member of the DCHHS Board toured Kintegra Dental's mobile dental unit and learned about ways the mobile unit and Kintegra staff can support residents of Davie County, especially the school system. Kintegra requested the Board's help in engaging the school system in Kintegra's mobile dental services.

Closed Session:

Not applicable for February 22, 2022

XI. Adjourn –

Kathy Cornatzer made a motion to adjourn. Andreia Collins seconded. The motion carried and meeting adjourned.