



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

AGENDA

DAVIE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Regular Meeting September 24, 2024

Roll Call/Sign in

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

Guests in attendance: Julie Whitaker.

I. 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 called the meeting to order and asked members to review the conflict of interest disclosure section from the HHS Board Operating Procedures. Mr. Renegar asked if there were conflicts with anything being presented.

Mr. Renegar disclosed that he represents the company to be discussed later in the agenda.

II. Invocation

Chairman Renegar provided the invocation.

III. Discussion & Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda: September 24, 2024

Vote: Andreia Collins made a motion to approve the agenda for September 24, 2024 as presented. Kathy Cornatzer seconded. The motion carried.

IV. Review of Minutes

1. Consolidated Human Services Board Meeting – July 20, 2024

Chairman Renegar asked members to review the meeting minutes from July 20, 2024 and called for a vote.

Vote: Richard Poindexter made a motion to approve meeting minutes from July 20, 2024 as presented. Aimee Farr seconded. The motion carried.

V. Presentations

- SL-2024-49 Environmental Health Impact – Justin White

Justin White, Deputy Director of Public Health provided the following update related to SL – 2024-49: SL-2024-49 (SB 166) started as SB 166 that was then Vetoed by Gov. Cooper, and eventually overruled as SL-2024-49. Justin then provided major highlights from a position statement developed and distributed by NCDHHS, Environmental Health Section - Larry Michael and Jon Fowlkes. Highlights include:

- Requires an annual agreement between LHDs and DHHS. This will be included in the annual Consolidated Agreement but may also later include State Agreement Addenda for programs and

liability

- Mandates Quality Assurance for all EH programs. Davie already has a QA program but we will adjust our QA policy and practice to align with state requirements
- Specific DHHS liability limits for judgments or settlements involving LHDs - specifying LHD liability and clarifying defense by Attorney General. This *denotes if a LHD fails to comply with the new annual agreements, then the AGs office will not defend staff or LHD. Specifies that the AGs office will not defend a LHD or staff if they are carrying out a local ordinance or local regulation*

Smaller Item Specifics

Pools serving a single family dwelling if utilizing a sharing economy platform (AirBnB, VRBO, etc.) would be exempt for “public swimming pool). This does establish requirements for this category of pool and we would be responsible for investigating complaints and then referring to DOI

Major Highlights (Position Statement 2 from Wilson Mize)

- Further clarification on 18E rules and implementation. 18E is still a living document so additions, deletions, and edits will continue the remainder of the year.
 - Private Compliance Inspector - A new certification that allows a private entity or person to complete inspections for an on-site waste water system. The document outlines what a PCI can and cannot do under their certification.
 - Effective Jan 1, 2025
 - Well setback reduction - 100’ to 50’ for saprolite system or any potential source of groundwater contamination.
 - Further wording changes within 18 E rules
- Substance Use and Impact on Child Welfare – Katie Brewer

Katie Brewer, Deputy Director of Child Welfare, provided an update on the increasing use and availability of THC and CBD gummies, and the impact of gummies on children. The department has seen a significant increase in child-related access and overdose (9) to THC and CBD gummies. These gummies are packaged and marketed to look exactly like normal candy and candy brands but contain THC and CBD, which is appealing, misleading, and harmful to children. Adults are purchasing the drug infused or altered gummies, but leaving them in areas where children can access. Child-related overdoses and access are safety and supervision hazards that require child welfare and law enforcement involvement. While public health is working in Davie County Schools to provide substance use education and awareness, specifically related to altered drugs and other new products being marketed to children and teens, general community

education and awareness is still in early development with Wendy Horne. Ms. Brewer requested a special media campaign be implemented prior to upcoming holidays to increase awareness of such harmful products (“candy”).

- FMLA and Staff Update – Elizabeth Brown

Elizabeth Brown provided the following personnel update for Davie County Health and Human Services:

- Since July 1st, DCHHS has hired 7 new employees and 2 contract workers: 4 in DSS, 1 in Health, 2 in Senior Services and 2 contract workers in DSS.
- There have been 7 resignations since July 1st: 5 in DSS, 1 in Environmental Health, and 1 in Bus Ops. One contract worker transitioned into a full-time staff position.
- There has been a total of 3 employees on FMLA/Leave since July. One has returned to work and two are still out on leave.
- There is currently 3 interim/special duties assignments. One in Senior Services until the new Manager is hired, one in Health covering an FMLA leave, and one in DSS covering an FMLA leave.
- Since July 1st there have been 4 promotions: 1 in Child Support, 2 in Child Welfare and 1 in Health.

VI. Action Items

- Closed Session Meeting Minutes - February 27, 2024, May 28, 2024

Closed meeting minutes from February 27, 2024 and May 28, 2024 were provided for Board review. Chairman Renegar asked Board members to review the minutes prior to vote. After time to review, Chairman Renegar called for a vote to approve both sets of closed session meeting minutes.

Vote: Richard Poindexter made a motion to approve both the February 27, 2024 and May 28, 2024 closed session meeting minutes as presented. Kathy Cornatzer seconded. The motion carried.

- Policy – Transfer of Services Policy – Katie Brewer and Crista Ramroop

Crista Ramroop and Katie Brewer shared a transfer of services policy for Board review. This is a new process for the department as an internal transfer of an incompetent youth had not been

experienced by the department during the current leadership's tenure. The policy was established to have clear and consistent guidance on steps needed to ensure incompetent youth who are at least age 17 ½ years of age are transferred timely to adult services for continued resources and appointment of a guardian as these individuals will be unable to care for themselves independently. The internal transfer of services is quite involved legally, and with specific timelines, so the policy will ensure the department is informed, proactive, and following consistent steps for future qualifying children/adults in DSS custody.

Mr. Renegar asked if everyone felt they had sufficient time to review and ask questions. Ms. Wright explained this was an internal process that was being brought before the Board to make Board members aware of internal transfer actions that occurred recently, and to share how this was a new experience for all involved, as none of the current DSS Deputy Directors, staff, or DHHS Director had experienced an internal service transfer while in their roles. The new internal policy was created to educate staff and ensure protocols are in place to address internal child welfare-adult services transfers in the future.

Vote: Andreia Collins made a motion to approve the DSS internal transfer of services policy as presented. Aimee Farr seconded. The motion carried.

VIII Consent Agenda

- Financial update – Elizabeth Brown

YTD Comparison of Period 2 is included in the packet

Ms. Brown reported the following updated on the YTD financial comparison report:

- **Health** –The decrease in revenue of \$76,634 in FY25 compared to FY2024 are due to two factors. The first is the Separate Direct payments (SDP) payment schedule for Medicaid billing. We have received almost \$85K in SDP payments for the FY24, Q3 that will post at the end of this month. The second is due to a decrease in billing for reimbursable expenses for employee's time due to vacancies and leave.
- The increase in expenses is majority due to the County wide COLA/salary increase that ranged between 2%-9% based on the employee's position and salary grade that was effective July 1, 2024.
- Overall, Health is within the County allocated budget for FY2025.
- **DSS** – The increase in revenue of \$352,501 is due to several factors including o the COLA/salary increase. We are also seeing an increase in revenue due to an almost full Income Maintenance staff which billed

\$153,000 more in Medicaid than last year at this time. There is an increase of \$128,000 in Child Welfare due to the increase in adoptions, foster care and Medicaid Admin Claiming (MAC).

- The increase in expenses of \$352,500 is, again, majority due to the increase in salaries for the COLA/salary increase. There is also an increase in contracted services of \$17,800 to help cover vacant positions in Child Welfare and \$28,000 due to the increase in Foster Care services.
- Overall, DSS is within the County allocated budget for FY2025.
- **Senior Services-** Decrease in revenues compared to last year due to not yet receiving the SHIPP grant and the General Purpose Grant. These are expected to be received in October. The increase in expenses is due to the County wide COLA/salary increase for employees, positions filled that were open last year and the printing cost for the newsletter.
- Overall, Senior Services is within the County allocated budget for FY2025.
- **Domestic Violence** – Revenues are down due to grant funding not yet received. A decrease in expenses are due to the purchase of a vehicle in 2024.
- Overall, Domestic Violence is within the County allocated budget for FY2025.

- Public Health Year End Report – Justin White

Justin White shared the Division of Public Health's year-end report numbers with the Board. Numbers were reported on by category, starting with immunizations:

Immunizations

There was a drop in total immunizations from 2497 to 2022, mainly due to COVID and Flu - COVID 215 to 115 and flu 746 to 375. This could be attributed to vaccine hesitancy post COVID. All other immunization numbers are steady and consistent from year to year.

WIC

Participation dropped significantly in the 2nd and 3rd quarter, which was due primarily to the COVID waivers. COVID waivers waived in-person visits and other requirements, so participants were not re-introduced or accustomed (if new to the program) to having to come in-person for benefits. This decrease was seen in majority of counties across the state. However, we did see a significant increase in the 4th quarter as people get more accustomed to requirements. In addition, the state has relaxed some of the requirements for benefits hoping to increase participation rates post COVID.

Child Health

There was a small decrease in total visits 3129 to 2826. We experienced a provided vacancy and have been utilizing contract staff (limited hours) to fill the position and needs.

Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) Screening

BCCCP participation increased from 89 to 99

Family Planning, STD/STI, and Care Management for At-Risk Children and high risk pregnancy:

Family planning numbers increased from 521 to 633, STD/STI increased from 218 to 228, Care Management for At-Risk Children increased from 604 to 803, and Care Management for High Risk Pregnancy increased from 479 to 575

Maternal Health

There was a small decrease in maternal health numbers, but these numbers are dependent on the number of pregnant women and pregnant women seeking care/services through the Division of Public Health. Participation numbers decreased from 385 to 342

Environmental Health

Environmental health numbers included decreases in onsite wastewater services from 2268 to 1699, and increases in Communicable Disease -53 to 72, Food Lodging and Institutions 1012 to 1294, and water supplies 156 to 225.

With decreases in onsite wastewater services, we have experienced an increase in large projects and subdivisions, but 1st and 2nd quarters were slow due to the market change in interest rates. 4th quarter was on par or higher than majority of the previous FY, but overall a decrease from 2268-1699.

Mr. Renegar called for a Board motion on consent agenda items.

Vote: Kathy Cornatzer made a motion to approve all consent agenda items as presented. Brian Baker seconded. The motion carried.

X. Director's Comments

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

- Local Living/BR

A local resident asked for a meeting to discuss health and safety issues at a local residential community.

The issues were more specific to amenities within the residential community, but also included a few safety concerns. Ms. Wright shared information with the Board about the concerns and all associated follow-up from DCHHS, the Fire Marshal, Development Services, and Davie County Sheriff's Office/Animal Services. Additional follow up is planned.

- Social Work Appreciation/Environmental Health Appreciation

National Child Welfare Workforce Appreciation week wrapped up on Friday, 9/13/24. Katie Brewer shared a few highlights from Social Work Appreciation Week celebration and recognition events.

Governor Cooper proclaimed September 22-28, 2024, as **Registered Environmental Health Specialist Week** in North Carolina. We also want to recognize and thank our environmental health team (Tiffany Eldridge, Emily Naylor, Ariel Waldroop Baker, Zane Green, Abbe Hurt and Justin White) for their ongoing efforts to protect and permit childcare facilities, restaurants, mobile food units, hotels, pools, tattoo artists/shops, hospitals, grocery stores, septic system, wells, and everything else associated with the duties of a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

- Ms. Senior Davie

Senior Services held its Ms. Senior Davie Pageant last week. Lynn Vogler was crowned Ms. Senior Davie County 2024! Donna Fraley was named first runner up. Ms. Wright reported that she was unable to attend due to a meeting/conference, but Mr. Barnett reported on the event's success. Senior Services staff did an amazing job planning and implementing this event.

XI. Other Business

XII. Closed Session: No Closed Session held.

143-318.11. (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

XIII. Adjourn –

Vote: Joe Boyette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Cornatzer seconded. The motion carried.