

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
April 26, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** The regular monthly meeting of the Brunswick County Health and Human Services Advisory Board was called to order by Dr. Flint King at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Services Lobby (Building A).
- A. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. King asked for public comments. There were none.
- B. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Dr. King asked if there were any special presentations. There were none.
- II. REGULARLY OCCURRING ITEMS:**
- A. ATTENDANCE:**
1. The following members were present:
    - Dr. Flint King, Chairman
    - Dr. Jerry Smith
    - Mr. Hubert Reaves
    - Ms. Lisa Narron
    - Mr. Gene Ward
    - Mrs. Pat Sykes
    - Dr. Allen Williams
    - Dr. Kathryn Lawler
  2. Members absent:
    - Dr. Justin Asbury
    - Mr. Michael Norton
  3. Staff members present:
    - David Stanley, Health & Human Services Director
    - Cris Harrelson, Health Services Director
    - Cathy Lytch, Social Services Director
    - Marjorie Rayl, Quality Assurance Specialist
  4. Guests present: None
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for the monthly meeting held on **March 22, 2021** were reviewed. Dr. King asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were no corrections. **Dr. Williams moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous. (Closed)**

C. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** Dr. King asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There were none. **Mr. Ward moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Sykes seconded the motion. The vote to approve the agenda as presented was unanimous. (Closed)**

D. **STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **VETERANS SERVICES:** Mr. Stanley noted he will report on NC House Bill 370- “No Veteran Left Behind Act” under Staff and Committee Reports, Item 5. **(Info)**
2. **CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAMS:** Mr. Stanley reported the CFPT met on April 13<sup>th</sup> and reviewed two cases with no system problems. The next meeting will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>. He added that the team will be looking at child suicide rates and will bring back information to this Board. **(Info)**
3. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** Mr. Harrelson reported that there were no Water Protection Program applications that went over the 4-week turnaround time frame. The group performed 75 site evaluations, issued 41 improvement permits and 58 construction authorizations for on-site wastewater systems. They also inspected 20 new private wells and sampled six private wells. Food & Lodging staff continues to monitor the cold-holding violation occurrences. Currently 18% of inspections completed this month did not comply. Most of these violations are directly related to ambient air temperature. However, staff are still also finding that the source of the issue are operator practices, methods, and routine maintenance to their equipment. Staff responded to 22 complaints that were COVID-19 related. Complaints included permitted facilities that have staff with a positive case, as well as, not following the Executive Order to wear face masks and social distance. Staff inspected and/or visited 382 establishments, reviewed 13 plans for new establishments, and issued 17 permits. The next Count on Me NC Brunasco Team virtual meeting is scheduled in May. Staff continues to complete monthly surveys with daycare facilities and nursing home communities. Mr. Harrelson noted that staff are starting to review applications for public swimming pools that are ready to open for the year. The pool season runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> for season pool permits. **(Info)**
4. **HEALTH SERVICES:** Mr. Harrelson reported that CMARC (Care Management for At-risk Children) and CMHRP (Care Management for High-Risk Pregnant Women) programs both saw changes last year due to COVID. Referrals decreased in Brunswick County with the lowest number being received in November 2020. Referrals have steadily increased since. In March of this year, staff began utilizing a pilot program engaging clients via virtual telephone conference which counts as a face-to-face encounter. The programs have seen numbers higher than the State for the past four months. Mr. Harrelson noted that staff continues to field questions regarding COVID vaccines and appointments. The call center has received 5,162 calls and scheduled 1,714 appointments including all three vaccines. The number of appointments requested have decreased over the last couple of weeks due to other providers having vaccine available and the pause of the J&J vaccine. **(Info)**

5. **NC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Mr. Stanley discussed NC House Bill 370 – No Veteran Left Behind Act. He noted this is sponsored by local Representative Charlie Miller. It is a pilot program for veterans with a law enforcement issue or whatever brings them into care to get them needed services for things such as substance use or suicide prevention. Brunswick, Craven, Cumberland, Onslow, Union and Wayne counties are included in the Bill which has now gone to the Senate. **(Info)**
6. **PUBLIC HOUSING SERVICES:** Mrs. Lytch reported that staff continues to work on improving lease up numbers and pulling people off the waiting list. The annual public hearing was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. No comments for feedback were received regarding the goals and objectives. **(Info)**
7. **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Mrs. Lytch said that staff continues to prepare for Managed Care with open enrollment running from March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>. Auto enrollment will begin on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Of the 27,687 residents receiving Medicaid, 16,847 will move into the managed care mode. Beneficiaries are being reassigned to the provider they most often see but they can request that their provider be changed back. P-EBT benefits have been approved for children under six who are in an active FNS household and not receiving P-EBT for school-aged children. The retroactive benefits have been approved for October 2020 - June 2021. Mrs. Lytch announced that NC DHHS is in partnership with LabCorp for a pilot program to provide 35,000 no-cost, at-home testing kits for underprivileged and/or disabled North Carolinians experiencing financial barriers to getting tested. The kits were available to be ordered beginning March 25<sup>th</sup> and are shipped overnight to their homes. **(Info)**
8. **HHS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Mr. Stanley encouraged the Board to refer people to the county website to view open positions. There are currently six open positions, from social workers in DSS to a nutritionist in WIC. Health & Human Services has a very family-friendly environment here. **(Info)**

### III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **COVID-19:** Mr. Stanley reviewed the COVID-19 Partner Briefing that was distributed at the meeting. He reviewed the case counts and reported that case numbers have continued to decrease since the last Board meeting, averaging 10 per day. In January, new cases were 100-150/day. The percent positive has decreased from seven or eight percent to just above 5%. **(Open)**
- B. **COVID-19 RESPONSE PLANNING STATUS:** Mr. Stanley reported that demand for vaccine has reduced to the point that the decision has been made to consolidate to one site at BCC. As demand continues to drop the site will be moved to Health Services. He added that 65,000 first doses have been given but there is still a lot of work to be done. The team is calling churches and those who are homebound to assure vaccine availability to everyone. Mrs. Narron noted that, at Doshier, people are not coming back for second appointments. Mr. Stanley reported that the call center is contacting people to remind them but finding a lot of people received their second dose elsewhere. **(Open)**

C. **MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION UPATE:** Mr. Stanley reiterated the enrollment end date as May 14<sup>th</sup> with the State auto enrolling those that did not choose a plan. Mrs. Lytch add that on May 10<sup>th</sup> all five insurance groups will be at an outside booth at DSS to provide information. The press release will be shared with this Board once prepared. **(Open)**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **ANNUAL BOARD OF HEALTH TRAINING UPDATE:** Mr. Stanley was happy to report that the sitting Board of Health (County Commissioners) have completed their training required for Accreditation. **(Closed)**

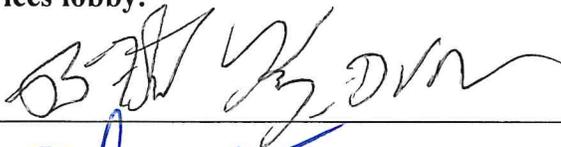
B. **CHARTERS OF FREEDOM:** Mr. Stanley discussed The Charters of Freedom in front of the Brunswick County Courthouse. It honors the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and the Bill of Rights that our freedoms are based on. Everyone is encouraged to visit the lighted display. A time capsule was also placed there. Mrs. Sykes noted this was paid for by the citizens, not taxes. **(Closed)**

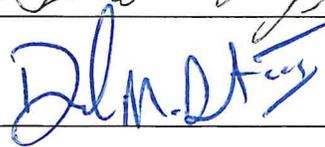
C. **HEALING PLACE UPDATE:** Mr. Stanley reported some exciting news regarding a wet shelter/detox facility that has been talked about for some time. This is not medical detox, but a place to provide shelter and detox support for those who need it. The project is expected to be operational by May or June of 2022. **(Info)**

V. **BOARD INPUTS:** Dr. King asked if there were any additional Board inputs. Dr. King said he would like to see staff back at the Board meetings and asked if anyone had any comments. Mr. Stanley noted that, based on expected release of restrictions on June 1<sup>st</sup>, he believes staff may be able to meet in person with the Board at the next meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. **(Info)**

VI: **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Ward. Mrs. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The next BCHHS Advisory Board meeting will be held on **June 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Services lobby.**

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary

## Brunswick County Health and Human Services

### Advisory Board Attendance Roster 2020-2021

NAME	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
King	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	*	
Lawler	X	X				*	X	X		X	*	
Narron	X	X	X	X		*	X	X	X	X	*	
Norton	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X		*	
Reaves	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	*	
Smith	X		X		X	*	X	X	X	X	*	
Sykes	X	X	X		X	*	X	X	X	X	*	
Ward	X	X		X	X	*	X		X	X	*	
Williams	X	X	X	X	X	*	X	X		X	*	
Asbury	X	X	X	X		*	X	X	X		*	
Optometrist	V	V	V	V	V	*	V	V	V	V	*	

A = Month Appointed/Installed

C = Conflict with CC's Meeting

O = Off Board

X = In Attendance

V = Vacancy

AA = Approved Absence

Blank Space = Absent

Quorum equals six members present.

^ = Specially Called Meeting

\* = No Meeting