



## RICHMOND COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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### **RICHMOND COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 20, 2022  
**TIME:** 7:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Large Classroom and Webinar

#### **BOARD ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. William Cleveland, Vice Chairperson  
Jon Marks, Pharmacist  
Aletha Lanier, Nurse  
Dennis Holloway, Public Member  
Cassandra Byers, Daymark Center Director  
Evonne Moore, Social Worker  
Dr. Don Covington, Optometrist  
Thad Ussery, Public Member  
Dr. Rick Watkins, County Commissioner  
Ronald Tillman, Board of Education

#### **NON-BOARD ATTENDANCE:**

Cheryl Speight, Health Director  
Robby Hall, Director of Social Services  
Theresa Smith, Deputy Director of Social Services  
Jacqueline Welch, Director of Aging Services  
Darcey Wiggins, Economics Supervisor  
Sheila Brosier, Administrative Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Cleveland called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **INVOCATION:** Thad Ussery delivered the invocation for the meeting.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Dr. Cleveland asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.
  - **Motion Offered By:** Thad Ussery
  - **Motion Seconded By:** Dennis Holloway
  - **Motion Carried:** Yes

**MEETING MINUTES:** Dr. Cleveland asked for a motion to approve the July 19, 2022, meeting minutes.

- **Motion Offered By:** Dennis Holloway
- **Motion Seconded By:** Evonne Moore
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Cheryl Speight, Health Services Director, discussed the **Public Health Administrative Report**. The Covid Vaccine Clinic is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00am-5:00pm, and Fridays from 8:00am-11:00am. No appointment is required. The new vaccine arrived (Pfizer, not Moderna) and we will begin administering it on Thursday. It covers the original Covid and Omicron. Richmond County has three confirmed cases of monkeypox. There is a 21 day isolation period and one case is currently in isolation. The health department can test for monkeypox. Although we do not have the monkeypox vaccine yet, we can get it from another county to administer.

Effective December 1, 2022, a state mandate prohibits the use of tobacco products anywhere on the property of agencies that receive Medicaid funding. This includes inside personal vehicles parked in the parking lot. Some pharmacies and residential facilities fall under special exemptions. This change will be discussed at the County Commissioners meeting in October. Signs will be ordered and posted to inform the public of the change. Tobacco cessation classes are offered at the health department for staff and open to the public.

The WIC and Health Education staff hosted a Women’s Health Summit at the Cole Auditorium on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Topics included mental health, breastfeeding, dental hygiene, tobacco dependence, domestic violence, and infant mortality. Local resources, food, games, and prizes were available to all those in attendance.

Covid-19 Update: Covid data is updated on the Richmond County webpage every Wednesday. To date, there are 15,090 positive Covid cases and 198 Covid-related deaths reported. The CDC assigns a community transmission risk level (low, medium, or high) for every county. The level is based on hospital beds in use, hospital admissions and new Covid-19 cases. Richmond County has a medium level of transmission risk.

B. Robby Hall, Social Services Director, discussed the **Social Services Administrative Report**. Food & Nutrition began the recertification process for current clients and the waning of the Covid pandemic may affect their benefits. He explained the eligibility criteria for various programs based on income, family size and poverty levels for households. DSS received additional positions for Adult Medicaid and Adult Protective Services. These vacancies will be advertised on the webpage and through NC Works.

C. Jacqueline Welch, Aging Services Director, discussed the **Aging Services Administrative Report**. Aging Services hosts numerous fundraisers to financially support the programs, activities and services provided for seniors. Kudos to the directors and staff at each of the senior centers for their dedication in planning and hosting programs and events for seniors throughout the year. Sharon Morrison and Lirosia Wall were acknowledged for their extraordinary efforts to assist seniors with applying for programs. While assisting a senior in the hospital, they observed Tonya Eteo, Nurse Practitioner, who played a major role in assisting an elderly client in the emergency room. Based on her going above and beyond the scope of her duties, the board made a recommendation to present Ms. Eteo with a thank you letter for working closely with Aging Services staff to determine the client's well-being. Dr. Cleveland asked for a motion to draft and present a thank you letter to Tonya Eteo.

- **Motion Offered By:** Dennis Holloway
- **Motion Seconded By:** Evonne Moore
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

Lunch with LEOs and Alive After 55 Supper Club events are ongoing and open to seniors each month. Upcoming events include a Veteran's Breakfast & Heroes Tree Event on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cole Auditorium from 8:30am to 11:00am. Veterans programs are held every quarter with a meal and guest speaker. A day trip to Unilever and lunch at Fuller's Restaurant in Fayetteville is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. Aging Services is having a Community Yard Sale fundraiser at 559 Airport Road in Rockingham on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to check the website and monthly newsletter for additional details and upcoming events.

Aging Services continue to receive donations from the community to provide to our clients in need. Fans and heaters are needed to help keep senior citizens cool/warm during the change of seasons. Donations of new fans, heaters, or money can be brought to the Rockingham Senior Center.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Outreach Plan for LIHEAP:**

Darcey Wiggins provided a brief overview of the Energy Programs Outreach Plan for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for fiscal year 22-23. LIHEAP is a federally funded block grant program that is comprised of three different programs – CIP, LIEAP, and Weatherization. To maximize the success of these programs, an outreach planning committee is developed each year to discuss and plan how to effectively reach county residents to inform them of the services provided by the energy programs. Outreach efforts include Webex meetings to explain the application process; and advertisements on the county website, community channel, local radio stations and newspaper. Aging Services staff will distribute applications during meal deliveries and be available at the senior centers to assist with applications. Flyers will be passed out at food banks, senior apartment complexes and churches. LIEAP applications will be open to households with disabled persons and seniors aged 60 or older from December 1-31, 2022. All households can apply beginning January 3, 2023 through March 31, 2023, or until funds are exhausted.

8. **INFORMAL DISCUSSION:** None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dr. Cleveland asked for a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

- **Motion Offered By:** Pat Solomon
- **Motion Seconded By:** Thad Ussery
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held via webinar and in person in the large classroom at the Health Department.

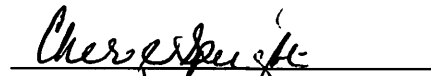
**DATE:** November 15, 2022

**TIME:** 7:00pm

**LOCATION:** Large Classroom and/or webinar



Paul Smart, Chairperson  
Health & Human Services Advisory Board



Cheryl Speight, Health Director  
Richmond County Health Department