



CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

224 Seminary Street

Kenansville, N.C. 28349

The Consolidated Human Services Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 in the Commissioners Room located at 224 Seminary Street, Kenansville, N.C.

Present: Commissioners: Chairman Dexter B. Edwards; Vice Chairman Elwood Garner; Jesse L. Dowe, III; Wayne Branch; and Justin Edwards.

Also Present: Bryan Miller, County Manager; Carrie Shields, Deputy County Manager; Tim Wilson, County Attorney; Chelsey Lanier, Finance Officer; Jasmine Savage, Administrative Specialist and Jaime W. Carr, Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Mayor A.J. Connors of Warsaw. Mayor Connors then led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Chairman Edwards asked if the members of the Board approved the proposed meeting agenda, and if any Board Member, County Manager, or Clerk to the Board wished to make any changes or additions to the agenda. No changes/additions made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Branch, carried unanimously, to approve the meeting agenda as amended

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Garner, carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the August 4th, 2025 Consolidated Human Services Board meeting as presented.

Regular Meeting Agenda

Public Comments

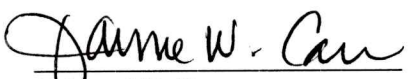
No public comments.

End Public Comments

Annie Murrell, Department of Social Services Director, provided the Board with updates on recent activities and developments. Ms. Murrell reported that the agency is currently meeting all standards as outlined in the States Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). She also informed the Board that PATH NC went live on July 14, 2025 and implementation is going well. In August the agency participated in three back to school events. Additionally, she stated that the State has released \$151,000 in crisis funding, and the agency is accepting applications. Ms. Murrell also announced that the agency's annual Socktober drive will take place during the month of October, collecting non-slip socks and throw blankets to be distributed to nursing homes or assisted living facility.

Dr. Tracey Simmons-Kornegay, Health Director, presented to the Board the following updates: epidemiology report; accreditation report; budget update; personnel update; programmatic audit update; and an opioid settlement update. Dr. Simmons-Kornegay reported that a back-to-school immunization event was held on Thursday, August 14th, 2025 and a second event is scheduled for September 18th, 2025. Dr. Simmons-Kornegay also informed the Board that the Health Department is now accepting Aetna insurance and has signed a letter of intent to join the North Carolina State health plan preferred primary care network. Dr. Simmons-Kornegay also shared that the NC Core Annual Status Survey was complete, and she is now working on Annual Financial and Impact Reports. She shared that the early intervention team, in collaboration with Duplin County Schools, will resume next week focusing on grades 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9. She announced the following upcoming health education outreach events: September 6th, 2025 at the Dollar General Market in Beulaville and September 13th, 2025 in Warsaw at Parks and Recreation, Fall and Safety and Health Community Connection events will be held and on September 25th, 2025 in collaboration with Duplin County Senior Services a Fall Prevention event will be held. Dr. Simmons-Kornegay shared that she presented at the 40th Annual Pharmacy Practice Seminar and that she has been invited to serve as a panelist at the Triangle Health Care Executives Forum of NC Annual Fall Summit. Dr. Simmons-Kornegay concluded with a Medicaid update and how it could impact the Health Department.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Garner, carried unanimously, to adjourn until Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. for a Consolidated Human Services Board Meeting at the Administrative Building, located at 224 Seminary Street in Kenansville, N.C.


Jaime W. Carr
Clerk to the Board