



CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 1st, 2025

224 Seminary Street

Kenansville, N.C. 28349

The Consolidated Human Services Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 6th, 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: 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 Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Branch, carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the November 3rd, 2025 Consolidated Human Services Board meeting as presented.

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 J. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Garner, carried unanimously, to approve the meeting agenda as amended

Regular Meeting Agenda

Public Comments

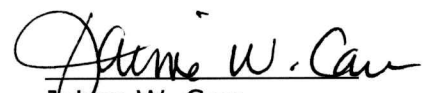
No Public Comments

End Public Comments

Angel Venecia, Director of Health and Human Services, provided the Board with an update on the Social Services Department. She reported that following the conclusion of the federal government shutdown, all food and nutrition services benefits have resumed their regular distribution schedule. Ms. Venecia also noted that funding for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is currently on hold for Fiscal Year 2026, and only eligible elderly and disabled individuals will receive automatic payments for December. Additionally, Ms. Venecia shared that the department's annual bake sale was held and raised over \$2,000 to support foster care and senior programs that address needs not covered by other funding sources. She also informed the Board of a significant water leak at the DSS building, which caused substantial damage.

Dr. Tracey Simmons-Kornegay, Health Director, provided the Board with a comprehensive update on the Health Department's recent activities. She presented the monthly Epidemiology and Departmental Budget Reports. In regard to the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and concerns surrounding the potential federal government shutdown, Dr. Simmons-Kornegay informed the Board that the department received official notification on November 14th confirming that WIC will remain fully funded, and services are to continue without interruption. She reported that the audit of the Immunizations Program has been completed. Additionally, the audit of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP), conducted in collaboration with the State, is scheduled for Thursday of this week. Additionally, the department hosted its annual Opioid Settlement Meeting on November 18th at the Ed Emory Auditorium. Dr. Simmons-Kornegay also highlighted several community outreach initiatives. The October County Lead Food Drive concluded successfully, collecting a total of 914 pounds of nonperishable food items for distribution to local food pantries. The Annual Food Drive and Resource Event, held on November 26th, provided support to nearly 400 families. Looking ahead, a Christmas Food Drive is scheduled for December 23rd, with the goal of serving a similar number of individuals in need.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner J. Edwards, carried unanimously, to adjourn until Monday, January 5th, 2026 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