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RICHMOND COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 19, 2019
TIME: 6:00pm
LOCATION: Large Classroom of the Health & Human Services Complex

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Paul Smart, Chairperson
Jon Marks, Pharmacist
Dr. Dale McInnis, President, Richmond Community College
Thad Ussery, public member
Bryan Land, Richmond County Manager
Dr. Don Covington, Optometrist
Dr. W. N. Cleveland, Vice Chairperson
Aletha Lanier, Nurse
Evonne Moore, Social Worker
Carolyn Walker, Aging Services
Dr. John Stevenson, retired Physician
Ronald Tillman, Board of Education
Dr. Tommy Jarrell, Director, Health & Human Services

NON-BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Robby Hall, Division of Social Services Director
Jacqueline Welch, Aging Services Director
Sheila Brosier, Administrative Assistant

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Paul Smart called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- 2. INVOCATION:** Paul Smart delivered the invocation for the meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Dr. Jarrell made a request to the board to add one item to the agenda under the Old Business category. Paul Smart asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- **Motion Offered By:** Dr. Covington
- **Motion Seconded By:** Aletha Lanier
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

Paul Smart asked for a motion to approve the January 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

- **Motion Offered By:** Ronald Tillman
- **Motion Seconded By:** Evonne Moore
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jacqueline Welch discussed past events outlined on the Aging Services Administrative Summary Report and highlighted the Valentine's Day Dance which was a collaborative effort of all four senior centers; 158 seniors attended the dance. Richmond County was recognized by the state of North Carolina as having the largest number of men participating in senior centers. Ms. Welch discussed Dementia Friends initiatives and offered to speak at businesses and faith based entities about Dementia. She announced two upcoming Dementia workshops. The "Caring for Those Living with Dementia & Managing Opioid Dependence with Older Adults" workshop will be held at the Cole Auditorium on March 26, 2019, from 8:30am-12:00pm. The "Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease" workshop will be held at the Cole Auditorium on April 11, 2019, from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

At the January 19, 2019 board meeting, Robby Hall presented data on substance abuse affected infants and the correlation between parental drug use and pre-term births. Dr. Jarrell commented on the strategies and progress made by the Drug Endangered Family Taskforce. This committee meets monthly and partners with other agencies to provide drug awareness and promote drug free initiatives. Robby Hall indicated forthcoming grants will fund research and enhance data collection. Dr. Jarrell asked for a motion to request the Board of Health's support of the Drug Endangered Family Taskforce.

- **Motion Offered By:** Dr. McInnis
- **Motion Seconded By:** Thad Ussery
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Advisory Board Public Member Selection:

Paul Smart announced Shirley Fuller resigned as a board member and solicited nominations for a public member to fill the seat. In support of Ronald Tillman's suggestion at the last meeting of identifying young persons interested in attending the board meetings, the floor was open for nominations.

Ronald Tillman nominated Cameron Hairston for consideration to become a board member. After he recited her credentials, Paul Smart asked that a motion be made for consideration of Cameron Hairston.

- **Motion Offered By:** Ronald Tillman
- **Motion Seconded By:** Evonne Moore
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

Thad Ussery nominated Cassandra Byers for consideration to become a board member. After he recited her credentials, Paul Smart asked that a motion be made for consideration of Cassandra Byers.

- **Motion Offered By:** Dr. McInnis
- **Motion Seconded By:** Althea Lanier
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

The board members voted (8:2) by raise of hand and selected Cassandra Byers for consideration to be on the board. Paul Smart indicated the motion for consideration of Cassandra Byers to be a new member of the Health and Human Services Advisory Board will be presented at the April 2019 County Commissioners meeting.

B. Request for Public Hearing May 21, 2019 regarding WIC Mini-Clinic Site – Social Services:

Dr. Jarrell stated the health department received funds to establish a WIC mini-clinic. Evidence shows women who are recipients of WIC programs and funds tend to have a lower rate of pre-term births. A request was made to hold a public hearing at the next board meeting. Paul Smart asked that a motion be made.

- **Motion Offered By:** Thad Ussery
- **Motion Seconded By:** Jon Marks
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

8. INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Paul Smart commended the Mural Dedication ceremony, indicating it was beautiful to witness the outcome of young people and older adults working together.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Paul Smart asked if there were any other matters to discuss to which no one responded; therefore, he asked for a motioned to adjourn the meeting.

- **Motion Offered By:** Dr. Stevenson
- **Motion Seconded By:** Thad Ussery
- **Motion Carried:** Yes

NEXT MEETING:

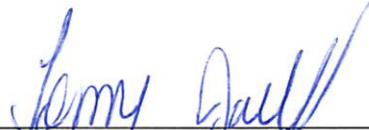
DATE: May 21, 2019

TIME: 7:00pm

LOCATION: Large Classroom, Health & Human Services Complex



Paul Smart, Chairperson
Health & Human Services Advisory Board



Dr. Tommy Jarrell, PhD
Health & Human Services Director