

Workshop Session – November 16, 2021

The Graham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Graham County Community Building located at 196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC for their regular workshop session. Board present Connie Orr, Keith Eller, Lynn Cody, Dale Wiggins. Board absent Jacob Nelms. Also, present Manager Jason Marino, Finance Director Becky Garland, Attorney JK Coward and Clerk Kim Crisp.

1. Chair Orr called the workshop session to order.
2. Chair Orr asks for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Eller made the motion to approve. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Chair Orr asks Shelly Foreman, Vaya Health Community Relations Regional Director to speak. Ms. Foreman thanked the board for their time and stated that she needed to give a brief overview of the new Vaya Health Regional Advisory Board structure / Vaya Board appointment process and asks that these appointments be made in December. Ms. Foreman stated that Chair Orr was able to attend the CCAB meeting where the structure was approved. Ms. Foreman presented the revised structure which would establish regional advisory councils and our (7) western counties (Region A) would make up one region and the council would require one county commissioner appointment and a second appointment of either another commissioner, county manager, DSS or Health Director or Sheriff. Ms. Foreman stated that each regional advisory council, will then be able to make (2) appointments from their council to serve on the Vaya Board of Directors as a direct liaison between the regional advisory council and the Board of Directors. Ms. Foreman stated that the proposed composition will begin January 1, 2022 and the composition will be (2) Directors appointed by each regional board; (4) Directors appointed by Consumer & Family Advisory Committee; (1) Director appointed by the DHHS Secretary; up to (8) at-large Directors appointed by current Vaya Board in consultation with Cardinal Board, CCABs and counties; the Provider Advisory Council President serves as non-voting director and up to (3) non-voting advisory directors. Ms. Foreman stated that she would need the recommendations from Graham County by December 9th.
4. Ms. Foreman stated that she also sent literature on NC Med Assist which is a Mobile Free Pharmacy Program to dispense opportunities through improved health to ensure that no eligible person in North Carolina must choose between purchasing food or their needed medication and improving the patient's health and lowering uncompensated health care costs for all stakeholders. Ms. Foreman stated that they are looking into the possibility of using the DHHS grounds for the mobile drive-thru if the board agrees. The board was fine with this request. Ms. Foreman stated that the event is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2022, and premade bags will be given out with over-the-counter medicine and the participant can register online but if they are unable to register, they can through the drive-thru event. Ms. Foreman stated that the event is free and typically they try to provide a cold and cough item, first aid, vitamins, hygiene item, and another item from a category such as pain relief or digestive aid and for those households with children, they will also add in the appropriate children's over-the-counter medicine items.
5. The board thanked Ms. Foreman for the information.
6. Chair Orr asks for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eller made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cody seconded this motion. Vote unanimous.

Connie Orr, Chair

Keith Eller, Vice-Chairman

Lynn Cody, Member

Jacob Nelms, Member

Dale Wiggins, Member

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board