

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2019**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Dr. Amy Waschull, President.

**Members Present:** Dr. Tim Fitzgerald, Sue Dunseth, Marcia Moll, Dr. Karen Blakeley, Marcia Twaddle, Dr. Amy Waschull and Dr. Nancy Parsons

**Members Absent:** Carrie Pedigo

**Staff Present:** Lynnette Cale, Chris Adams, Kerri Allen and Kathy Cleer

**Visitors Present:** none

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**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Dr. Amy Waschull.

**Minutes:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. NANCY PARSONS AND SECONDED BY DR. KAREN BLAKELEY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 13, 2019 MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Claims:**

**SUE DUNSETH MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY MARCIA MOLL FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,262.15. MOTION CARRIED.**

**SUE DUNSETH MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY MARCIA MOLL FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,910.29. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

Board of Health- Welcomed Marcia Twaddle to our board.

County Board- Marcia Twaddle reported that the County Board was having a special meeting on May 9, 2019 about the lawsuit against the county.

Directors Reports-

**Environmental Health Division**

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

Chris reported that it was Water Week this week. We hand out free water test kits at Farm King Monday through Wednesday and at the front desk at MCHD all week. We will email people later to remind them to turn in their kits for testing. We do Adopt a Classroom for the second grade once a month and focus on activities we do at the health department. Today was the thank you party for everyone who participated. We have been working on food inspections and bar inspections over the last weekend. We ended up closing El Rancherito and refunding their food license fee that they just paid. Italian Express was in for a compliance hearing for not

cooling food properly. The owner is from Kewanee and is looking at selling the restaurant. The owner is not food management certified. Chris recently contacted Dr. Blakeley about raccoons and opossums acting strange. We contacted the State and they said it was distemper. We will be putting out some press releases on rabies and distemper.

### **Community Health Division**

Kerri Allen, Community Health Director

Kerri reported that her division has been working on communicable diseases. There are four TB cases: 3 latent and one active. Some of them we are doing DOT (directly observed therapy) and going to the house. We are using a company called Airucare to make our reports. We take the medication to them and observe them taking the medication. We have one person that checks in using a cell phone. The hospital is also doing a DOT for us and two of them live in the same house. There is currently a Hepatitis A outbreak but none in McDonough County. There was free vaccine given to us and we decided to use it for people with certain risk factor such as inmates, police, MSM population, homeless folks, and injection drug users. State has released money for measles vaccinations (MMR). We are starting to gear up for back to school vaccinations. We would like to have a clinic at MCHD since it easier than transporting vaccine off premises. Karon Curtis has left and gone to Wesley Village. We have hired Jennifer Plate to replace her. She has been in public health for fifteen years. Kerri is working on the Tobacco grant and the car seat grant. Kerri and her staff went to Pink book training at ISU. The CDC sent three physicians to this training.

### **Administrator's Report**

Lynnette Cale, Administrator

Lynnette reported that we have received additional money from the state for MMR vaccines. Governor Pritzker signed an initiative on MMR. They only gave us about six weeks to get the money spent out so we are going to do a push on immunizations to spend out the money. They are looking at loosening the restrictions to use the money to pay back anything we have already done. They are looking at making the religious exemption more difficult to use on immunizations. We have received a grant for \$48,000 for VFC so we ordered a new commercial refrigerator to replace the house model we have been using. We are receiving slightly more money in our PHEP grant for FY20. There will be a slight decrease in WIC funding which has been state wide. WIC will be switching from printed coupons to debit cards which will require training and a whole new computer system. GATA is making it more difficult for county. All departments in the county get audited multiple times and the auditors are also checked. If the numbers don't match or someone in the county doesn't turn in their paperwork, the entire county gets their money put on hold until the necessary paperwork is turned in. Sikich said they would do the paperwork this year, but the county needs to hire a grants administrator.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SEMI ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED MINUTES**

**DR. NANCY PARSONS MADE A MOTION AND MARCIA MOLL SECONDED THAT WE KEEP THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES CLOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

**Lynnette reviewed the annual report with the Board of Health members.**

**DR. KAREN BLAKELEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY18 ANNUAL REPORT AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS**

Sue Dunseth- Citizen at Large and Dr. Briann Wehner-Physician, are leaving the Board of Health at the end of their term which is July 2019. Dr. Karen Blakeley will complete Dr. Wehner's term as Vice President. Patty Smith, a former nurse from MDH has accepted one of the positions on the board. We would still need to find someone to fill the position of physician. Dr. Amy Washull is up for reappointment for a three year term.

**MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT DR. AMY WASCHULL FOR A 3 YEAR TERM AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD. MOTION CARRIED.**

**DR. NANCY PARSONS MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY MARCIA MOLL TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF PATTY SMITH AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. AMY WASCHULL TO THE COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PER LETTER OF INTENT**

NONE

**Adjourn:**

**MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD TO ADJOURN AT 7:58 PM. MOTION CARRIED.**

Kathy Cleer  
Business Office Manager/CFO

***NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7 pm.***