

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Dr. Amy Waschull, President.

Members Present: Dr. Tim Fitzgerald, Carrie Pedigo, Dr. Karen Blakeley, Dr. Amy Waschull, Pat Smith, Dr. Nancy Parsons, Marcia Moll and Marcia Twaddle

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Lynnette Cale, Chris Adams, Ben Thompson and Kathy Cleer

Visitors Present: none

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Dr. Amy Waschull.

Minutes:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD AND SECONDED BY DR. NANCY PARSONS TO APPROVE THE JUNE 10, 2020 MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims:

DR. TIM FITZGERALD MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY MARICA MOLL FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,098.31 WITH ONE CORRECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Board of Health- none

County Board- Marcia Twaddle handed out a brochure from the IL Association of County Board Members.

Directors Reports-

Environmental Health Division

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

Chris reported that Environmental staff have been trapping mosquitoes for McDonough and Hancock County. All batches have been negative for West Nile Virus. Chris has been talking with mayors as we go through the phases and keep them updated to changes and what each phase allows. Businesses are not enforcing the mask wearing and we are getting complaints. Environmental staff are talking to the managers about social distancing and wearing face masks as we face a possible second wave of the virus. People are becoming complacent in wearing face masks and not keeping the social distance. The Governor needs to decide what needs to be done and make it a state wide policy. We have been doing a shout out to businesses that are complying with the rules.

Community Health Division

Kerri Allen, Community Health Director

No report.

Administrator's Report

Lynnette Cale, Administrator

Report is in old business updates.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATES- COVID, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, TRAININGS, IWIC, STAFFING, FY 20 YEAR END GRANTS, FY 21 GRANTS, FY 21 BUDGET

Here is an update on Covid cases to show you how we compare to other counties. To date for McDonough County, we have 104 cases, 16 deaths and 3 new cases, Warren has 149, Mercer 28, Henderson 8, Fulton 16, Adams 138, Hancock 19, Schuyler 13, Cass 137, Peoria 579, Morgan 135, Knox 149, Tazwell 155, and Woodford 39. Overall for the state there are 149, 432 confirmed cases, 7,099 confirmed deaths, and the state has administered 1,842,576 tests with a 94 percent recovery rate. Morgan, Cass, Tazwell, Peoria and Adams all have outbreaks in long term care facilities. Some are seeing outbreaks after large gatherings and parties. Most of these increases began 14 days after Phase 4 went into effect.

Contact tracing grant came back with lots of revisions. Initially we were told there was no guidance and to put down what we needed. Since then, they have changed where the money is coming from, so now we have rules and guidance that have to be followed. Ben Thompson will be in charge of the contact tracers. We have ten since our staff has already taken the training for contact tracing. We can hire up to 8 additional contact tracers. Our county size only requires 10 and we have that with just our staff alone. Cynthia Sheffler was our lead and Michelle Churchill moved into her place. Cynthia was planning on retiring in the next four to five years. She got burned out and quit. Covid is taking 90 percent of our time. The community health staff has upcoming IWIC training and is still doing WIC and communicable disease. Presently we are short staffed due to having our tax levy reduced over the last few years. We explained that should we have an outbreak, we would be unable to respond in an emergency situation due to not being able to hire additional staff. Contract tracers will need to go through training and have a medical background, so they won't hit the ground running when hired.

Our governor has stated at his press conferences that people need to contact their local health departments for guidance on IHSA rules for sports, approving plans for township meeting and school openings just to name a few. We have received no information prior to the governor's conferences. We have been finding out things when he has his press conferences and then receive information after the fact. Many times after people have called requesting information that we haven't been given. Lynnette is making sure staff is getting some time off work to destress. End of year grant billing is now due and many of the FY 21 grants are due. DEOC grant just came out and is due next Wednesday. IWIC training takes a week of training. It's a whole new system and a new way to doing things. Ben Thompson has been spending about 6 hours a week on Salesforce trainings and the staff has had a 2 hour training. We have been lots of calls regarding immunizations and bloodwork. We are working on a plan to get these services back up and running. We would prioritize back to school children first and adults and infants will be done later. We will wipe down everything between appointments and some vaccinations may be done at the vehicle. Once we get additional staff hired, we will start doing bloodwork again. The WIU students will be coming back soon. Lynnette called Joe at WIU and got things ironed out. There is guidance coming out for higher education and for International

students and how they will attend. It might be online. We will have one contract tracer dedicated to just WIU and students.

FY 20 year end grant billings are now due. We will be wrapping the up and beginning the new FY 21 year. IWIC training will be going on the beginning of August as they phase out the Cornerstone system and switch to a whole new system. They will be going to debit cards and phasing out the paper coupons. For staffing, we have an RN hired and she will begin the end of July. Salary is a challenge in hiring. For contact tracers, we hope to hire some RN's so they have a medical background. Lynnette is working on FY 21 grants and budget.

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PER LETTER OF INTENT

NONE

Adjourn:

DR. TIM FITZGERALD MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY DR. NANCY PARSONS TO ADJOURN AT 8:00 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathy Cleer
Business Office Manager/CFO

NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7 pm.