

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Dr. Amy Waschull, President.

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

Members Absent: Dr. Karen Blakeley

Staff Present: Lynnette Cale, Kathy Cleer, Ben Thompson and Kerri Allen

Visitors Present: Scott Schwerer-County Board Chairman, Mary Garlick and Francis Welch

Call to Order:

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

Minutes:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PATTY SMITH AND SECONDED BY DR. NANCY PARSONS TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. NANCY PARSONS AND SECONDED BY CARRIE PEDIGO TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH CLOSED MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims:

DR. TIM FITZGERALD MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY MARCIA MOLL FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,096.04. MOTION CARRIED. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MARCIA MOLL- YES

CARRIE PEDIGO-YES

DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES

DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES

PATTY SMITH- YES

DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT

DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES

MARCIA TWADDLE- YES

Reports:

Board of Health- none

County Board- none

Directors Reports-

Environmental Health Division

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

Chris reported that he and his staff have been busy with Covid-19. Dealing with Warren County on a case that already had contacts in place. Also dealing with complaint calls on restaurants not abiding by the governor's mandates. A janitor at Edison school got bit by a bat so they have working on the following up on the results.

Community Health Division

Kerri Allen, Community Health Director

Kerri reported her staff has been busy working on Covid-19 calls and contact tracing. We have staff that are out with Covid-19 and now have A and B teams on a rotation so not everyone is in the building at the same time. Kerri plans to hire one more nurse for blood draws and immunizations. Kerri reported as of today McDonough County had 1088 cases of Covid-19, 36 new cases, 162 active cases and 1 death. She has recently hired Raeva Farris as our now PIO. She just started this week and there are ten contact tracers hired and working.

Administrator's Report

Lynnette Cale, Administrator

Lynnette's report is under COVID-19 in Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 UPDATES

Lynnette discussed how long it takes to put together the report that goes out on Covid-19 numbers. She explained that it takes two hours to compile all the information that is sent out. Lynette went over some information about Covid-19 in the long term care facilities. Ben Thompson reported that Country View Care Center was in outbreak status. It seems to be slowing down. Out of 42 residents, all but 5 were infected. IDPH got involved and offered them some suggestions. The Elms had now been infected. IDPH has had calls with them about staffing. We have a great working relationship with every facility that has had an outbreak. Other counties like Brown and Adams have had huge jumps in the number of positive Covid-19 cases per day. The schools have been good about keeping us informed of their status. All the metrics are going towards remote learning until spring semester. We have been warning against family gatherings for the upcoming holidays. Lynnette shared a video on Shannon Zanger. She has been writing a blog about her journey recovering from Covid-19. We now have A, B and C teams here at the health department. Part of the staff was infected, so to avoid the entire department going down, Lynnette made teams that are on a rotation. Part of the staff works remotely while the rest of the staff is in the building. We have been working on a mass vaccination plan for when we receive the vaccine. There has been a small meeting about the plan and they have formed a small core group. We have always had a plan for mass dispensing. We will plan to do a drive through clinic much like the flu clinic we did this fall. The vaccine will come in special containers and be packed in dry ice that will keep it at the -80 degrees Celsius. The CDC and IDPH will decide who gets it first and they will have to be an ICARE provider. It may be shipped directly to nursing homes and hospitals or it may come directly to us and we will have to dispense it. It will be done in a two dose series with 21 days in between doses. Pfizer is the first one with vaccine. We have the Binaxnow rapid test and the nursing staff has taken the necessary training on how to do the tests. There are lots of protocols and procedures with this test. The test results, whether positive or negative, have to be reported to us or you don't get any more tests. They have 24 hours to report the results. You are required to put on full PPE in order to administer the test. IDPH was in McDonough County a total of 5 times. They tested a total 816 people. They tested 235 people last Thursday at the mobile testing site. They will be in Schuyler County in Rushville on Friday. Lynnette talked about enforcement of the governor's mandate. We are at a 13.6 percent rolling average. We will be moving from tier 3 back to 2 in a week which makes gathering groups smaller. All positive tests are on the rise across the state. We are starting with educating restaurants on the rules. On the contact tracing grant, we have to have half of the money spent by December 30 or it will be lost. We are looking at purchasing a prebuilt shed to store the UV sanitizer and other items that are not temperature sensitive. We can spend our DCEO funding on anything that we would not normally purchase.

APPROVAL OF THE FY 21 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

DR. NANCY PARSONS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY21 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET WITH A 4% COLA AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD. MOTION CARRIED AND A ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- NO	MARCIA TWADDLE- NO
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

COVID-19 EMPLOYEE STIPENDS

PATTY SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COVID-19 STIPENDS AND WAS SECONDED BY MARICA MOLL. A ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED.

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- YES	MARCIA TWADDLE- YES
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

NEW BUSINESS

Semi Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION TO KEEP THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES CLOSED AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. NANCY PARSONS. MOTION CARRIED. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- YES	MARCIA TWADDLE- YES
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

APPROVAL OF FY21 HOLIDAYS

PATTY SMITH MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD TO APPROVE THE FY21 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE. MOTION CARRIED. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- YES	MARCIA TWADDLE- YES
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

APPROVAL OF 2021 BOH MEETING DATES

DR. NANCY PARSONS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 21 BOH MEETING DATES AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD. MOTION CARRIED. ROLL WAS TAKEN:

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- YES	MARCIA TWADDLE- YES
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF 2021 BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICERS

PRESIDENT- DR. AMY WASCHULL
VICE-PRESIDENT- CARRIE PEDIGO

SECRETARY- MARCIA MOLL
TREASURER- DR. TIM FITZGERALD

DR. NANCY PARSONS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2021 BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICERS AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. FITZGERALD. MOTION CARRIED AND ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- YES	MARCIA TWADDLE- YES
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

APPROVAL OF 2020 STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

CARRIE PEDIGO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY 20 STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD. MOTION CARRIED AND ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- YES	MARCIA TWADDLE- YES
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

APPROVAL OF MCHD-SCHD CONTRACT FY 21

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 21 MCHD-SCHD CONTRACT AND WAS SECONDED BY PATTY SMITH. MOTION CARRIED AND ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- YES	MARCIA TWADDLE- YES
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

CLOSED SESSION- none

PUBLIC COMMENT PER LETTER OF INTENT

Scott Schwerer requested changes be made to the September 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes from the Board of Health Meeting. Dr. Waschull said the minutes will be changed. He also had questions about the Intergovernmental Agreement with Schuylers County. Lynnette and Dr. Waschull answered his questions.

Mary Garlick had concerns about Casey's in Colchester not enforcing the mask mandate. She has contacted Casey's Corporate Office and they said they would check into it. Ms. Garlick said she would follow up with us to let us know what the outcome was.

Adjourn:

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION AT TO ADJOURN AND WAS SECONDED BY CARRIE PEDIGO AT 8:23 P.M. MOTION CARRIED AND ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

MARCIA MOLL- YES	DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES	DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES
CARRIE PEDIGO-YES	PATTY SMITH- YES	MARCIA TWADDLE- YES
DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES	DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-ABSENT	

Kathy Cleer
Business Office Manager/CFO

NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2020 at 7 pm.