

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. 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, Dr. Nancy Parsons, Marcia Moll, Terra Litchfield, and Dr. Karen Blakeley

Members Absent: none

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

Visitors Present: Scott Schwerer, Edgar Rodriguez, and Gretchen DeJaynes

Call to Order:

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

Minutes:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TERRA LITCHFIELD AND SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 13, 2021 MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

MARCIA MOLL- YES

DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES

DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES

CARRIE PEDIGO-YES

TERRA LITCHFIELD- YES

DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES

DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-YES

Claims:

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY CARRIE PEDIGO FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,328.12. MOTION CARRIED. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:

MARCIA MOLL- YES

DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES

DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES

CARRIE PEDIGO-YES

TERRA LITCHFIELD- YES

DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES

DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-YES

Reports:

Board of Health- Patty Smith has resigned so we will need to find a replacement. We also need to fill the other vacancy with a physician. Please bring names for possible Board of Health members to the next meeting.

County Board- Terra has had numerous phone calls from citizens about the lack of information from the health department. She wants more information and doesn't feel that we are being transparent.

Directors Reports-

Environmental Health Division

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

No report.

Community Health Division

Kerri Allen, Community Health Director

Kerri reported that we have received our Susan G. Komen grant for this year. Our award amount for the grant is \$880.30. Komen has given us an extension to spend out the remaining funds for the previous year. We had a site visit for WIC in December and will have a Childhood Lead visit in a couple of weeks. We are sending PRNs and nurses out the clinic at MDH. Julie Bartlow is doing child immunizations. We are presently not doing child immunizations since we don't have enough staff in house to run the program. WIC is still up and running.

Administrator's Report

Lynnette Cale, Administrator

Lynnette reported that IPLAN called to see what the reality is to do IPLAN. They are calling all health departments. Our AmeriCorps person, Benjy, started working on the program when he was here but didn't get it completed before he left. The base line of IPLAN is done. We have been given an extension until August to get it completed.

OLD BUSINESS

AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATOR'S FY 20 CONTRACT

DR. NANCY PARSONS MADE A MOTION TO GET INPUT FROM STATE'S ATTORNEY AND SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING FOR A LATER DATE AND TERRA LITCHFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED AND ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

MARCIA MOLL- YES

DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES

DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES

CARRIE PEDIGO-YES

TERRA LITCHFIELD- YES

DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES

DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-YES

COVID-19 UPDATES

Lynnette reported that they have changed the format of the meeting for the County Partners. It is now weekly on Wednesday at 4 p.m. The call generally lasts from 30 to 45 minutes. IDPH says they are giving us a three week advance allocation notice when it's really only a two week notice. Walgreens, Hy-Vee, Walmart and other retail pharmacies are now administering Covid-19 vaccinations. We will be doing some closed county pods for vaccinations. When the governor gives his press releases, we find out the information at the same time the public does as far as information goes. On Facebook and the website, we gave the newspaper the same information and it takes them three days to print the information so it's outdated by the time it's printed and the public reads it. Our clinic filled in three hours' time on the first day. If you go online and type in the surrounding counties, they have posts about not being able to return calls due to volume being received. Anyone trying to register that is not 65 or older are required to have a voucher code. The call center is up and running. The first hour they were open the phone system crashed due to the volume of calls coming in. Mason County isn't doing a call center and Hy-Vee isn't either. The call center has different messages that play when like when they are closed. Monday and Wednesday clinics are for first responders. There is information overload and people are picking and choosing where they are getting their information. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be submitting their information soon so they can start distribution of their vaccine. They are recommending any one that attended any large Super Bowl parties to get tested for Covid. IDPH closed all testing clinics due to the extreme cold. There has been an expansion on 1-B after they

said they weren't going to change it. It is being expanded to people with disabilities and underlying health conditions. They have not increased the amount of vaccine we are receiving per week. We are still only receiving 400 doses. We are to receive the second shipment of 200 doses for administering the second doses. We will see a drop in first dose shipments and an increase in second dose. For metrics we are seeing a 4.5 rolling average, 2.9 for McDonough County. As of today, we have two new cases, 27 active, 2270 cases, 50 deaths and almost everyone has recovered. We have administered 3506 doses of vaccine and 771 people have received both doses. Schuyler County Health Department has two new cases of Covid. We had no new spike in cases when WIU went back into session. Quincy, Adams County, received 1000 doses of Pfizer and has a clinic set up at the Oakley Lindsey Center. Once you open a vial, you have 6 hours to use it. Once it is thawed, you have 5 days to get it used. IDPH shipped the vaccine thawed so it had to be used. Moderna is direct shipped. We are looking at a one-time allocation of Pfizer. IDPH website updates daily and we have the link on our website. County Partners meeting is recorded and archived. The people attending the partners' meeting are schools, ESDA, Mayor, Sheriff's Department, and MDH. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. When the schedule is full, we add a message at the beginning of the recording. Lynnette gave the BOH members a handout on how we are being perceived in the public. The handout was titled "Pandemic Backlash Jeopardizes Public Health Powers, Leaders". She also handed out a letter to the residents of Mason County from Mason County Health Department. We have asked for help and volunteers but they have excuses when it comes time. Some people are only willing to help with certain things. We have 18 full-time staff plus PRNs. With the volume of calls we are receiving, we can't get everyone called back with offering other services. Terra Litchfield has filled out and turned in a volunteer form. We need people that commit for extended periods of time. Some hospital staff are helping out at the vaccine clinic at the hospital. People are able to sign up for the second dose. We are going to schedule people for their second dose before they leave the clinic from receiving their first dose. Terra thinks everything seems to be working out good. Dr. Waschull received a letter from someone in the community with concerns about issues when trying to get signed up online. They also wanted to know if clergy was included in 1a. Lynnette said that no clergy is in 1c but if they worked at the hospital as clergy, then yes they would be eligible. Dr. Nancy Parsons mentioned that when Lynnette speaks with the State's Attorney that she needs to inquire about how to have people properly identify themselves on a zoom call.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PER LETTER OF INTENT

NONE

Adjourn:

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION AT TO ADJOURN AND WAS SECONDED CARRIE PEDIGO AT 9:00P.M. MOTION CARRIED AND ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

MARCIA MOLL- YES

CARRIE PEDIGO-YES

DR. AMY WASCHULL- YES

DR. TIM FITZGERALD- YES

TERRA LITCHFIELD- YES

DR. KAREN BLAKELEY-YES

DR. NANCY PARSONS- YES

Kathy Cleer
Business Office Manager/CFO

NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2021 at 7 pm.