

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2022**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, July 14, 2022. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Gwynne Worthington, Vice-President.

Members Present: Dr. Amy Waschull, Dr. Karen Blakeley, Terra Litchfield, Andrea Gwynne Worthington, Becky Mahr, Roger Ward, and Dr. Richard Minter

Members Absent: Andrea Ratermann and Dr. Nick Doll

Staff Present: Kerri Allen, Chris Adams Jennifer Plate, Kathy Cleer, and Ben Thompson

Visitors Present: none

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Vice-President Gwynne Worthington.

Public Comment:

none

Minutes:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. RICHARD MINTER AND SECONDED BY DR. AMY WASCHULL TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2022, MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims:

DR. RICHARD MINTER MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY DR. AMY WASCHULL FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1,2022 THROUGH JUNE 30,2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,971.75. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Board of Health- NONE

County Board- Terra Litchfield commented about IDPH fining the Elms and hopes that they don't do that to the health department.

Directors Reports-

Environmental Health Division

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

Chris reported that his staff just wrapped up wave one of class 1 inspections. They are planning on going digital on August 15th with Health Space. Contractors have been contacting us for sewage inspections. We had a batch of mosquitoes test positive for West Nile Virus from Hancock County. We ran the test here. It is also in

McDonough County. We purchased some billboard ads on 336 with some vector money. The controversy with the lemonade shake up stand was them dumping out the debris from the cups, washing and sanitizing them as instructed by the health department. They were not getting the cups out of the trash and reusing them.

Community Health Division

Jennifer Plate, Community Health Director

Jennifer reported that her division lost a nurse, Nikki Cook, who was vital to the COVID operations. Nikki got a job at the Cancer Institute for \$40 an hour. She doesn't plan to fill the vacant position at this time. Jennifer, Janene Shockency, Joby Miller, and Sally Trone will pick up Nikki's job duties. Sally Trone just finished up the Smoke-Free grant and purchased ten signs and poles to put signs up at the park. We have applied for another Smoke-Free grant for FY 23. We are currently applying for a DIS grant that will be a multi-year grant. The first year would start in July of 2022 and end in June of 2023 and would be \$150,000 and would pay Ashley Parks job. Joby Miller has been doing Farmers' Market, Heritage Days and many other outreach programs. We are starting school vaccinations and running specials on our OOPs and A1C blood draws.

Administrator's Report

Kerri Allen, Administrator

Kerri congratulated Dr. Karen Blakeley on 20 years of service on our Board of Health and Dr. Amy Waschull for 10 years of service. Stefanie Johnson will be celebrating 10 years of being with the health department in August. IDPH has a new appointed leader. June was a busy month for claims. Directors and staff spending out the money on grants that were ending in June. Thanks to Kathy for everything she does to make sure the grants are expended and submitting for reimbursements. We will be going into the new grant year starting July 1, 2022, and they will end on June 30, 2023. Kerri went over the new grants for FY 23 and their amounts. Ben wrote a grant for NACCHO for \$50,000 to help build up the MRC. We plan to hire a part time person to do some recruiting. The next few months we will be doing larger purchases like purchasing a storage shed, carport and having some concrete poured. We need storage for the excess items in the building. Staff are taking some much-needed vacation time. We are seeing burnout in the staff. The staff need to unplug and relax. Kerri will start working on budget for the county board since they want a rough draft by the end of August. We have our Business of the Year plaque in the lobby that we received from the Chamber of Commerce, and we also have our IPLAN certificate from the state on display.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 UPDATES

Ben Thompson gave the Covid updates for McDonough and Schuyler Counties. We have done 97 COVID vaccinations in June, done 54 COVID rapid tests and given out many home test kits provided by the state. We are down to our last box. We are doing clinics on Thursday for 6 months to 5 years of age. Dr. Lockard also has vaccine. We will be doing another clinic on Monday here at the health department from 1 to 7 pm. Ben and Ashley Parks have been working on outbreaks at the long-term care facilities. We did a household waste disposal and had 200 households participate and did a tire collection as well. Ben plans to have a meeting with MDH and WIU about monkeypox.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF NEW ACCOUNT

Kerri told the board that we needed their approval to open a bank credit card so we can submit the paperwork to the bank. We plan to close the Chase credit card and use someone local.

DR. MINITER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BANKCARD THROUGH MORTON COMMUNITY BANK AND ROGER WARD SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN BY ALL MEMEBERS PRESENT AND ALL SAID YES. DR. NICK DOLL AND ANDREA RATERMANN WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTATOR'S EVALUATION

Kerri handed out an evaluation form to each board member to fill out and turn back in. She needs the evaluations back by August 15. Give evaluations to Kathy so she may compile the results and send out to the board members.

BOARD COMMENTS

Terra wants Kerri to attend a County Board meeting so she may introduce herself and give a report. The Board of Health members would like to know when she plans to attend. Kerri though maybe it would be the September 21st meeting. Terra said the meeting are always the third Wednesday of the month. Dr. Waschull said she has heard lots of good comments from patients that have attended the COVID clinics.

Adjourn:

DR. AMY WASCHULL MADE A MOTION AT TO ADJOURN AND WAS SECONDED BY TERRA LITCHFIELD AT 8:07 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathy Cleer
Business Office Manager/CFO

NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Wednesday , September 14, 2022 at 7 pm.