**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

The McDonough County Board of Health meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Andrea Ratermann, President.

**Members Present:** Roger Ward, Dr. Richard Minter, Terra Litchfield, Andrea Ratermann, Holly Norton, Becky Mahr and Dr. Kari Kelso.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Nick Doll.

**Staff Present:** Chris Adams and Jennifer Plate

**Visitors Present:** Nicole Driver (Staff)

**Public Comment:**

No comment was made.

A motion was made to approve the August 14th, 2024, minutes with the corrections. The motion was carried with 7 ayes, 0 nayes and 1 absent.

**Claims:**

Approval of the August 1st- 31st, 2024 was made. The motion was made by Mahr and second by Dr. Minter, motion was carried with 7 ayes, 0 nayes and 1 absent.

**Reports**:

BOH

No reports

County Board

Litchfield commented that the county is currently working on budgets. Litchfield also updated the board on the remodeling and construction at the county courthouse.

Community Health - Jennifer Plate, CH Director

We have 150 high and 420 regular flu vaccine. We have moved the WIU Flu clinic to September 19th. Ran into a problem with former staff not having access to email. We have tried other avenues to get the word out. Flu vaccine clinic is scheduled for September 25th, from 11:30AM to 1PM for county employees. Ordered Covid vaccine, 30 adult and 10 child vaccines to start. Cost was over $5000. Are back to school shots are ending, we had a lot of traffic and ran out of VFC vaccine. Increased the cost for the vaccines to get better reimbursement rates. On September 18th, we will be offering STI testing and will provide end of care testing and provide mpox vaccine. We have two groups of WIU nursing students coming to the department for clinicals and a dietetic student is shadowing WIC. WIC is requiring a designated breastfeed except for every program. Nichole went to ICOT for TB training; TB quarterly meetings will be starting back up. We have a small group meeting for our TB San Board. Attended the WIU Block Party, Nichole was there. Five home HIV kits, 400 condoms, 40 pencils, shopping bags and information distributed. We also hosted an oral health meeting here for the region. There is such a shortage of dentist, and not enough care and we are going to go ahead with a fluoride varnish program with WIC; Jennifer reached out to Dr. Doll, and he agreed it would be a good idea. Julie Bartlow also provides fluoride varnish but only once a year; this program allows the department to provide varnishing three times a year. Dr. Minter commented that if the department see a need in the community, then we should try to help. Dr. Minter also understood that the budget looks good but as a board we need to remember to help the community.

Environmental Health

The EH Division is currently at the FDA Retail Seminar in Rosemont, IL. Stefanie wanted to wish everyone a happy National Food Safety Education Month. Stefanie and Jonathan taught a total of five food handlers’ classes; classes were held at WP High School and MHS. A CFPM class will be held on October 1st-2nd. Between Labor Day and the Ballon Glow the division conducted eight temporary food inspections. EH staff have been working on several INDESS cases. EH Peoria Regional meetings will be picking back up. Stefanie is currently working on water shipping issues and providing nitrate/nitrite sampling in house. Staff had been working with a NCPWS that had a sample violation. The Groundwater Protection Committee will be installing storm drain medallions next month and will be looking at the Blandinsville area. 4 abandoned well inquires, 5 sewage & well check request and sewage and well installations are picking up. Two pools of mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV), one in Macomb and one in Bushnell. Five birds were tested for WNV and all five were negative. A cat was also tested recently for rabies, after an incident with a vet. Staff will be conducting a tick drag next month. September is also National Disaster Preparedness Month; Niki has coordinated a blood drive and preparedness event to help promote awareness.

Administration

Completed the CHPG and submitted the grant application and waiting to hear back from IDPH. Working on completing the audit. Submitted the budget to the county and spoke the committee members there. Will be attending a new administrator training in October. Working on getting the satellite removed located on the south lot. Received a bid to repair the sidewalk at the main entrance. Also working on getting the lights fixed and working with Ameren on an energy grant. Discussion was made about the status of the bylaws and sending updates to the board.

Old Business

Dr. Minter commented that he and Bill Murdock, MDH CEO have tried to recruit physicians to the board.

Member Mahr updated the board on CDARS and suggested talking to Todd Lester at Clocktower Bank to get some ideas. Members of the board agreed that working with Clocktower Bank would be the way to go. Member Litchfield suggested that more information be gathered, and a decision be made on or before the December BOH meeting. Motion was made by Mahr and seconded by Litchfield to start the board of health meetings at 6:30PM. Motion passed seven ayes, 0 nayes and 1 absent.

New Business

Motion was made by Litchfield and seconded by Norton to table the budget for the October meeting. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nayes and 1 absent. FY 2025 holiday schedule was voted on. Motion was made by Minter and seconded by Ward. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nayes and 1 absent. FY 2025 employee benefits were discussed. Minter suggested that if a vaccine is required for an employee, then department should pay for it. Member Ward and Litchfield agreed that employees should pay wholesale for the vaccine at least. Mahr motioned to move MMR and Varivax vaccine to the top of the employee benefits list, seconded by Ward. Motioned carried 7 ayes, 0 nayes, 1 absent.

Motion made by Litchfield and second by Minter to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM.

Next meeting will be held on October 9, 2024, at the McDonough County Health Department at 6:30PM.