**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 2024**

The McDonough County Board of Health meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Andrea Ratermann, President.

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

**Members Absent:** Holly Norton

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Plate, Stefanie Johnson and Chris Adams

**Visitors Present:** Patrick Stout and Nicole Driver (Staff)

**Public Comment:**

No comment was made.

A motion was made to approve September 11, 2024, minutes. The motion was carried with 7 ayes, 0 nayes and 1 absent.

**Claims:**

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

**Reports**:

BOH

President Ratermann extended condolences to the Mahr family.

County Board

Litchfield commented that she participated in the candidate forum for the upcoming election.

Community Health - Jennifer Plate, CH Director

Western Illinois University (WIU) Flu Clinic was held in September. 300 shots were given. Plenty of flu vaccine available. Covid-19 vaccine is available 10 child/ 30 adult doses. RSV vaccine and is very expensive and will not be able to have that on hand. Nichole has been monitoring LTC facilities with Covid-19 outbreaks. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Brandy (RN) had an event at Goodwill and connected potential clients with IBCCP. She will also be going to business on the square and offer pink ribbons to promote awareness. IBCCP has decreased the amount of case management because we have not met the case load. Dental education is underway, and we are coordinating with four schools and waiting to hear if we will be receiving the dental grant. Received 700 toothbrushes from Delta Dental to handout. The WIC Farmers Market Nutrition program is coming to an end. This is a supplement program on top of what they get in WIC. The cash value for fresh produce and canned vegetables for the women breastfeeding and post-partum is between $47-$52 a month and for the children is $26/ month. There is a TB San Board scheduled for November as we get that back on track.

Environmental Health

Stefanie attended the IALEHA meeting in Springfield. IDPH is planning more training for environmental health professionals. The state is looking to host soil events where residents can bring in soil and have it tested for lead using the XRF. Still having EH related communicable disease cases. In the food program we have had several changes of ownerships. We had a food manager’s class last week and had a 100% pass rate. In November we will be holding a LIFE class on food safety. Water programs, sewage and well checks are slowing down and only one behind from last year. Emergency preparedness, Niki held an emergency preparedness fair on the 24th of last month. We rescheduled the blood drive because we did not have enough registered in advance but had information on creating and maintaining a kit for your house and how to volunteer for the MRC. Tick drags, we did not find any ticks but had another one scheduled for Tuesday at the bird sanctuary on Wigwam Hollow Road. We did have a positive WNV bird in September, but all other mosquito batches were negative. Several rabies specimens were sent in for testing. A dog was tested and several bats. Complaints, we are still getting a few but not as many housing. There were five food complaints this month.

Administration

There are two CDs for the medical assistant funds. I wanted to follow from the last meeting, that the claims were higher, but we had $8,000 in food licenses received. Finishing up with an IEPA sharps grant. Finishing up grants and waiting on the state and waiting on the release for the local health protection grant.

Old Business

There is still an opening on the board for a physician. Member Mahr spoke with Clay at Clocktower Bank and he stated that they could move the bank account to 4% interest and we could invest in a three-month CD at 4.8%. The board could re-evaluate it in three months. Motion was made by Minter to move $500,000 to the checking account at 4% and move 1,500, 000 to the CD at 4.8%. The motion was seconded by Litchfield. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent. FY 25 Budget was presented and reviewed by the board. Changes were made to the budget to add $10,000 to contract services. Motion was made by Minter and seconded by Ward to approve the budget with changes and a 3.4% increase in staff salary. Motioned carried 7ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

New Business

FY 2025 BOH meeting dates were discussed and scheduled.

Motion made by Kelso and second by Litchfield to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.

Next meeting will be held on November 13th, 2024, at the McDonough County Health Department at 6:30PM.