**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2025**

The McDonough County Board of Health meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Andrea Ratermann, President.

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

**Members Absent:** Becky Marhr and Holly Norton

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

**Visitors Present:** Kayla Ratermann

**Public Comment:**

No comment was made.

A motion was made by Litchfield and seconded by Ward to approve December 11th, 2024, minutes. Motion carried.

**Claims:**

Approval of December 1st- 31st, 2024 claims were made by Dr. Minter and second by Ward, motion was carried with 7 ayes, 0 nayes and 2 absent.

**Reports**:

BOH

President Ratermann welcomed Dr. Segura to the McDonough County Board of Health.

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Member Litchfield reported that a Solar Ordinance was approved by the Law and Legal Committee and is being sent to the full board next Wednesday.

Community Health - Jennifer Plate, CH Director

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month; we are focusing on messaging with video and social media, along with education in the clinic. Reminder that Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention (IBCCP) can help with navigation and payment for screenings for ages 21-64 years of age. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified Illinois as not meeting the core performance measure for women 30 years or older who have rarely been screen. Exit interview for our Women Infant Child (WIC) audit is scheduled for tomorrow. The WIC Regional Coordinator recently wrote about Alcia Napier (WIC Nurse) in the quarterly newsletter after a recent review. In WIC we had a patient show rate of 82% with 150 visits. Our case load in November 86% always runs two months behind. Still collecting information on our breastfeeding needs assessment; if anybody works with this population, we do have a QR code that allows people to take the survey. The Breast-Feeding Peer-counselor (BFPC) is still holding a breastfeeding class every second Thursday of the month at 9AM. The support group is every Monday from 3:30PM-4:30PM. Very close to closing out the Pertussis outbreak but a recent positive the day before it was eligible for closure will keep it open. Elms is in respiratory outbreak; Covid, RSV and Flu A. The new lead requirement went into effect and will be investigating lead levels now at 3.5 ug/dL instead of 5 ug/dL. Closing out last year dental grant and starting the FY 25 this month and still working on getting fluoride treatments in place. Requested training from the state but have not heard back from them. Will need a standing order to be signed prior to starting the treatments. We completed and billed the state for the Flu clinic in the amount of $20,755.47; and the Flu vaccine cost $17,434.17. Bill does not cover private pay, just those who went to the clinic; does not cover any VFC or 317 doses.

Environmental Health-Stefanie Johnson, EH Director

Conferences and training are picking up for the year and looking for better variety for staff. The Food Forum is almost ready to be sent out to all the food establishments. A food handler training will be taking place next week at the Macomb High School with all three Home Economic classes. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently issued a health alert regarding the uptick in Norovirus outbreaks this year; and wanted to remind providers that work in sensitive occupations (EX: Health care providers and food handlers) cannot return to work until vomiting and diarrhea has resolved for 48 hours. Water program, working on closing out files from last year. Sewage program, newsletters went out electronically this week. Emergency Preparedness, Niki continues to meet with McDonough District Hospital (MDH) on H5N1 preparedness. The recent death of a patient in the US with the same lineage as waterfowl and developed gene mutation more transmissible, after the patient was initial admitted for pink eye and the raw cat food recall that had a 70% mortality rate. There was also a large waterfowl die off in Northern Illinois. Niki is also working with MDH on identifying known exposure to birds, livestock or raw milk. Niki is also working with MDH on their PPE stock to be in line with the CDC H5N1 recommendations. Submitted the quarterly reports for tanning and body art program. Vector program, our first bat was submitted for the year already. It was a cat exposure and not a human exposure; the bat came back negative. Regarding the lead program, lead inspections will be now conducted at 3.5ug/dL instead of 5 ug/dL. January is Radon Action Month and kits are half price; a press release was also sent out this month.

Administration-Chris Adams

The health department is part of a Health Equity Zone (HEZ) grant that was recently awarded within the state. Currently in phase one and working on collaboration with Dr. Bezold at Western Illinois University and Henderson County with the goal to bring more resources to mental health and dental. We have initiated the ISOVLE program process and submitted all the paperwork to continue to move towards a digital employee hourly tracking and onboarding. April 17, 1975, is the official Founder’s Day for the McDonough County Health Department as we celebrate 50 years of service.

Old Business

New Business

Motion made by Litchfield and seconded by Minter to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54PM.

Next meeting will be held on February 12th, 2025, at the McDonough County Health Department at 6:30PM.