**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11th, 2025**

The McDonough County Board of Health meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, June 11th , 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Andrea Ratermann, President.

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

**Members Absent:** Holly Norton, Dr. Segura

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

**Visitors Present:** Seyedali Mousavi and Nicole Driver (staff)

**Public Comment:** No comment was made

**Approval of Minutes**:

A motion was made by Dr. Minter and seconded by Terra Litchfield to approve May 14th, 2025, minutes. Motion carried.

**Claims:**

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

**Reports**:

BOH

No report.

County Board

Member Litchfield reported that the courthouse has been busy with processing the first tax installment and hopefully the first installment of tax levy will be distributed in July.

Community Health - Jennifer Plate, CH Director

We are having a special this month with men’s PSA for only $50. April case load numbers were down a little bit with 90% but still met the goal. July with the new case load number 528. It runs two months behind, so that is an April number. So, in September we will have the numbers for July and that will be lower because we will probably not meet the case load. Outreach events at McArthur, we did the family resource fair in May and will do it again in August. We are going to have a lactation station up at Heritage Days. We usually have a tent, a fan and a rocking chair. We finalized the breastfeeding grant project, and they are working on the bus ad right now. We will be doing infant feeding kits for disasters and relaunch the breastfeeding support group. So, we will be hosting that in August and will have some promotional items to hand out for that. We also received some breastfeeding supplies from MDH. We completed the dental fluoride treatment training last week. Waiting to hear back from our billing services on what we can charge. We get $27.30 from Medicaid, and we will look at charging $30.00. Hoping to start next week. When I went to apply for the dental grant, I found out that we could not apply because we had already received the grant within a two-year period. They did point out another grant, but it is to support a community support worker for dental education, and this is going to be pretty competitive and that will be due on the 30th. Back to school immunization clinic will be held here on 7/16 from 10AM to 6PM. Mandy Kreps reached out to us to hold a back-to-school fair and have two MDH physicians doing physicals and hopefully we will be doing the immunizations. That will take place on August 5th. We are working with the state to get approval for an off-site clinic, and we ordered new data loggers, but the state will not approve until we have the certificate from company and hoping it will fall into place. Today Nicole gave her poster presentation and graduated from her year long course new to public health.

Environmental Health-Stefanie Johnson, EH Director

Summer intern started on the 28th but left after three days to seek out another internship. Conducted a wellness walk at the Wigwam Hollow Bird Sanctuary it was conducted on a Saturday and 15 people attended. We discussed topics such as West Nile virus, tick safety and water safety. Ashley was there and talked about community health side of things like hydration and blood pressure and stuff. Had someone come in with a tick on Monday that they believed they may have picked up on the walk. Chipotle and Archies are now open. We also have a mobile truck opening soon called Fat Daddy BBQ. No changes to the pending places. We had a couple of closure last week Chubby’s, and Subway in Bushnell closed. Feeding Forgottonia has not been active in a while and decided not to renew. The concessions stand in Colchester decided to sell only prepackage food which does not require a license. The Pho place, Palermo’s Pizza and Subs also closed. The Grill on Market Street also closed. Temporary events, we have been busy with those. There are going to be 13 vendors, and they are looking to inspect 10 vendors there. The state health department sent out a memo that we are overusing water labs, and they only want water samples coming in for new wells or someone with an illness related to their water source. We are looking into the cost with the private lab we use for nitrate sampling and the cost is going up. A private resident the cost per sample is $75 and we charged $20. We are looking into it, and they stated they could make a deal with us possibly. Sewer medallions were installed today with the 4-H Club in Blandinsville today. Installed 20 medallions around the town. We are average with installation and sewage and well checks. The third tick drag for the spring was conducted at Horn Field Campus on the second and ended up getting eight ticks there. That brings us up to 78 ticks for the spring. We are planning on doing one more for the intern to gain experience. West Nile trapping and testing, we tested the mosquitoes for the Hancock County Health Department as well and their first positive on May 13th. We had positive batches May 27 and June 2nd both from Bushnell. Getting the new Macomb trap set up next week. PHEP tabletop exercise on the 29th focused on communication and thought it brought up some good ideas and introduced staff to that kind of stuff. Body art stuff, we are finishing up our inspections for the fiscal year. We did get a complaint about someone operating in town who is a new artist but not registered and operating in their house. We are getting lead cases trickling in, but it is getting harder to get a hold of the property owner or schedule a visit. Nuisance complaints are average for what we usually get but will be picking up for the spring and summer. We have had 37 food complaints this year and that is a 33% increase in the food complaints compared to last year and that is with a 9% decrease in food facilities.

Administration-Chris Adams

Jennifer Plate was nominated as Employee of the Year by her peers. The sidewalk was redone to remove the trip hazard and looking to replace the old railing with new to make it look better. Picked up parking tape from the county highway to restripe the parking lot. Looking at placing the handicap spot as the first spot and then the expecting mother’s spot closer to the tree. Heritage Days, Kathleen Markey is the grand marshal for the parade and as everyone knows she was the first nurse/ director for the department back in 1975. We are looking for someone to donate a truck for the parade that we could walk behind for the event. If anybody is interested, line up for the parade is like 9 or 9:30 with the parade starting at 10. Member Ratermann stated that they usually line up around 9:30-9:45. At this time I want to turn it over to Nicole Driver as she will present to the board the IPLAN per the requirements of the submission. Nicole Driver: Once the letters of approval are obtained the letters will be included in the IPLAN which is then submitted to IDPH before August 26th, 2025, to allow for review and approval. Right now, I’m just going over the list to make sure the rubric has been completed. As part of the IPLAN we have been working on addressing the needs of the county. If there are any questions, I can entertain them tonight regarding IPLAN. The IPLAN letter of submission was signed by the president of the board on June 11th at the meeting.

Motion made by Minter and second by Litchfield to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06PM.

Next meeting will be held on July 9th, 2025, at the McDonough County Health Department at 6:30PM.