**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14th , 2025**

The McDonough County Board of Health meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, May 14th , 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Andrea Ratermann, President.

**Members Present:** Dr. Kelso, Becky Mahr, Andrea Ratermann, Holly Norton, Dr. Segura

**Members Absent:** Terra Litchfield, Dr. Minter, Roger Ward, Dr. Doll

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Plate

**Visitors Present:**

**Public Comment:** No comment was made

**Approval of Minutes**:

A motion was made by Dr. Kelso and seconded by Dr. Segura to approve April 9th , 2025, minutes. Motion carried.

**Claims:**

Approval of April 1st -31st claims were made by Dr. Kelso and second by Dr. Segura, motion was carried with 5 ayes, 0 nayes and 4 absent.

**Reports**:

BOH

Member Mahr thought the 50th anniversary ribbon cutting was very nice and went well.

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No report.

Community Health - Jennifer Plate, CH Director

WIC caseload was at 94% for March. Received grant numbers, increase of $19,570 for total grant of $130,944, and an increase in caseload of 66 people. Four attendees at the WIC conference in April went well and received plenty of education. BF promotion funds moving forward must have budget in by the end of the month. Up to $5000. Marketing, partnerships and emergency preparedness for maternal child populations. BF stats improved this quarter: Q1 36.4%, Q2 40.1% and Q3 42.1%; state rate 42.3%. Surge in IBCCP patients; three people that were symptomatic have received services recently. So, you will have some claims coming through again as we pay the bills. CD-everyone has seen the surge in measles ongoing. They won’t send testing supplies until there is suspected case in the county. Otherwise, we are prepared for an outbreak. County partner meetings are going to resume tomorrow. Tobacco and vaping education are going on for Macomb 8th grade. I just completed and turned in the grant for FY26. Same funding amount. I told you last month about initiating fluoride in June. Now, there is an IDPH grant that is for offering fluoride treatments. Since we have not officially started, we are going to try to apply for that also. Just must make sure we do not double dip. Lead cases that meet the 3.5-5 threshold, so far are 6, significant increase in caseload with that change.

Environmental Health-Stefanie Johnson, EH Director

Summer intern interviews underway, they would start their internship June 2nd. Food- New facilities Day Drinks mobile, The Breakfast House (formerly Cathy’s), OH Sourdough (using Bailey House kitchen). Pending: Archie’s (maybe this weekend?), Lali’s Discount Liquor (milk and bread), Chipotle (opening May 28th), CBPB popcorn shop, Rocky’s (walk- thru January 23rd, 2025). Power outage on Easter in Good Hope, inspections (Monday morning); WP North Elementary and gas station convenience store affected with minimal food losses. Temporary events are keeping us busy. Bushnell May Days & Blandinsville Farmer’s Picnic earlier this month. Sodbuster Days and Heritage Days are coming soon, with lots of smaller ones & food trucks in-between. Jonathan is providing an FHT at The Villas in Bushnell this month at their all-staff meeting. Last week was Drinking Water Week! Our table at Farm King & table one morning at J & M Building Supply in Colchester this year (suggested by Niki): 52 test kits given out (25 given out in 2024). May is Lyme Disease Awareness month. Spring tick drags #1 (April 14th), hiking trails at Lake Argyle, 28 ticks collected: deer, lone star, & dog ticks. Spring tick drags #2 (May 5th), Wigwam Hollow Bird Sanctuary, 42 ticks collected: lone star & dog ticks, many of which were larvae and difficult for us to ID in house. Our final Spring tick drag is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 2nd at Horn Field Campus pending permission. Then the 3 vials will be sent to IDPH for identification and testing. Larvae are not tested as they usually do not bite humans. Jonathan attended the IDPH, April 22nd Springfield Vector Surveillance Training & got some good tips. He also won a box of RAMP testing cartridges in a prize drawing ($2000 value)! WNV trapping and testing began May 1st. The motor & housing of the trap in the tree line at a park in Macomb was stolen, so we’re trying a less conspicuous location. Our RAMP tests are already registering above 10 units (minimum reporting limit) at 17.2-27.3 units. 30 units is considered positive. We tested a positive batch for Hancock County on May 13th. Niki NACCHO Preparedness Summit April 28th-May 1st. Last week LHD Preparedness Executive Advisory Group Meeting/PH &Healthcare Summit; Capstone tabletop exercise scheduled for May 29th at the MCHD. Jonathan will be teaching a Radon educational course for WIU’s Learning is Forever program. Community partners meeting tomorrow at the MCHD.

Administration-Chris Adams

Please plan on taking a BOH picture at the June meeting. Going to use it for the updated annual report. Kathleen Markey will be this year’s grand marshal for the Heritage Days parade. Starting at the next meeting we will print the first cover of the bank statement in order to save on cost.

Motion made by Norton and second by Mahr to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Next meeting will be held on June 11th , 2025, at the McDonough County Health Department at 6:30PM.