

MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Andrea Ratermann, President.

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

Members Absent: Dr. Nick Doll and Holly Norton

Staff Present: Chris Adams and Stephanie Johnson

Visitors Present: Patick Stout, Joby Miller, Nicole Driver

Public Comment: No comment was made.

A motion was made by Ward to approve the March 13th, 2024, minutes. The motion carried with all in favor

Claims: Litchfield moved to approve March 1 st - 31 st , 2024, claims with the exception of 1 claim to be corrected. Mahr seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Reports:

Financial

Regarding the department's savings, Mahr raised the question of looking into certificates of deposit to earn greater interest. The matter is to be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

Environmental Health

Administrator, Chris Adams, introduced Stephanie Johnson as the new Environmental Health director. Environmental health has conducted a few trainings in house. They are setting up a tick drag soon. Well testing kits will be available soon.

May 12- 18 is food allergy awareness week.

Community Health

The department received \$10,000 from the state for STI testing to be used by June 30th and the FY 25 award will increase to \$30,000. Last week the department partnered with Beu for a "Get Yourself Tested" event that the department does annually. Thirty-two students were tested and provided with sexual health kits.

The WIC caseload remains about 90%.

Dental health initiatives are underway. A full day was spent at Bushnell elementary school for oral health education.

The department is still waiting on the state to advance the Tobacco grant. Joby will be leaving in June and she is working on training other staff on the programs she performs.

New doctor packets are going out this week with updated information.

Niki reported that engagement on social media has recently increased regarding community health services.

Administration

Community health advisory meetings are taking place in Macomb, Bushnell, Colchester, and Blandinsville.

The department is working on getting the sharps disposal program back.

Old Business:

The board of health is still in need of a physician to join the board. Dr. Minter and Member Ratermann are going to follow up with a couple leads and will report back next meeting.

The department is still going over data for IPLAN to see what the community feels like priorities should be in community health. The deadline for the survey was April 11.

New Business: none

Board comments: Member raised the question whether the board was considering upgrading the parking lot this year. Administrator Adams said the department is currently ADA compliant, but certain parts of the parking lot are not level. It may be something the board looks at next year.

Dr. Minter moved to adjourn the meeting. Litchfield Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. The next meeting is to be held May 8, 2024, at 7 pm in the board room at the McDonough County Health Department.