**Berrien County Board of Health**

**MINUTES**

**January 14, 2020 | 12:30 PM**

The Berrien County Board of Health met at the Berrien County Health Department on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. William Nash, Chairman |  | Dr. William Grow |
| Jimmy Parker, Vice-Chairman |  | Dwain Butler |
| Deree Nix, Secretary |  | Teresa Giles |
| Mayor Michael Richbourg |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Judge Christina Allen |  | Dana Watson |
| Robin Marcrum |  | Lee Meeks |
| Cassandra McCoy |  | Debbie Tomlinson |

**Call to Order**

Dr. William Nash called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

**Public Comments**

* Mayor Taylor Scarbrough was welcomed to the Board.

**Approval of October 29, 2019 Minutes (Attachment)**

* Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the October 29, 2019 minutes as presented. Deree Nix seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Business**

**Financial Information – Teresa Giles (Attachments)**

**Revenue and Expense Summary**

* Ms. Giles reviewed the Revenue and Expense Summary for July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. Berrien is through the first half of the fiscal year and is in good financial shape.
* Revenue collections are good, and fees have increased approximately 8.5% through December of 2019.
* Budget meetings will be held with the nurse managers and the end of the month to discuss the current budget and make projections for FY2021. There will be another revision to the budget before the next meeting.
* Dr. Grow commended Berrien on doing a good job.

**Public Health Update – William Grow, MD, FACP (Attachment)**

* Dr. Grow noted that the peak of flu season in Georgia is almost over and indicated that the flu has been quite severe on children this year.
* The legislative session began January 13, 2020 at which time the public health budget will be presented to the governor this week. Dr. Toomey will hold a teleconference Friday to discuss the outcome.
* Dr. Grow announced Dr. Toomey’s visit to the district during Employee Development Day held October 10, 2019.
* Adjustments have been made on the district and county levels to address the governor’s request for a six percent budget cut. At this time, those cuts should be absorbed without a lot of problems.
* The Board was informed of a Mind and Body Wellness Health Fair scheduled for February 29, 2020 at the Leroy Rogers Senior Citizens Center in Tifton. During the health fair, free screenings will be provided (weight/BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol and hemoglobin A1C). Dr. Grow, Elsie Napier and Traci Gosier will also provide brief presentations about dementia/Alzheimer’s, hypertension and diabetes as well as nutrition and exercise. A light lunch will also be provided. This event has been advertised in local newspapers throughout the community, including Berrien.

**Health Department Update – Dana Watson, RN (Attachment)**

* Ms. Watson presented the final school flu vaccination numbers. A total of 557 shots were given during this year’s project at a 17.5% penetration rate. The CDC target rate is 35%. Dr. Grow added there is no way to determine how many children received their flu vaccinations because not all the vaccinations are entered into the GRITS system and it is likely that more than 17.5% were vaccinated.
* Ms. Watson mentioned receiving a request from the school nurse at the high school to provide meningitis vaccination clinic at the school and that she would follow-up with her supervisor to determine if assisting with this request is possible.
* The health department will participate in the career fair if the high school schedules one for this year.
* Ms. Watson indicated she would like to hold a no-fee STD clinic in April for STD Awareness Month.

**Environmental Update – Lee Meeks, Environmentalist (Attachments)**

* Mr. Meeks presented the yearly summary as well as environmental health activities for October 1, 2019 – January 13, 2020 and noted that overall most food service facilities he has inspected are doing well.
* The well permitting process was reviewed along with the water sampling process. Information about disinfecting wells that test positive was also outlined.

**Announcements**

* Dr. Grow mentioned the Georgia Public Health Association’s next meeting and conference scheduled for May 6-8, 2020 on Jekyll Island.
* The date for the legislative breakfast is be announced.
* The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Judge Allen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deree Nix, Secretary

Debbie Tomlinson, Typist