The Turner County Board of Health met by conference call at Noon on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Odis Reese, Chairman | Mayor Sandra Lumpkin | Dr. William R. Grow |
| Dr. Kimberly Massey |  | Dwain Butler |
| Brad Calhoun, Secretary |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Dr. Michael Dent, Vice-Chairman |  | Teresa Giles |
| Craig Matthews |  | MaryAnne Sturdevan |
|  |  | Gayle McKissack |
|  |  | Allie Pridgen |
|  |  | Brooke Pearson |

**Call to Order**

* Mr. Reese called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of May 26, 2021 Minutes**

* Dr. Dent made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthews. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Financial Information** – **Teresa Giles (See attachments)**

* Ms. Giles presented the Turner County Health Department’s Revenue and Expense Summary, noting a revision to the budget in the amount of $158,285.06 to reflect changes in prior year fees and administrative claiming.

**Public Health Updates – William R. Grow, MD, FACP**

* Dr. Grow provided an overview of the district’s COVID-19 update, outlining county activities and provided an update in Turner County’s case and vaccination rates. Approximately 49% of Turner’s population has received at least one COVID vaccine and 40% are fully vaccinated. Dr. Grow also indicated the surge in cases is in the unvaccinated.
* Dr. Grow encouraged the Board to follow masking recommendations and to not let their guard down. Vaccinations were also strongly recommended.
* Third dose vaccinations are anticipated sometime in September. Those with weakened immune systems and other identified situations will be the first to receive this dose.
* The governor approved a vaccine holiday to allow state staff to be vaccinated. Turner will be closed September 6, 2021 and September 7, 2021.

**Nurse Manager’s Report – Mary Anne Sturdevan (See Attached)**

* Ms. Sturdevan announced COVID testing is available every day. Staff tested 465 from August 1, 2021 to August 24, 2021. Symptomatic individuals are to schedule appointments to be tested.
* The front doors of the health department are still locked. Patients and other visitors may call to be screened before allowed entry.
* Dr. Grow noted the staff at Turner have done a stellar job and are appreciated for what they are doing in their community.

**Environmental Health Update – Brook Pearson (See Attached)**

* Ms. Pearson reviewed the environmental health report for the Turner County Health Department, noting no known issues.
* Staff have been assisting with testing and vaccinations as needed.

**Announcements**

* There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

* The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brad Calhoun, Board Secretary

Gayle McKissack, Typist