The Tift County Board of Health met Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. by conference call.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Raymond Moreno, Chairman | Alice Archie, LPN | William R. Grow, MD, FACP |
| Tina Moody RN | Mayor Julie Smith, Secretary | Patrina Bowles |
| Melissa Hughes | Adam Hathaway | Teresa Giles |
| Charlotte Bedell, Vice-Chairman |  | Mecca Lewis |
|  |  | April Robinson |
|  |  | Jill Reade |
|  |  | Tony Quinney/Herring Group |
|  |  | Kristy Dominy/Diversified |
|  |  | Danny Hoover/Diversified |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Raymond Moreno called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of August 2, 2022 Minutes**

* Ms. Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moody. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Business – Teresa Giles**

* Ms. Giles provided the Tift County Health Department’s Revenue and Expense Summary through November 30, 2022, noting no problems with the budget.
* The budget was adjusted to reflect indirect cost expenses not previously calculated.

**Public Health Updates – Dr. William Grow**

* Dr. Grow announced a decrease in COVID cases down to a good level, citing a dramatic drop since the last reporting.
* Both flu and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) are surging among children. Flu cases increased this year compared to the last two years.
* Dr. Grow thanked the Board for attending the Legislative Breakfast held at the Tift County Board of Education. Representatives Penny Houston and Clay Pirkle were both in attendance.
* Health departments are almost back to operating and providing services as they were three years ago.

**Nurse Manager – Mecca Reeves**

* Tift County Health Department is continuing to provide COVID vaccines and boosters.
* The new registered nurse started at the health department in January.
* School vaccinations were completed but the turnout was not as expected.

**Environmental Update**

* Environmental Health Restaurant Food Service reports were included in the packet.

**Diversified Enterprises FY 2022 Audit Report**

* Mr. Tony Quinney presented Diversified Enterprises’ FY2022 Audit Report and informed the Board of a clean and unqualified opinion and no problems with internal controls.
* The only finding noted was with segregation of duties, which is difficult to overcome, considering Diversified’s small number of personnel.
* Diversified has a total net position of $773,000.

**Vote to accept Diversified Enterprises FY2022 Audit Report**

* Ms. Hughes made a motion to accept Diversified Enterprises FY2022 Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moody. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Diversified Enterprises Update – Kristy Dominy and Danny Hoover**

* Ms. Dominy reported a turnover rate trending lower than the past year. There are still vacancies within Diversified that are not yet filled.
* Diversified is still on good ground with approximately $1,000,000 in the bank.
* Ms. Dominy reported Diversified staff are still receiving the $5,000 increases.
* Mr. Hoover added Diversified has been working on workforce crisis advocacy.
* The Senate Study Committee on People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities recommendations will be released in mid-December to help solidify the need for a rate increase that moves wages from $10.63 to a livable wage. The study committee has held three hearings to look at various ways to reform waiver services, including addressing the crisis and waiting list. Mr. David Wilber is attending the legislative retreat to advocate for a rate increase.
* The Director’s committee will begin interviewing for the Director’s position the beginning of 2023 with external and internal candidates.

**Announcements**

* There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

* Dr. Moreno adjourned the meeting at 12:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Smith, Board Secretary

April Robinson, Typist