**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MINUTES | BUDGET MEETING**

**June 27, 2023**

The Cook County Board of Health met Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the Cook County Health Department.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Tom Fausett, Chairman | Shelva Keeley, Vice-Chairman | Mark J. Eanes, MD, MBA |
| Debra Robinson-McKenney – Secretary | Terry McClain | Dwain Butler |
| Col. (Ret.) Ronald Mitchell |  | Teresa Giles |
| Mayor Bubby Duke |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Dr. Tim Dixon |  | Jennifer Wingertsahn |
|  |  | Rebecca Allgood |
|  |  | Danielle Hurst |
|  |  | Beth Magsanay |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Fausett called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Introductions**

* Dr. Mark J. Eanes was introduced to the Board as the new district health director and provided a brief summary of Dr. Eanes’ background and history with both public health and the Lowndes County Board of Health.
* Dr. Eanes thanked the Cook County Board of Health for their reliability to the Board and encouraged them to reach out to him with their needs or concerns.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of April 18, 2023, Minutes (Attached)**

* Col. (Ret.) Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Robinson-McKenney. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Business**

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

* Ms. Giles reviewed the Cook County Health Department’s Revenue and Expense Summary for July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023. The budget is approximately 89% spent with one week left fin the fiscal year. Some revisions have been made to determine projections for the next fiscal year.
* The Cook County Health Department’s FY2023 Proposed Budget was presented. The budget increased approximately $33,000 from the previous year due to salary increases. County participating funds are $26,020 and non-participating funds are $48,980. Proposes resources are projected at $660,215. Cook is projected to use $38,079 to balance the budget.
* Ms. Giles concluded Cook’s budget is on track with last year’s budget and currently has approximately 6.7 months of operating expenses.
* Mayor Duke made a motion to approve the Cook County Health Department’s FY2024 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Robinson-McKenney. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Public Health Updates – Dwain Butler**

* Mr. Butler began by welcoming Dr. Eanes as the new district health director.
* Dr. Eanes provided the Board with his contact information and noted he can be contacted if any outreach is needed in the Cook community.
* COVID services have slowed, and numbers have decreased throughout the district. An opportunity to speak with groups and clubs is appreciated to help increase numbers and to share information about health department services.
* Jennifer Wingertsahn, program manager for the district’s Opioid and Substance Misuse Response Program provided an update on activities in the Cook County area. Ms. Wingertsahn informed the board of six opioid-related overdose deaths and 36 overdose emergency room visits in Cook County between 2017 and 2021. Ms. Wingertsahn’s contact information was provided and an offer to provide outreach as well as training and education to anyone in the community was extended. Currently, the program has Narcan nasal spray available to persons or contacts of persons at high risk of overdose. A supply of free medication disposal pouches available to the public.

**Nurse Manager’s Report – Rebecca Allgood (Attachment)**

* Ms. Allgood informed the Board the health department has some of the medication disposal pouches available for anyone wishing to dispose of old or expired medications.
* Clinic services have decreased since the end of school; however, calls for appointments for Ear, Eye, Dental and Nutrition (EEDN) screenings have been increasing over the last few weeks.
* Ms. Allgood informed the Board of several trainings and conference attended since the April meeting, including the Georgia Public Health Association’s meeting May 3-5, 2023 on Jekyll Island; a statewide mass shelter training in Dublin May 9-10, 2023, which included policy and procedure review, mass sheltering procedures and a full-scale shelter-opening exercise; and two RNs attended the Region L tabletop exercise for local emergency shelter planning on June 2, 2023.

**Environmental Update –Danielle Hurst – (Attachments)**

* Ms. Hurst reviewed environmental health activity from April 18, 2023 – June 15, 2023.
* Billing for the new fiscal year will be going out in July.
* Ms. Hurst informed the Board of a call from a local veterinarian regarding a horse suspected to be infected with rabies or Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). The owner refused the rabies test but was willing to have the horse tested for EEE. Results are pending.
* Cook County currently has 79 food establishments, seven tourist accommodations, one body art permit and three public swimming pools.

**Announcements**

* Col. (Ret.) Mitchell shared a report from Family Connections titled “Neighborhood Matters”. This report focused on inequities and challenged faced by many residents living in the western census tract of Cook County including affordable transportation, run down housing, poverty, school dropout rates and drugs. Community leaders were encouraged to be more proactive in making changes so the community may thrive.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business, Dr. Fausett adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Debra Robinson-McKenney, Board Secretary

Beth Magsanay, Typist