

Lowndes County of Board of Health
November 14, 2017
Minutes

Members Present

Dr. Mark Eanes, Chairman
Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Randy Smith, Secretary
Mayor John Gayle
Wes Taylor
Myron Faircloth

Members Absent

Bill Slaughter

Others Present

Dr. William R. Grow
Tad Williams
Sherrie White
Teresa Giles
Kyle Coppage
Patrina Bowles
Norma Jean Johnson
Brenda Nash
Laronia Burnett

Call to Order

- A meeting of the Lowndes County Board of Health was held Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. in the large conference room at the Lowndes County Health Department.

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Approval of September 26, 2017 Minutes (Attached)

- The minutes from the September 26, 2017 Lowndes County Board of Health meeting were approved with no opposition.

Business

Public Health Updates – William R. Grow, MD, FACP (Attached)

- The 2018 Board of Health Meeting Schedule was provided. Dr. Eanes reminded the Board that the July meeting has been canceled.
- The Georgia Public Health Association's annual meeting will be held April 4-6, 2018 on Jekyll Island. For those wishing to attend, registration will be pre-paid and all other expenses will be reimbursed. Patrina Bowles should be contacted if interested.

Nurse Manager's Report – Norma Jean Johnson (Attached)

- Lowndes is in the process of hiring two RNs. Two current nurses are transitioning from full-time to part-time status to pursue nurse practitioner degrees.
- All first doses of the flu vaccine will be administered on November 16, 2017 at Valdosta High School. Approximately 1,965 doses have been administered to students and staff in Lowndes County schools.

Environmental Health Update – Kyle Coppage (Attached)

- The Environmental Health Activity and Inspection report was presented. The Great Wall restaurant was closed for a rodent infestation. The restaurant had to do a deep cleaning, have retraining and a required inspection before opening. Astro Exterminating Services were also required.
- The Board was asked to consider the adoption of the rules and regulations regarding rabies control. Mr. Coppage informed the Board that there were no major changes to these rules and regulations. Dr. Randy Smith made a motion to adopt the rules and regulations regarding rabies control. Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Dr. Eanes then signed the required documentation.

Financial Information – Sherrie White (Attached)

- The Revenue and Expense Summary through October 31, 2017; Fee Income Chart and Five-Year Fee History were reviewed.
- Dr. Grow updated the Board on the health department’s transition to M&M. All agree that the system has decreased the amount of paperwork staff have to complete.
- Family Planning income has decreased throughout the District.
- Medicaid income has also decreased, which may be due to clients returning to their physician for services rather than the health department after receiving Medicaid. Some clients are also opting for long-acting contraceptives which have a term life of three, five, or ten years.
- Lowndes’ budget is in good shape overall.
- Dr. Grow announced Sherrie White’s retirement effective December 31, 2017 and he expressed what an exceptional employee she is.

Announcements

- Dr. Grow informed Dr. Eanes that his reappointment will be considered by the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.
- Dr. Grow informed the Board that Partnership for Health’s outstanding debt to the Lowndes County Board of Health has been paid. John Sparks is now the only Partnership employee on the District’s payroll; however, he should be coming off soon.
- Dr. Eanes announced that Myron Faircloth submitted his resignation from the Lowndes County Board of Health to Paige Dukes.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Randy Smith, Board Secretary
Brenda Nash, Typist