

**ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
February 20, 2018**

The Echols County Board of Health met at the Echols County Health Department on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present
Evelyn Howell, Chairman
Dianne Richardson
Lance Heard

Members Absent
Bobby Walker
Brenda Corbett

Others Present
Dr. William Grow
Tad Williams
Teresa Giles
Missy Pollock
Blake Lowery
Rachel Rogers
Vicky Carter

Call to Order

- Evelyn Howell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of August 15, 2017 Minutes (See attachment)

- Lance Heard made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2017 meeting. Diane Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business:

Financial Information – Teresa Giles (See attachments)

- The Revenue and Expense Summary was reviewed. The budget is in good shape overall.
- Ms. Giles also presented the health department's fee income history.
- There was discussion on purchasing an iPad, incentives prizes for Echols' Ear, Eye and Dental Day, and a vision screening machine for the health department. Mrs. Rogers will send Ms. Giles a price list.

FY2017 Audit Report (See attachment)

- Ms. Giles informed the Board that there were no exceptions or instances of non-compliance with the FY2017 Audit Report.
- Evelyn Howell made a motion to approve the Echols County Board of Health's FY2017 Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Lance Heard. All were in favor and the vote was unanimous.

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

- Dr. Grow presented the District's Flu Vaccination Project summary. Flu vaccine was offered to the uninsured and underinsured population at each health department in the District from January 30, 2018 - February 9, 2018. A total of 724 vaccines were given.

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- Enterprise System Modernization (ESM) has gone back to the drawing board on a statewide public health electronic health record system. In the meantime, our district has gone to the Mitchell McCormick computer system.
 - The District is close to implementing a centralized call center for WIC scheduling.
 - Senate Bill 329 is presently before the legislators. This will give sovereign immunity to boards of health.
 - The Georgia Public Health Association Conference will be held April 4-6, 2018 on Jekyll Island. Contact Patrina Bowles at the District to register. Evelyn Howell states she has registered.

Women's Health Presentation

- Missy Pollock presented Family Planning information to the Board with emphasis on Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs). The District will also participate in the statewide campaign "Discover the Power of Planning" to promote LARCs.

Nurse Manager' Report – Rachel Rogers, RN

- The health department is again planning an Ear, Eye and Dental day for Pre-K and Kindergarten registration.
- Echols had good success with the Flu Vaccination Project. Flu shots were offered to all patients.
- An outreach program is being planned for patients seen for prenatal post-partum care at the Farm Workers Clinic to educate them on the Family Planning program.

Environmental Health Update (see attachments)

- Blake Lowery presented the Environmental Health update with the Food Facility Inspection report as well as the number of environmental services for the year 2017 and up to February 15, 2018. There have been four new facilities opened this year.
- The proposed environmental fee increases will be presented to the county commissioners at their March meeting for approval.

Announcements

- Evelyn Howell announced the schedule for the next board of health meetings.
- There were no other announcements.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Corbett, Board Secretary
Vicky Carter, Typist