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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Mark Eanes, Chairman | Wes Taylor | Dr. William R. Grow |
| Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson, Vice-Chairman |  | Tad Williams |
| Dr. Randy Smith, Secretary |  | Dwain Butler |
| Mayor John Gayle |  | Teresa Giles |
| Bill Slaughter |  | Norma Jean Johnson |
| Dr. Frances Brown |  | Kyle Coppage |
|  |  | Aaron Darnell |
|  |  | Patrina Bowles |
|  |  | Tracy Southers |
|  |  | Brenda Nash |
|  |  | Brenda Gordon |

**Call to Order**

* A meeting of the Lowndes County Board of Health was held Tuesday, January 29, 2019 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 November 27, 2018 Minutes (Attached)**

* Mayor Gayle made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Frances Brown. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Business**

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

* Dr. Grow introduced Dwain Butler as the new District Program Manager/Deputy Director, who replaced Tad Williams.
* The Board was informed that things were quiet at the state office; however, Dr. O’Neal, if requested by Governor Kemp, indicated he would continue to serve as commissioner or return to his former position as director of emergency preparedness if he does not remain as commissioner.
* State offices are closed today and will also be closed the following Monday – Wednesday due to the Superbowl, which is being held in Atlanta. State employees will work remotely.
* Lowndes County Board of Health officers are scheduled to be elected for 2019 and 2020. Mayor Gayle made a motion for all officers to remain the same: Dr. Mark Eanes as Chairman, Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson as Vice-Chairman and Dr. Randy Smith as secretary. Mr. Slaughter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

* Ms. Giles presented the Revenue and Expense Summary for July 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.
* County funds are on track with 25% of Grant-in-Aid funds received.
* There is nothing new to report and the budget is in good shape overall.

**Nurse Manager’s Report – Norma Jean Johnson (Attached)**

* Ms. Johnson provided a staffing update indicating one vacant RN and one vacant LPN position. Two full-time RNs were hired and are scheduled to begin February 1, 2019 and February 18, 2019. There are currently three full-time RNs with Family Planning, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Child Health and Breast Test and More protocols.
* Tracy Southers presented an overview of Vital Records’ role in the THC Oil Program, which was signed into law April 16, 2015. This law qualifies certain individuals with eligible diseases to legally possess up to 20 fluid ounces of Low THC oil. Since implementation, 10,000 cards have been issued throughout Georgia. Lowndes’ Vital Records office has issued 220 cards, generating $5,500 in fees. Dr. Smith asked if possessing this card protects the individual from arrest by the state and federal police. Ms. Southers indicated that it protects from arrest by the state police. Dr. Eanes asked where the product can be obtained, and Ms. Southers noted that only the cards are issued through the health department and that Vital Records has no knowledge of where the product may be obtained.

**Environmental Health Update – Kyle Coppage (Attached)**

* Kyle Coppage presented and reviewed the Environmental Health Activity Report for November 27, 2018 – January 18, 2019.
* Aaron Darnell discussed Voluntary National Regulatory Program Standards and funding available through affiliated grants with the Board.

**Announcements**

* Mr. Slaughter mentioned he and Gayle met with Moody representatives and during that discussion, the matter of reciprocity of licensing for military dependent spouses was one of the topics brought to the table, specifically as it relates to nurses.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Randy Smith, Board Secretary

Brenda Nash, Typist