

# COOK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

## MINUTES

January 15, 2019 | 12:00 PM

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The Cook County Board of Health met at the Cook County Health Department on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

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### Members Present

Dr. Tom Fausett, Chairman  
Mayor Buddy Duke  
Debra Robinson  
William Greene  
Tim Dixon

### Members Absent

Shelva Keeley, Secretary

### Others Present

Dr. William Grow  
Tad Williams  
Patrina Bowles  
Teresa Giles  
Rebecca Allgood  
Tabias Newsome  
Beth Magsanay  
Judge Chase Daughtrey

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### Call to Order

- Dr. Tom Fausett called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

### Public Comments

- Tim Dixon was introduced as the new superintendent of Cook County Schools and sworn in by Judge Chase Daughtrey from the Cook County Probe Court.
- Dr. Grow introduced Dwain Butler as the District Program Manager/Deputy Health Director.

### Approval of June 19, 2018 Minutes

- William Greene made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2018 budget meeting as presented. Mayor Buddy Duke seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### Business

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

- Ms. Giles presented the health department's Revenue and Expense Summary for July 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 and made note to additions in revenue.
- Because of a class action lawsuit filed by another party against Stericycle, Cook received \$2,949. The District currently uses GoGreen for biohazard waste removal.
- The health department received \$350 from PeachState. This amount was based on the number of clients seen at the health department.
- Ms. Giles indicated the health department is in good shape, fully staffed and expenses look good for the budget.

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

- Dr. Grow announced that Dr. O'Neal is still the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health and that a new commissioner has not yet been appointed.

- The Board was informed that officers needed to be elected for 2019 and 2020. Dr. Fausett opened the floor for nominations. William Greene made a motion to elect Dr. Tom Fausett as chairman. Mayor Buddy Duke seconded the motion. Dr. Fausett accepted the nomination. All were in favor and the motion passed. Mayor Buddy Duke nominated Shelva Keeley as Vice-Chairman. Ms. Debra Robinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. William Greene made a motion to elect Debra Robinson as Secretary. Mayor Duke seconded the motion. Ms. Robinson accepted the nomination. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Dr. Grow announced the vacant position of Advocate for Needy, Underprivileged or Elderly is vacant due to the passing of Mr. Fausett. Dr. Fausett suggested if there are no nominations at this time the Board consider the recommendation to the county commission at the next board of health meeting.

#### **Nurse Manager's Report – Rebecca Allgood (Attachment)**

- Ms. Allgood provided the summary for the school flu vaccination project and noted that 693 vaccinations were administered to students and 110 to staff with a penetration rate of 22.11%.
- The health department participated in several events in the community. Ms. Allgood mentioned that being on the “Baby Hornets” program through the school allowed linkages for the community to be aware of health department services. Activities and events the health department participated in includes: Day for Divas held at the middle school on October 20, 2018; the Right from the Start Medicaid employee met with the staff to discuss changes in the Planning for Healthy Babies Medicaid application, which allows for the increase in the number of clients seen through the Family Planning Program; and flu vaccinations and outreach was provided at local food pantries.
- Teaming up with the Church of Christ on Elm Street, the health department and District's hypertension program will provide blood pressure screenings, cholesterol and blood sugar checks. HIV testing will also be offered by the Infectious Disease Program.
- The active TB client will complete treatment on January 18, 2019.

#### **Environmental Update – Nathan Barnes – (Attachments)**

- Mr. Newsome presented Environmental Health activities for January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 as well as June 9, 2018 – January 7, 2019 and announced new restaurants and mobile units that opened and provided an update that The Manna was closed.

#### **Announcements**

- Tad Williams introduced Tabias Newsome and he was welcomed by the Board along with Mr. Dixon.
- A memorial in honor of Mr. O. P. “Butch” Fausett was discussed.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2019.

**Adjournment**

- There being no further business, Mayor Duke made a motion to adjourn. William Greene seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shelva Keeley, Board Secretary  
Beth Magsanay, Typist