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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Mark Eanes, Chairman | Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson, Vice-Chairman | Dr. William R. Grow |
| Dr. Randy Smith, Secretary |  | Dwain Butler |
| Mayor John Gayle |  | Teresa Giles |
| Bill Slaughter |  | Norma Jean Johnson |
| Dr. Frances Brown |  | Kyle Coppage |
|  |  | Tiffany Vinson |
|  |  | Brenda Nash |
|  |  | Patrina Bowles |

**Call to Order**

* A meeting of the Lowndes County Board of Health was held Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. in the large conference room at the Lowndes County Health Department.

**Public Comments**

* Tiffany Visnon, Perinatal Executive Director for the Baby LUV Program, presented an overview of the program and announced the receipt of more than $855,000 in federal grant funding. This funding will allow the program to expand and to provide services to 150 families each year.

**Approval of March 26, 2019 Minutes (Attached)**

* The minutes from the March 26, 2019 meeting were approved with no opposition.

**Business**

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

* Ms. Giles presented the proposed FY2020 budget for the Lowndes County Health Department. The proposed budget is $4,658,288, which is five percent more than the current year due to additional funding in Grant-in-Aid and an anticipated two percent salary increase.
* Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the FY2020 Budget for the Lowndes County Health Department as presented. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

* Dr. Grow updated the Board on the staffing changes at the state office. The health directors are scheduled to meet again with Dr. Toomey in June.
* Mr. Butler informed the Board about upcoming changes at the Leila Ellis Building and at the health department. The Baby LUV Program will be hiring additional employees as a result of the additional grant funding and plans are in process to rent office space on McKey Street and move the entire program to that location. The Adult Health Promotion Clinic, which now shares the Leila Ellis Building with the county probation office, has been experiencing problems with parking. Mr. Butler stated that the District has been working with the Regional Development Commission (RDC) to move the Adult Health Promotion Clinic to the RDC building behind the District Office, which will be available in the future. The goal is to have all programs and the District Office on one campus.
* Mr. Butler also announced that during a radon monitoring training at the District Office, a representative picked up higher than normal levels of radon on many of his Geiger counters. Steps have been taken to verify the initial readings to ensure employees are safe in the building. An update will be provided to the Board as more information becomes available.

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

* Mrs. Johnson provided a summary of health department services rendered from March 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019.
* A summary of the shingles vaccine, which was offered at both the city and county schools, was presented.
* The tentative 2019-2020 school flu vaccination schedule was provided. Ms. Johnson announced that the state office has requested that vaccinations in schools not begin until October.
* The health department is now fully staffed. Three RNs will begin May 16, 2019. One RN already on staff is currently enrolled with Georgia College and University for the summer semester and the plan is to enroll two other staff RNs in the fall. A third nurse is currently on maternity leave.

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

* Mr. Coppage presented the activity report from March 26, 2019 – May 15, 2019.
* Mr. Coppage informed the Board of a complaint submitted about Cuz’s, a local sports bar on Bemiss Road.

**Announcements**

* There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Randy Smith, Board Secretary

Brenda Nash, Typist