**Berrien County Board of Health**

**MINUTES**

**October 29, 2019 | 12:30 PM**

The Berrien County Board of Health met at the Berrien County Health Department on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. William Nash, Chairman | Robin Marcrum | Dr. William Grow |
| Jimmy Parker, Vice-Chairman | Cassandra McCoy | Dwain Butler |
| Deree Nix, Secretary |  | Teresa Giles |
| Mayor Michael Richbourg |  | Dr. Mark Eanes |
| Judge Christina Allen |  | Dana Watson |
|  |  | Lee Cumbee |
|  |  | Debbie Tomlinson |
|  |  | Lee Meeks |
|  |  | Debbie Tomlinson |

**Call to Order**

Dr. William Nash called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of June 11, 2019 Minutes (Attachment)**

* Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the June 11. 2019 minutes as presented. Mayor Richbourg seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Business**

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

**Revenue and Expense Summary**

* Ms. Giles reviewed the Revenue and Expense Summary for July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019, noting that Berrien’s revenue and expenses look good for this period.
* A revision was made after the budget was approved to accommodate a four percent budget cut implemented by the state, which is approximately a $10,000 loss for Berrien.
* Berrien has a good fund balance with approximately eight and a half months of operating funds.
* Dr. Grow commended Berrien on their 30% increase in fees over the last two years.

**Public Health Update – William Grow, MD, FACP (Attachment)**

* Dr. Grow discussed the four percent budget cut in more detail. These cuts have been factored into the budgets and can be absorbed without any significant changes due to the increases in fee collections in all categories at the health department.
* The Board was informed that Dr. Toomey visited the District and provided the keynote speech during Employee Development Day, held on October 10, 2019. The event was a big success.
* The Board received a final 2020 Board of Health Meeting Schedule.

**Health Department Update – Dana Watson, RN (Attachment)**

* Ms. Watson provided a school flu project update. Clinics have been completed for 2019. Approximately 551 vaccinations were provided to students and 110 to faculty. A more update will be provided at a later date.
* There will be a World AIDS Day Forum and Luncheon on November 22, 2019 in Valdosta at the Patterson. A flyer was provided to the Board and all were invited to attend. December 1st is World AIDS Day.
* The health department will participate in Halloween on the Square held downtown. A table will be set up and staff will dress up.

**Environmental Update – Lee Cumbee, Environmentalist (Attachments)**

* Dwain Butler introduced Lee Meeks, Berrien’s new environmental health specialist.
* Mr. Cumbee reviewed the environmental health activity reports including food service inspections reports for June 7, 2019 to October 24, 2019.
* Mosquito trapping continues around town and specimens are sent to Valdosta State University (VSU) to be identified, counted and tested for diseases such as West Nile Virus and Zika.
* Ken Lowery, District Epidemiologist, presented the most current mosquito surveillance information to the Board, specifically for Berrien County. This surveillance is being conducted in nine of the ten counties in the District with the exception of Lowndes, which is handled by VSU. During his presentation, Mr. Lowery noted that this process will allow for more specific data to be collected. Since March, 55,136 mosquitoes have been captured in the District. Of that number, 21,479 were capable of carrying West Nile Virus. The specimens are also sent to the University of Georgia to be tested for all mosquito borne viruses. There is also a collaboration with the Georgia Regional Commission in Lowndes County to conduct GIS mapping to determine the hot spots in the District.

**Announcements**

* Dr. Grow mentioned the Georgia Public Health Association’s next meeting and conference scheduled for May 6-8, 2020 on Jekyll Island.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Michael Richbourg made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deree Nix, Secretary

Debbie Tomlinson, Typist