The Irwin County Board of Health met Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Irwin County Health Department.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Joey Whitley, Chairman | Mayor Matt Seale | Dr. William R. Grow |
| Mavis Miller | Dr. Casey Conner | Dwain Butler |
| Albert Williams |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Kerry Billingsley |  | Teresa Giles |
|  |  | Michelle Stone |
|  |  | Alex Collins |

**Call to Order**

* Joey Whitley called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Prayer was offered, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

**Public Comments**

* Paige Wynn was welcomed as a new member of the Irwin County Board of Health.

**Minutes**

* Mr. Billingsley made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**New Business**

**Financial Information** – **Sherrie White (See Attachments)**

* Ms. Giles presented the Revenue and Expense Summary through September of 2019. The health department is in the first quarter of the new budget year. There are no unforeseen items expected from the budget.
* Dr. Grow informed the Board of the Governor’s request that state agencies (except for Medicaid and education), cut their budgets four percent for the current budget year and six percent for the next fiscal year. The state office will have a conference call to discuss how to implement this request. Dr. Grow also mentioned that Irwin has a good fund balance and should be able to absorb the cuts.
* Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the Revenue and Expense Summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

* The Board was informed of the upcoming Employee Development Day to be held October 10, 2019 at the Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta. Dr. Toomey will be attending and will provide the keynote speech. The Board was invited to attend.
* The next health director’s meeting will be held in Macon. Much of this meeting will be to discuss Grant-in-Aid and budget cuts.

**Nurse Manager’s Report- Michelle Stone, RN (Attachment)**

* Ms. Stone provided an update about the Hepatitis A vaccination initiative, which is being offered to a target population. The vaccine is also available to the community.
* Mr. Whitley inquired about the fee for flu vaccines. Ms. Stone quoted a fee of $41.93 and announced that most private insurance companies can be billed.
* Mr. Whitley asked the Board to remember Ms. Stone’s family in their prayers. Her mother is in the hospital in Augusta.

**Environmental Updates – Alex Collins (Attachment)**

* Mr. Collins reviewed the inspection report since the last month. Mr. Collins informed the Board of an incident at the hospital but assured them that the hospital did what was supposed to be done and everything was taken care of.
* Environmental health activities are busy, especially in the county and there are no major issues with anyone.
* Ken Lowery provided an update on the mosquito surveillance activities in Irwin County. He discussed the types of data collected and how the process would allow for viral and pesticide resistance testing. The goal is to focus on high population areas to collect specimens. Mr. Lowery noted that approximately 40% of the mosquitoes captured were competent vectors for West Nile.

**Announcements**

* Mr. Whitley asked the Board to take note of the January 8, 2020 meeting.

**Adjournment**

* Mr. Whitley adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mavis Miller, Secretary

Patrina Bowles, Typist