The Tift County Board of Health met by conference call on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 1:45pm.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Raymond Moreno, Chairman | Alice Archie | Dr. William Grow |
| Charlotte Bedell, Vice-Chairman |  | David Wilber |
| Adam Hathaway |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Melissa Hughes |  | Teresa Giles |
| Mayor Julie Smith, Secretary |  | Jill Reade |
| Tina Moody |  | Mecca Lewis |
|  |  | April Robinson |
|  |  | Maria Martinez |
|  |  | Darrin Wilson |
|  |  | Dwain Butler |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Raymond Moreno called the meeting to order at 1:46 P.M.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of February 4, 2020 Minutes**

* Mr. Hathaway made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Melissa Hughes. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Financial Information - Teresa Giles**

* Ms. Giles reviewed the Revenue and Expense Summary.
* There are currently two vacant RN positions. Ms. Reeves noted that only position one will be filled at this time.
* Fees have decreased through the end of March. There is an anticipated loss of fee revenue. This is due to the health departments only providing essential services due to COVID-19. The State has asked for districts to submit a projected loss of revenue. Requests for reimbursement will be submitted but Ms. Giles was unsure of the amount that would be sent down.

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

* Dr. Grow provided a current COVID-19 update by providing a historical perspective for the District since the March 12, 2020 meeting held with community stakeholders.
* The current state of emergency has been extended through April. Dr. Grow also provided case statistics and indicated there were 74 positive cases in Tift County. Dr. Moreno added there were 31 positive patients at the hospital.
* Dr. Grow also informed the Board that measures are being taken to increase the capacity to test everyone.
* More COVID-19 related discussions were held including enforcing isolation orders for individuals testing positive and not following them. Dr. Grow noted that the order can be issued by public health with Dr. Toomey’s signature, but law enforcement has to enforce the order.

**Nurse Manager’s Report – Mecca Reeves**

* Ms. Lewis reviewed the Special Point of Collection (SPOC) in Tift and outlined essential services being offered at the health department.

**Environmental Update – Jill Reade**

* Ms. Reade announced since March 5, 2020 the environmental health staff have logged approximately 386 hours in COVID-19 response.
* Environmentalists have been assisting with all SPOC locations throughout the district with duties such as verifying patient information, scheduling appointments, and making deliveries.
* Every food service facility in the county has been contacted twice and provided updated guidance on their facility operation related to COVID-19.
* Staff also visited physician offices in Tift and Turner to inform them of the SPOCS.

**Diversified Enterprises Update – David Wilber**

* Mr. Wilber informed the Board that he requested Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) through the state. No one at Diversified has tested positive for COVID-19.
* Staff are stocking up on food items in group homes.
* Ms. Hughes asked Mr. Wilber about client response to sheltering in place. Mr. Wilber responded that staff are having virtual games and virtual visits with clients to help them stay busy.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

* Dr. Moreno adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Smith, Board Secretary

April Robinson, Typist