The Turner County Board of Health met Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. by conference call.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Odis Reese, Chairman | Mayor Sandra Lumpkin | William Grow, MD, FACP |
| Faye Mencer, Vice-Chairman | Dr. Kimberly Massey | Dwain Butler |
| Brad Calhoun, Secretary |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Dr. Michael Dent |  | Teresa Giles |
| Craig Matthews |  | Mary Anne Sturdevan |
|  |  | Brooke Pearson |
|  |  | Gayle McKissack |

**Call to Order**

* Mr. Reese called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.

**Public Comments**

* Ms. Mencer’s resignation from the Turner County Board of Health as of September 15, 2020 was announced.

**Approval of May 27, 2020 Minutes (See attached.)**

* Dr. Dent made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matthews. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Business:**

**Financial Information – Teresa Giles (See attached.)**

* Ms. Giles reviewed the Revenue & Expense Summary for the Turner County Health Department for July 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020. There were adjustments and updates made to the budget since the May 27, 2020 budget meeting.

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

* Dr. Grow provided a COVID-19 update.
* COVID-19 case rates were reviewed. There are currently 260,000 positive cases statewide, 7,479 in the district and 67 cases in Turner County.
* Drive-thru testing is available at the health department in the morning on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
* Dr. Grow noted that vaccines are being researched and developed.
* Social distancing, wearing masks and quarantining when necessary was encouraged.
* Dr. Grow informed the Board that the 2020 Legislative Breakfast has been canceled due to social distancing requirements.
* A draft of the 2021 Board of Health Meeting Schedule will be e-mailed to each member by September 1, 2020.

**Nurse Manager’s Report – Mary Anne Sturdevan (See attached.)**

* Ms. Sturdevan provided updates to the Board regarding COVID testing. Turner has collected 1,117 specimens, 82 of which were positive and three inconclusive. Testing has been conducted by Ms. Sturdevan and Ms. Pearson. Support staff register patients prior to testing.
* Staff have been assisting other health departments with COVID-related activities as needed.
* The health department is still open, and clients are being screened before entering for their appointments. Immunizations are provided on a walk-in basis. All other services are provided by appointment.
* Flu vaccine has not arrived; however, there has been discussion about having a drive-thru flu clinic.

**Environmental Health Update – Brooke Pearson (See attached.)**

* Ms. Pearson provided environmental health activities in Turner since the last meeting.
* Sno Biz, a new food service establishment, is in progress. El Taquito opened at their new location which is the location formerly known as Pat’s Place.
* Ms. Pearson informed the Board she has worked 560 hours at the the Tift and Turner County SPOCs since March 23, 2020.

**Announcements**

* Ms. Mencer was thanked for her service to the Turner County Board of Health.
* The next meeting will be November 18, 2020 at Noon.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business or announcements the meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Brad Calhoun - Board Secretary

Gayle McKissack, Typist