The Tift County Board of Health met at the Tift County Health Department Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 1:45pm.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Raymond Moreno, Chairman | Tina Moody, RN | Mecca Lewis |
| Charlotte Bedell, Vice-Chairman | Melissa Hughes | Patrina Bowles |
| Alice Archie, RN | Mayor Julie Smith | Teresa Giles |
| Adam Hathaway |  | Dr. William Grow |
|  |  | Tamika Pridgon |
|  |  | April Robinson |
|  |  | David Wilber |
|  |  | Dwain Butler |
|  |  | Kenneth Lowery |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Raymond Moreno called the meeting to order at 1:47 P.M.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of October 6, 2020 Minutes**

* Mr. Hathaway made a motion to approve the minutes from October 6, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bedell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Approval of March 26, 2020 Minutes**

* Mr. Hathaway made a motion to approve the minutes from March 26, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Archie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Vote to Ratify Electronic Vote to Approve Tift County Health Department’s FY22 Budget**

* Ms. Bedell made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alice Archie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Financial Information - Teresa Giles**

* Ms. Giles presented Tift County Health Department’s budget, noting a decrease in Family Planning fees. The health department’s fund balance is in good shape.

**Environmental/Public Health Updates – Dr. William Grow**

* Dr. Grow provided a COVID-19 update for Tift County. There was a large increase of positive cases in the last seven days.
* Twenty-eight to thirty percent of Tift County residents have been vaccinated.

**Nurse Supervisor – Mecca Lewis (Attached)**

* Ms. Lewis announced the health department is still offering daily COVID-19 testing. Vaccinations are also being offered and administered.
* There has been an increase in calls requesting vaccinations due to the increase in the number of positive cases.
* Staff is preparing for school vaccination

**Environmental Update – Tamika Pridgon (Attached)**

* Mrs. Pridgon presented the environmental health’s update along with the most current restaurant inspection report.
* Environmental Health is looking for administrative support assistance for the front office.
* Restaurants are being educated on COVID-19 guidelines.

**Diversified Enterprises Update – David Wilber (Attached)**

* Mr. Wilber began by informing the Board of challenge in maintaining a full staff due to COVID-19. A $1,000 recruitment and sign-on bonus was initiated in June; however, there was very little response.
* Diversified continues to be on solid financial footing despite COVID-19. There is a 65% rate increase currently in the state budget that has not yet rolled out.
* A 10% temporary increase through the public health emergency was proposed to CMS and there are additional funds that will be available to the state through the American Rescue Plan. Diversified has partnered with the state on several initiatives.
* Mr. Wilber noted Fiscal Year 2021 was a positive year for Diversified and the audit process has begun.
* Mr. Wilber announced he has been appointed president of the Service Providers Association for people with Developmental Disabilities.

**Announcements**

* The next board meeting will be October 5, 2021 at 1:45 pm.

**Adjournment**

* Dr. Moreno adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Smith, Board Secretary

April Robinson, Typist