The Tift County Board of Health met by conference call on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 1:45pm.

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

**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 (Attached)**

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

**Approval of March 26, 2021 Minutes (Attached)**

* 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 and Diversified Enterprises FY22 Budget**

* Mrs. Bedell made a motion to ratify the vote to approve the Tift County Health Department’s and Diversified Enterprises’ FY22 budgets. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alice Archie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Financial Information - Teresa Giles (Attached)**

* Ms. Giles presented Tift County Health Department’s budget, noting a decrease in Family Planning fees.
* The budget has been revised to $482,472, which reflects a decrease in prior year fees and edits to salaries and fringe benefits to balance the budget.
* Tift’s fund balance and budget is in good shape.

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

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

**Ken Lowery enters the meeting at 2:03 p.m.**

* Mr. Lowery noted not all individuals vaccinated in Tift are residents because people were coming from all over the state.
* Dr. Moreno added that more than 90% of Tift Regional staff have been vaccinated . Mr. Hathaway also announced students are encouraged to be vaccinated as well.

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

* Mrs. Lewis informed the Board that testing continues daily as of last week.
* There is an increase in calls requesting vaccinations.
* Tift is getting ready to give Flu vaccines in the schools.

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

* Mrs. Pridgon provided environmental health activities since the last meeting, announcing a vacant clerical position within the department.
* Staff have resumed providing COVID-related support to the health department.
* Education is being provided to food service employees about testing and vaccinations.

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

* Mr. Wilber noted staffing challenges at Diversified.
* One hundred percent of Diversified’s administrative staff, 90% of persons supported and 40% of direct support staff have been vaccinated and Mr. Wilber noted his biggest concern was the possibility of the new variant in a group home.
* Diversified closed July on a positive note because of the billing cycle.
* Mr. Wilber announced he was named President of the Service Providers Association.
* The Board was informed of Mr. Wilber’s plans to retire from Diversified Enterprises in one year and eleven months and invited the Board to provide recommendations as to how to recruit for the position. Mr. Wilber noted there are several staff retiring in 2023. There is a plan of succession and internal staff are being groomed for those positions. In the past, Ms. Bedell led the committee to recruit a director for Diversified and Dr. Moreno asked if she would like to serve in this capacity again. Ms. Bedell requested that someone else lead this committee. Patrina will send out an e-mail to the board members inquiring about their interest in sitting on the panel.

**Announcements**

* Dr. Moreno announced the next board meeting, which is October 5, 2021 at 1:45 pm.

**Adjournment**

* With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Smith, Board Secretary

April Robinson, Typist