**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MINUTES**

**August 9, 2022**

The Cook County Board of Health met Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:00 p.m. by conference call.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Tom Fausett, Chairman |  | Dr. William Grow |
| Shelva Keeley, Vice-Chairman |  | Dwain Butler |
| Debra Robinson – Secretary |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Col. (Ret.) Ronald Mitchell |  | Teresa Giles |
| Terry McClain |  | Rebecca Allgood |
| Dr. Tim Dixon |  | Danielle Hurst |
| Mayor Buddy Duke |  | Beth Magsanay |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Fausett called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of June 28, 2022 Minutes (Attached)**

* Col. (Ret.) Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClain. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Business**

**Financial Information – Teresa Giles (Attachments)**

* Ms. Giles presented the Cook County Health Department’s Revenue and Expense Summary for July 2022. The FY2023 budget was reduced by $22,338 after FY2022 was closed out.
* Revenue is on track and the unassigned fund balance increased by $24,753. All other budget items are on track. Ms. Giles noted minor adjustments were made to reflect changes in retirement projections.
* Dr. Fausett indicated some funds would be used to make improvements to the health department.

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

* Dr. Grow provided the most current COVID update and outlined district and Cook County numbers. The number of cases may not be totally accurate at this time due to the ability for the community to self-test at home.
* Most COVID-related deaths have been in those who are unvaccinated or under-vaccinated.
* Monkey Pox testing is now available at each health department; however, those who are eligible to be vaccinated can do so by appointment at the Lowndes County Health Department due to the limited supply.
* The legislative breakfast for the southern counties is scheduled for October. Patrina Bowles will send out information and an invitation to the boards in those counties.

**Nurse Manager’s Report – Rebecca Allgood (Attachment)**

* Back-to-school vaccinations have been available to the community and others.
* Health department staff have been working with schools to complete Ear, Eye, Dental and Nutrition (EEDN) screenings.
* School immunization audits will begin soon.
* COVID education continues to be disseminated by to the community, and self-tests are offered at no charge. COVID vaccinations will be provided at no charge as well if the recipient is uninsured. Approximately 1,116 testing kits have been distributed as of August 5, 2022. Rapid testing continues to be offered as needed.
* School-based flu vaccinations will begin in October. Consent packets have been delivered to schools and are being sent home with other back-to-school information.

**Environmental Update –Danielle Hurst – (Attachments)**

* Ms. Hurst announced all environmental health inspections for June 27, 2022 – August 2, 2022.
* Since the state has reduced lead levels to 3.5, Ms. Hurst has assisted with three case investigations. Increased lead levels must be reported to the health department and followed.
* Ms. Hurst informed the Board she is still actively participating in the mosquito project.

**Announcements**

* Dr. Fausett informed the board the community may reach out to them as a board member inquiring about public health issues.
* The Board was reminded of the remaining meetings and holidays listed on the agenda. The next meeting will be replaced by the legislative breakfast scheduled for October 21, 2022.
* Dr. Dixon thanked the health department for assisting with dissemination of the school flu forms to parents in a timely manner as well as assisting with vaccine requirements needed for audits.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business, Dr. Fausett adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Debra Robinson, Board Secretary

Beth Magsanay, Typist