**ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MINUTES | AUGUST 16, 2022**

**August 16, 2022**

The Echols County Board of Health met August 16, 2022 by conference call.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Evelyn Howell, Chairman | Bobby Walker | Dr. William Grow |
| Dianne Richardson, Vice-Chairman |  | Dwain Butler |
| Vincent Hamm |  | Patrina Bowles |
|  |  | Blake Lowery |
|  |  | Leigh Ann Combass |
|  |  | Tiffinee Dasher |
|  |  | Teresa Giles |
|  |  | Allie Pridgen |

**Call to Order**

* Ms. Howell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Public Comments**

* Superintendent Vincent Hamm was welcomed to the Echols County Board of Health.

**Approval of May 17, 2022 Minutes (See attachment)**

* Mr. Hamm made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Richardson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Financial Information** – **Teresa Giles (See attachments)**

* Ms. Giles presented the Echols County Health Department’s Revenue and Expense Summary for the first month in the fiscal year, noting a $12,284 increase since the budget was approved in May.
* Changes included Grant-in-Aid funding, the state funded $5,000 annual increase for each employee and other adjustments made to balance the budget.

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

* Dr. Grow informed the Board of the overall decrease in COVID cases across the state.
* The District will host a legislative breakfast for the southern counties October 21, 2022. All board members were invited to attend.
* Monkeypox vaccine is currently available for all counties in the district at the Lowndes County Health Department for individuals who meet vaccination requirements.

**Health Department Update – Leigh Ann Combass (see attachments)**

* Ms. Combass informed the Board all COVID vaccines and COVID testing is still available at the health department. Testing numbers have decreased.
* All health department clinic services are available.
* At-home COVID test kits are available at no charge.
* Preparations are being made for school-based flu clinics.

**Environmental Health Update - Blake Lowery (see attachments)**

* All Echols County food service and inspection permit information was provided. Mr. Lowery noted system issues for the past few days.

**Announcements**

* There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bobby Walker, Board Secretary

Tiffinee Dasher, Typist