The Tift County Board of Health met at the Tift County Health Department on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Raymond Moreno, Chairman | Charlotte Bedell, Vice-Chairman | William R. Grow, MD, FAcP |
| Melissa Hughes |  | Dwain Butler |
| Mayor Julie Smith |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Tina Moody, RN |  | Teresa Giles |
| Adam Hathaway |  | Mecca Lewis |
| Alice Archie, LPN |  | April Robinson |
|  |  | David Wilber |
|  |  | Jill Reade |
|  |  | Jennifer Herzog |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Moreno called the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes (Attached)**

* Mr. Hathaway made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hughes. All were in favor and the motion passed.
* Mayor Smith made a motion to ratify the electronic votes to approve both the Tift County Health Department’s and Diversified Enterprises’ FY2023 Budgets. The motion was seconded by Ms. Archie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Financial Information - (Attached)**

* The Tift County Health Department’s Revenue and Expense Summary was provided for Board review.

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

* Dr. Grow informed the Board of the increase in COVID cases, noting Tift County residents are 45% fully vaccinated.
* Monkeypox has been identified in the district. Vaccine will be available for eligible high-risk clients.
* The Board was invited to the Legislative Breakfast scheduled for October 7, 2022. Mr. Hathaway offered the Tift County Board of Education’s board room as a potential location.

**Tift County Health Department Updates – Mecca Lewis (Attached)**

* Ms. Lewis announced the upcoming school flu vaccination clinics, and that staff would be going into the schools to administer these vaccines.
* Rapid COVID testing is still available 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. on Mondays. Mako continues to provide testing Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
* At-Home COVID test kits are available to the public at no charge.

**Environmental Update – (Attached)**

* The environmental health report, including inspection and food service scores were provided for Board review.

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

* Mr. Wilber provided Diversified Enterprises’ activities since the last meeting and indicated staffing continues to remain a challenge.
* Diversified has received CARF accreditation from the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission with only one compliance recommendation.
* The monthly financial report was provided for June. Mr. Wilber noted Diversified is strong as an organization.
* The five percent salary increase from the state is anticipated. Diversified’s $9.75 per hour starting rate will increase after six months to $10 per hour. Team leaders will have a starting salary of $11, which will increase to $11.25 after six months.
* Mr. Wilber announced his plans to retire June 30, 2023. The director’s position will be posted late fall with interviews to be conducted soon after.

**Executive Session as Allowed by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4**

* Ms. Hughes made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss both legal and personnel matters as allowed by Official Code of Georgia Annotated 50-14-4. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moody. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Tift County Board of Health went into Executive Session at 12:38 p.m.
* Mayor Smith made a motion to come out of Executive Session as allowed by Official Code of Georgia Annotated 50-14-4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hathaway. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Announcements**

* There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

* With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Julie Smith, Board Secretary

April Robinson, Typist