



Turner County

# Turner County Board of Health Meeting

February 5, 2025 | 12:00 PM | Turner County Health Department

## Members Present

Mayor Sandra Lumpkin,  
Vice-Chairman  
Dr. Kimberly Massey  
Robby Royal  
Christy Wray  
Tracy Edwards  
James Burgess

## Members Absent

Odis Reese, Chairman

## Others Present

Mark J. Eanes, MD  
Dwain Butler  
Allie Pridgen  
Karen Harrison  
Chris Foreman  
Cumi Fillion  
Mary Anne Sturdevan, RN  
Brooke Pearson  
Gayle McKissack

## Call to Order

Mayor Lumpkin called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM.

## Introduction

Mayor Lumpkin introduced the newest board member, Mr. James Burgess. Mr. Burgess is now a Turner County Commissioner and is taking the place of Mr. Brad Calhoun.

## Public Comments

No public comments.

## Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Royal made a motion to approve November 6, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Edwards. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## Business – Financial Updates: Allie Pridgen, Director of Finance (See Attachment)

- Ms. Pridgen reviewed the Revenue & Expense Summary for July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

## Public Health Updates: Mark Eanes, MD

- Dr. Eanes welcomed Mr. Burgess to the board and being a newly elected County Commissioner.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board on the customer service surveys.
- Dr. Eanes noted that Turner County has great customer satisfaction.
- Dr Eanes updated the board on RSV, Flu, and Covid and states they have peaked at the same time and will become more seasonal.
- Dr. Eanes informed the board the state is reviewing the adult vaccines that are communicable and noncommunicable due to cost and utilization.
- Dr. Eanes stated Bird Flu remains a concern. There is no human-to-human transmission.

- Dr. Eanes stated congenital syphilis is still on the rise in Georgia.
- Dr. Eanes informed the board of a new law, the Drug Train Security Act.
- Dr. Eanes stated that all health departments will implement the use of scanners to track all medications.
- Dr. Eanes stated Public Health has a couple of bills going through the House. One is highlighting Women's Health. We offer a Perinatal Health program that provides healthcare for women in their homes.
- Dr. Eanes reminded the board that all BOH meetings must be held in person.
- Dr. Eanes addressed the Federal Funding Freeze.
- Dr. Eanes stated that DPH is on a travel ban due to President Trumps freeze.
- Dr. Eanes informed the board that GPHA is cancelled.
- Dr. Eanes updated the members on the move of the District Office.
- Dr. Eanes and Mr. Butler will be attending the county commissioner's meeting to present plans for a new health department and campus in Lowndes County.
- Mr. Burgess asked what programs could be cut, due to the freeze.
- Dr. Eanes replied, "Any of the programs". For instance, HIV clinic. It is federally funded through the Ryan White Foundation.

### **Election for Secretary**

Dr. Massey made a motion to elect Mr. James Burgess. Mr. Royal seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Human Resources Updates: Chris Foreman, HR Director**

- Mr. Foreman introduced himself to the board.
- Mr. Foreman informed the board of a new Workforce Development Coordinator.
- Mr. Foreman stated DPH is moving forward with a customer service initiative and succession plan.
- Mr. Foreman stated that DPH is partnering with a recruiter from Chick-Fil-A for insight on improving customer service.
- Chick-Fil-A sets a golden standard for customer service.

### **Oral Health Updates: Cumi Fillion, Dental Hygienist**

Ms. Fillion gave a visual presentation on the importance of oral health.

### **Nurse Manager Updates: Mary Anne Sturdevan, RN**

- Ms. Sturdevan reviewed the Health Department Updates.
- Ms. Sturdevan discussed in detail the car seat program.
- Ms. Sturdevan stated she is available to do home visits for immunizations.
- Ms. Sturdevan stated that any patient who has a positive pregnancy test automatically gets tested for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia.

**Environmental Health Updates: Brooke Pearson, Environmental Health Specialist**

Ms. Pearson updated the board on the Environmental Health Activities and Food Service Report.

**Announcements:**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2025, at 12:00 pm. (Budget Meeting)

**Adjournment**

Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Royal made a motion. Ms. Wray seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passed to adjourn at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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James Burgess Secretary  
Gayle McKissack--Typist