



Turner County Board of Health Meeting

May 7, 2025 | 12:00 PM | Turner County Health Department

Members Present

Mayor Sandra Lumpkin,
Vice-Chairman
James Burgess, Secretary
Robby Royal
Christy Wray

Members Absent

Odis Reese, Chairman
Dr. Kimberly Massey
Tracy Edwards

Others Present

Mark J. Eanes, MD
Dwain Butler
Allie Pridgen
Karen Harrison
Hunter Martin
Mary Anne Sturdevan, RN
Brooke Pearson
Gayle McKissack

Call to Order

Mayor Lumpkin called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Introduction

No introductions.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Ms. Wray made a motion to approve February 5, 2025, minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Royal. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Financial Updates (Allie Pridgen, Director of Finance) (See Attachment)

- Ms. Pridgen reviewed the Revenue & Expense Summary for July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.
- Ms. Pridgen reviewed in detail the FY2024 Audit for approval.
- Ms. Pridgen gave the Proposed FY2026 Budget for approval.

Approval of FY2024 Audit

Mr. Royal made a motion to approve the Turner County Audit FY2024. Ms. Wray seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the Proposed FY2026 Budget

Mr. Royal made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget FY2026 for Turner County. Ms. Wray seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Health Updates (Mark Eanes, MD, District Health Director)

- Dr. Eanes thanked the members for their attendance.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board on the customer service surveys.
- Dr. Eanes noted that Turner County continues to have great customer satisfaction.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board on measles outbreaks, stating the outbreak is mostly in Texas. Approximately 93% of those contracting measles are unvaccinated.

- Dr. Eanes reported Bird Flu remains a concern.
- Dr. Eanes states there are 71 documented human cases that were contracted through poultry animals and dairy cattle. There is no human-to-human transmission.
- Dr. Eanes informed the board that the district had an Employee Appreciation Day on Friday, May 2, 2025. The focus was on additional customer service training.
- Dr. Eanes stated all clinics are continuing to hand out cards with a Customer Service Survey QR Code to the patients.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board on the move of the district office, stating it should be completed by the end of June.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board on budget cuts. The budget is the biggest issue on the state level. 51% of the budget is from the federal government, half of that is given to the Women, Infant, Children (WIC) Program. Dr. Eanes states there will be cuts in some programs and may consider consolidating to conserve.
- Dr. Eanes informed the board that the Certified Laboratory Audits (CLIA) have been completed for this year.
- Dr. Eanes stated there is a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) coming soon.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board of a change in legislation. Andy's Law, this allows children who were adopted can have access to their records after the age of 18 without a court order.
- Dr. Eanes informed the board of a meeting including Mr. Burgess, Brad Calhoun, and himself with RDC to discuss plans for a new clinic. RDC has a budget that allows new builds for clinics in certain areas. Lanier County was one of the new clinics completed.
- Dr. Eanes announced the hurricane season is approaching. The National Weather Service will be giving their predictions for the upcoming year later this month.
- Dr. Eanes then introduced Hunter Martin, MPH, with the Environmental Health Program.

Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention (Hunter Martin, MPH)

- Mr. Martin introduced himself to the board.
- Mr. Martin addressed the board the main purpose of this program.
- Mr. Martin stated his job is to address and investigate childhood lead poisoning cases and to facilitate the safe removal of any lead hazards found in the home. A brochure was given to the members.
- Mr. Martin educates people on mold that causes asthma.

Mayor Lumpkin asked if lead-based paint were mostly in older homes.

Mr. Martin explained it could be anywhere in the home, including venetian blinds.

Mr. Burgess thanked Mr. Martin for his presentation.

Mr. Burgess asked Dr. Eanes, "Did you say there would be some services consolidated?" Dr. Eanes replied, "There are some programs that are broken out into different sections. There is a possibility of these programs to be consolidated and combine them into one program."

Mr. Burgess then asked Dr. Eanes, "In your opinion, are the cuts to programs at the federal level a positive cut for the health department."

Dr. Eanes replied, "All of that remains to be seen, yes, there are positive things that happen with federal funds". Dr. Eanes gave an example of combining programs. HIV and STI could be consolidated. Another example is Chronic Disease Prevention could be combined with another program for funding.

Nurse Manager Updates (Mary Anne Sturdevan, RN)

- Ms. Sturdevan stated New Providence Baptist Church is having a Juneteenth Celebration, she will be providing blood pressure checks for everyone.
- Ms. Sturdevan stated she provides TB treatment if needed.
- Ms. Sturdevan stated she sees patients and provides treatment for syphilis.
- Ms. Sturdevan stated she is available for home visits.
- Ms. Sturdevan informed the board that she is looking at ways to pull in more revenue by going through patient charts. With scoliosis screening being completed this year, those students' records were pulled to check for needed updated immunizations.
- Ms. Sturdevan stated her staff calls patients for appointments as well as sending out letters.

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 August 6, 2025, at 12:00 pm.

Adjournment

Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Burgess made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Royal seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Burgess Secretary
Gayle McKissack--Typist