

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Fulton County Board of Health was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 700 East Oak St.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by President Phillips. Members present were Phillips, Schell, Hoke, Gowda, Brown and Leffler. Members absent were Beck and Stinauer. Staff attending were Roberson, Bankert, Lynn, Henry, Hielt and Campbell.

President Phillips ask if there were any corrections or additions to the meeting minutes from the July 28, 2015 meeting. There were none. Judy Brown motioned to approve the minutes with Nancy Schell seconding. All ayes, motion passed.

Public Comments- None

Financial Reports- Damon gave the financial report for the month of July. The State has caught payments up through June. We can't spend any Energy Assistance money at this time. We are trying to watch spending at this time. We should have enough in reserves for 5 months. Dr. Gowda motioned to approve the report with Sue Hoke seconding the motion. All ayes, motion placed on file.

New Business- By-Laws. The By-Laws were passed out at the last meeting for review. There were no suggestions for changes. Nancy Schell motioned to leave them as presented with Judy Brown seconding that motion. Roll call vote with members Brown, Schell, Gowda, Leffler, Hoke and Phillips voting yes. Members Stinauer and Beck absent. Motion passed.

FY'16 Budget. Damon explained the difficulties trying to put a budget together this year. We have no signed contracts back at this time. The information we have received shows a decrease in funding for the grants. We will still be expected to meet the same objectives and requirements of the grants but will need to do this with less people. The proposed budget does include a 2% increase for staff. We had anticipated an 8% increase in health insurance but at the end of the third quarter there was a \$300,000 positive balance. This contract is for 15 months to get us to January 1st because of the ACA so we still have 2 quarters to complete. If things remain like this there should be a minimal increase if any. We have some open positions in the budget that won't be filled until we have more information from the State. We may need to fill one of the part time positions at the Grant Keime office before the budget is settled. Robin Henry will be retiring at the end of November and Theresa Bankert at the end of October. State programs have been suspended by the Governor. There is a bill moving to allow federal dollars to be paid. This would include LIHEAP, WIC and 2 Weather Programs. There are some health departments and other agencies who do Energy, Weather and Head Start Programs who have closed their doors. IF there is no budget by Labor Day we will start discussions on how to stretch our resources and report to you at the October meeting. There was a question about a couple amounts larger than last year. This is in case State Energy dollars are received. This would prevent us from having to the County Board for a budget modification. Dr. Gowda motioned to approve the budget with Sue Hoke seconding the motion. Roll call vote with Schell, Gowda, Leffler, Hoke, Phillips and Brown voting yes. Stinauer and Beck absent. Motion passed.

Old Business- None

Division Reports- Theresa reporting finishing up grants in her division. Most of the grants have been cut 10-11%, however Family Planning and Teen Pregnancy Prevention were cut 32 to 33%. The requirements remain the same. Theresa introduced Louise Hiatt, Assistant Director who has been with the department for 28 years and will be Division Director upon Theresa's retirement. Louise has been the Programs Manager for WIC and Family Case Management for many years.

Katie reported the raw milk rules have been rejected by JCAR. We have another positive WNV mosquito in Vermont. The Miller-Hunt Virology Laboratory at WIU collected and tested the sample. There was a positive in the same area last year.

Robin reported clinic busy seeing school aged children. They are currently booked out to mid-September. The after school appointments are filling up fast. They have been referring several patients to the Health and Wellness Connection.

Administrator's report- Damon reported about the extension we received for the I-PLAN. There are a few minor corrections to be made and it will be presented at the October meeting. Damon and Katie will be attending a meeting for New Administrator's tomorrow in Springfield. Damon also reported the regular Administrator's meeting will be Thursday in Springfield also. Damon has been participating in a weekly call in on Friday's to see if there is any new information on legislation and negotiations. There were no questions.

President's Report- Dr. Phillips ask about the increased number of Hep C cases.

With no further business Sue Hoke motioned to adjourn the meeting with Nancy Schell seconding at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. U. Gowda', written in a cursive style.

R. U. Gowda, MD, Secretary