

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held on July 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Fulton County Health Department, 700 East Oak Street, Canton.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM with members Hoke, Beck, Schell, Gowda, Brown, Leffler, Stinauer and Phillips present. Staff attending were Bankert, Henry, Lynn, Roberson and Campbell.

There were no questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the April 21, 2015 meeting. Nancy Schell motioned to approve as presented with Dr. Gowda seconding the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Damon gave the fiscal reports for the months of April, May and June. Damon explained the County is using new software and there have been some problems getting information. He also explained the June report was off by \$8.83 which was for interest that was not listed. There were no questions about the reports. Vickie Hoke ask how we were being effected by not having a budget with the State. Damon explained the State LIHEAP has been suspended however the Federal LIHEAP has not but we can't spend any money. Every program here has no budget. We have experienced not getting paid before but have not experienced not having contracts to provide services. We should receive property tax distribution sometime in September and maybe a small amount in October. We will be working on a contingency plan if we don't have a budget by Labor Day. If it goes beyond that we will see layoffs in October and November. Barry Beck motioned to approve the fiscal reports as presented with Vickie Hoke seconding the motion. All ayes, motion passed, reports placed on file.

New Business- I-PLAN – Katie explained to the group that we submitted a draft of the I-PLAN to the State for preview. We have received no comments back at this time. The I-PLAN is due on August 12th. We will be getting the recommended changes made as soon as we have that information available. We will then email the updated version to the Board and have a phone vote on or around August 8-10th.

Division Reports- Theresa Bankert reported all grants in her area have been submitted. We have no notification on the Teen Pregnancy Prevention grant. We have received some grants but there is no legitimate dollar amount with them. One of our nurses left in the spring and has not been replaced. The Grant Keime office currently has more clients on their medication management program than ever before but we do not want to hire anyone with all of the uncertainty with other programs.

Katie Lynn reported staff has been busy. They have several signed grants, Body Art, Tanning and Food are 3 year grants. They also have a signed copy of the Local Health Protection Grant. There is a draft copy of the new temporary food rules. We will have 1 year to implement the new rules once they are approved. The raw milk legislation has moved to the second reading with JCAR. We have sent in 2 birds, one from Canton and one from Cuba. Both tested negative for WNV. Mosquito tests negative as well. Staff did inspections at the Fulton County Fair last week.

Robin Henry reported the clinic is being restructured because of the changes to Medicaid. There are no payments for either children or adults from Medicaid. The only service being provided to adults are extractions. Robin has been working with Missy at the Health and Wellness Clinic for referrals. There are no specialist in the area that will see children who have Medicaid.

A Copy of the By-Laws were handed out to members to review prior to the next board meeting.

Damon reported he attended the Regional Administrator's meeting earlier today and that some health departments are much worse off financially than we are. Most are working status quo but some are already experiencing layoffs. We are going to be partnering with CDP for credentialing and billing services. The coding system ICD 9 is moving to ICD 10.

A motion made by Nancy Schell and seconded by Dr. Gowda to keep the executive session minutes closed. All aye, motion passed.

President's Report- None

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM was made by Vickie Hoke and seconded by Barry Beck.

Respectfully submitted,


R.U. Gowda, MD, Secretary