

Madison County Board of Health Meeting

Thursday August 20, 2020 6:00 pm

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Members

**Dr. Robert Adams DDS, Chair
Dr. Suzanne Sheldon, DVM
Andrew Thomas, Public
Dr. Melissa Robinson MD
Larry Peek, Engineer
Crystal Webb, Public**

**Rachel Smith, RN and Vice Chair
Matthew Wechtel, Commissioner
Loretta Leake, NP
Diana Rogers, RN, Public
Hanna Hardin, Pharmacist
Dr. Marianna Daly, M.D. MPH Ex Officio**

Regular Meeting Special Meeting

Members Absent:

**Andrew Thomas, Public
Dr. Melissa Robinson**

**Hanna Hardin, Pharmacist
Dr. Sheldon**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order** Chair, Adams
Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM. This meeting is a special meeting to discuss several items that need to go before the County Commissioners work session, which is next Tuesday.
- II. Approval of Agenda** Chair, Adams
Chair Adams asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Crystal Webb made a motion to approve the agenda. Rachel Smith 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Input Session** Community
No Public Input
- III. Madison County Health Department Budget** Tammy
Tammy updated the Board members on the budget adjustments made by the former County Manager. Chair Adams asked for a motion to be made that Tammy go before the County Commissioner's on the Board of Health's behalf to present the adjustments needed for the budget. Rachel Smith made a motion for Tammy to present on behalf of the Board of Health, the adjustments for the budget to the County Commissioner. Dianna Rogers 2nd the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- IV. Madison County Cost Settlement** Tammy
Tammy reported back to the BOH what she had found concerning Health Departments keeping the Medicaid Cost Settlement. This continues to be a complex situation. Tammy did share a memo that she had from Chris Hoke. Chris was the attorney for DHHS for about 35 years and retired last year. Tammy also explained that there are 100 counties in NC and 85 Health Departments get Medicaid Cost Settlement. Out of the 85 health departments, 70 Health Departments use Dixon, Hughes, Goodman to do their cost settlement. Christy Chestnut who works for them sent Tammy a power point on a two-day training that was done, and Tammy picked out the slides that discussed Medicaid Cost settlement. The Board recommended that we get more information from Jill Moore before going to the County Commissioner. It was also recommended that Tammy reach out to Forrest to get his understanding and suggested that it be in writing.
- V. Building Needs** Tammy
Tammy gave an update on getting the black plastic removed and windows put in at the end of our clinic. The windows are in and we continue to look for someone to install the windows. There is water damage downstairs and that needs to be fixed as well. Two rooms are needed with doors on the outside and one door coming into the hallway. A negative pressure room so no air will escape to the hallway. Discussion concerning payment for the project and could CARES money for some of the project and Medicaid Cost Settlement? Larry Peek made a motion for the BOH to support Tammy looking at options to repair the water damage to the 1st floor and a n expansion project for the second floor to allow us to treat our residents with respiratory illness. Rachel Smith 2nd the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- VI. COVID-19 Update** Tammy
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- We currently have 63 positive COVID 19 cases and about 25 people in quarantine due to attending an event where a positive also attended.
- Updated the Board and gave examples of how hard it can be to do contact tracing due to people not cooperating. Sometimes when people are told to quarantine, they do not, and some residents do not wear masks.
- The data statewide is looking better and seems to be trending downward. However, schools and Universities are opening back up and two Universities have already had outbreaks.
- Tammy reported that the State is looking at ways to streamline the death certificates so the process will be quicker.
- There are about 125 companies working on a vaccine for COVID. Two of the companies looks promising. It is possible that Health Departments will be doing mass immunization.

VII. Closed Session – Personnel

Tammy

After discussion, the Board chose not to go into closed session due to no disciplinary issues.

Tammy explained that several key staff's roll has changed significantly due to COVID-19 which has led to a restructuring their roles and responsibilities. Tammy asked that the Board support her going to the County Commissioners and asking for an increase due to the restructuring. Dr. Adams asked that a motion be made for Tammy to present to the County Commissions the need for raises for key staff whose role have changed significantly due to COVID Motion was made by Dianna Rogers and 2nd by Crystal Webb. Motion passed unanimously.

Tammy updated the Board on one of the grants that we receive. She stated we have pre-paid everything we can, we have money left over, due to the pandemic. Tammy discussed options for the reminder of the money. Dr. Adams asked that a motion be made for Tammy to contact the grant administrator and discuss possible options for the funds. Crystal Webb made a motion for Tammy to contact the grant administrator. Larry Peek 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Matthew Wechtel abstained from voting since he is also a County Commissioner.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Adams

Dr. Adams asked for a motion to adjourned. Matthew Wechtel made the motion for the meeting to adjourn and Crystal Webb 2nd the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2020