



Taney County Health Department  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
320 Rinehart Road, Branson, Missouri  
August 26, 2021  
2:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: Robert Griffith, Chair  
Debbie Redford, Secretary Treasurer  
Laurie Hayes, Member  
Beth Huddleston, Member

EX-OFFICIO: Lisa Marshall, Director  
Hugo Huacuz, Finance Division Manager  
Tiffany Stevens, Human Resource Coordinator  
Pam Priest, Clinical Division Manager  
Tammie Drake, WIC Division Manager  
Kathryn Metzger, EHS Manager

Meeting Via ZOOM

Dr. Robert Griffith called the regular meeting of Board of Trustees to order at 2:37 PM via ZOOM.

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Beth Huddleston. Seconded by Laurie Hayes. Motion passes unanimously.

**Review of Minutes from July 22, 2021**

Motion to approve minutes for July 22, 2021, by Laurie Hayes. Seconded by Debbie Redford. Motion passes unanimously.

**Review of Financial Reports**

Dates: July 2021  
Current assets - \$3,004,988  
Total assets - \$5,146,001  
Current liabilities - \$136,051  
Total liabilities - \$862,739  
Total equity - \$4,283,266  
Total liabilities and equity - \$5,146,001

The financial team has collected over \$100,000 in insurance payments in the month of July. Debbie Redford questioned the over \$500,000 additional funds to Covid. Hugo explained that the number is year-to-date and that the funds are reimbursable. Lisa said we have received grant dollars to use, and we also have grants to apply for as well. Laurie Hayes said that she had reached out to several lodging facilities that owe money. Lisa reported that we will be sending out statements on a regular basis.

Motion to approve July 2021 financial report, disbursements, and accounts receivable by Laurie Hayes. Seconded by Debbie Redford. Motion passes unanimously.

**Director's Report by Lisa Marshall**

**COVID-19 Update**

Lisa reported that we have had 107 cases per 7 rolling days. The state is seeing 10.5% positive tests of tests given. Cox reported they have a 20% positive test rate. We have tested 70 people in August, 2021 and 30% were positive. 36.6% people in Taney County have started the vaccine. 32.2% have completed the series. Vaccines are available at most area pharmacies. We are winding down strike teams due to demand and our desire to get back to normal operation. The FDA has

approved Pfizer for all people aged 12 and up. Pfizer has suggested a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose for immunocompromised 28 days after their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. We have not given any 3<sup>rd</sup> doses to this population. Pfizer has suggested a 3<sup>rd</sup> booster dose for all vaccinated people 8 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. We do anticipate that we will be back in clinic mode. We will hold onto the vaccine site at Branson Meadows Mall. We will try and not disrupt our normal TCHD operation with these added clinics. Area schools do not have mask requirements and are being impacted with Delta variant. Dr. Griffith asked what the percentage of Delta variant is in our county. Lisa said our sewer shed is nearly 100% Delta variant. The Delta variant is reported that an infected person infects 5-8 people The Alpha variant Covid is reported that an infected person infects 1-2 people. We are starting to see a small decline in cases.

We have 2-4 weeks to plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of Pfizer and future Covid shot clinics.

Lisa also reported that Tiffany Stevens and her PHAB team did a fantastic job getting this completed

WIC Updates – by Tammy Drake. The budget has been approved for our breast-feeding peer counselor and breast-feeding support. Lisa commented that the Mom Pod is available for events. The Mom-Pod is a space for people to feed or take care of their babies in an enclosed area. It was used at last year's Grape Festival and was popular with caregivers.

COAG Grant – We received a notice in December of 2020 that there were additional funds of \$81,000 that we should get soon. We have signed the contract and are waiting for the funds. This will help fund Covid efforts.

Elevator Status – Hugo reported on the elevator inspection. Hugo reported that we had our annual inspection, and it did not pass. The inspectors said we need additional work on the base of the elevator. There is wear on the hydraulic columns. This is a maintenance item at this point. It needs to be re-painted, re-sealed and given water protection. We do not have a price yet.

Clinical Update – by Pam Priest. Pam reported that clinical is busy doing back to school shots. Our new staff is doing awesome. We have 1 more new hire starting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. New hires are from our PRN pool, and we will need to find more PRNs before the next scheduled clinics. We had a state inspection to be sure we are following covid rules and we passed with flying colors. Debbie Redford said kudos to team!

Marketing – We now have a WIC ad on a billboard north of town by Native Signs. We will use this form of advertising for upcoming clinics and TCHD events.

Staffing Update - Many PRNs are now our full-time nurses. Omar Perez-Rivera will be the new English/Spanish bilingual liaison on the Community Outreach team after he finishes his summer pool position with the environmental team. Lindsay Lawver will remain in a temporary position with the Covid team until the end of the year. We will need new PRNs for the upcoming clinics. We will continue to lean on technology for Covid as much as possible. We will probably see clinics for the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of vaccine beginning in October and run through January 2022. We have need for an additional person in the accounting department, especially with the Covid billing for vaccines. There are funds available for the uninsured people, but we have not had the manpower to explore this. Sherrie Nievar is our new Community Health Educator, replacing Patricia Civiello. We still have 1 public health nurse position and 1 temporary public health nurse position available. Hugo said we have funds for the additional staff.

Lisa reported that there is a Missouri State vaccine incentive program for the local public health agencies. We have the option to participate in program. We would give gift cards of \$100 or 2 \$50 gift cards. Only health departments are eligible for this program. There are still a lot of unanswered questions. We will reach out to area health departments to see what they are thinking. We will ask our board to vote on this once more information is available.

Community Health Assessment – Kathryn Metzger reported that we have started drafting surveys for the public and that the team is working on town meetings for the future.

Environmental Health Update – Kathryn reported that we are fully operational except for the most recent person hired. We have 3 fully trained employees in lodging full time. The lodging fail for inspections is high this year. We are having to go multiple times to some sites. Laurie Hayes stated that she is reminding people to schedule their inspections soon.

### Unfinished Business-

Assessed Valuation – Our new rate will be .1332 which will increase our revenue by 1.4%. Motion to approve the assessed valuation was given by Laurie Hayes and seconded by Debbie Redford. Motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

FEMA COVID Kit Project – We were contacted by a representative that works with other health departments. There are kits available that have masks, hand sanitizer, wipes and covid information. Cole and Jefferson counties have bought and dispersed these kits. They have mailed one to every resident in their county. We would like to have them at the health department and then hand them out. They are reimbursable but we have not spoken to FEMA about this as of yet. If it is not reimbursable, we will not purchase them.

AC Units – Lisa said thank you to the board for the new AC unit. It has helped a great deal to cool the environmental side of the building. The attic one on the environmental side also needs to be replaced. The old ones were installed in 2014. Laurie Hayes motioned that we replace the old unit with the C & B unit. Debbie Redford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Performance Management

Lisa said we are looking at some performance management soft wear. We will be able to have our team use the soft wear. It will be very beneficial.

Laurie Hayes, Debbie Redford and Dr. Griffith will not be able to attend the next board meeting on September 23, 2021. We will move meeting to September 30, 2021.

Board Study Session, September 8, 2021, 2pm-4pm

Next Board Meeting is September 30, 2021, 2:30

### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:45 PM by Laurie Hayes. Seconded by Beth Huddleston. Motion passes unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Leslie Stricklin

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_