



OCONEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES August 14, 2024

Members Present: Dr. Jason Branch, Mark Thomas, Susanna Moriarty, Kellie Templeman, Brian Brodrick

Staff: Present: Dr. Stephen Goggans, Emily Eisenman, Keli Hinson, Apryl Singer, Miranda Bieber, Kathleen Wiltse,

Guests Present: Robert Scott

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Health was held Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was in person at the Oconee County Health Department with the option for virtual presence via Microsoft Teams.

Item: Approval of Minutes- August 14, 2024

Action: Mark Thomas called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kellie Templeman seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by all present.

Item: Old Business Tabled variance request

Action: Keli Hinson presented to the board a staff review of the variance request for 1591 Lane Creek drive, before the board voted on the request. Robert Scott addressed the board and explained his concerns about not being able to build a home on the purchased lot. There were discussions on the possibility of building a smaller home on the lot. Keli Henson explained that the lot size did not have the adequate soil requirements for the septic regulations. Dr. Branch addressed the Board about the staff recommendations on the denial of the variance. Mark Thomas motioned to deny the variance request, Susanna Moriarty seconded the motion, and the variance request was denied by all present.

Item: Body Art Regulations

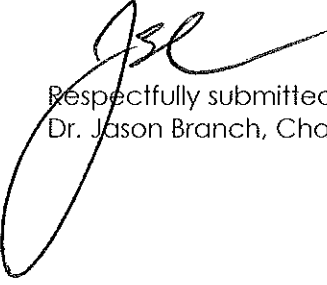
Action: A public hearing was held on August 14, 2024, from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the Oconee County Health Department for the new body art state regulations. Keli Hinson and Apryl Singer were in attendance, there were no public attendees. Keli Hinson explained to the Board that the County's Board of Health adopted body art regulations back in 2011, because the state did not have regulations at that time. Keli Hinson went on to explain that the State had adopted their own Body Art regulations on October 6, 2023, so now the County Board of Health needs to adopt the State regulations. Kellie Templeman motioned to approve the States Body Art Regulations, Mark Thomas seconded the motion, and the Body Art Regulations was passed by all present.

Item: District updates Dr. Goggans

Info: Dr. Goggans updated the board on the new States rollout with the Grits system, The Georgia Immunization registry. Dr. Goggans informed the Board that the Mobile unit is now able to give several Vaccines that the clinic offers. Dr. Goggans updated the Board on the PrEP program and explained that

three of the counties in the district now offer PrEP with the hopes of all the Counties incorporating PrEP into the services offered at the clinics.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jason Branch, Chairperson