Health Board Meeting
November 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the District No. 4 Health Board was called to order by Chairman Bert LaFleche, November 19, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Birch Room, at District Health Department No. 4, Alpena, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present:
Alpena County: Adrian, Fournier
Cheboygan County: Gouine, Newman
Montmorency County: LaFleche, Peterson
Presque Isle County: Altman, Gapczynski

Absent:

Excused:

Others Present: Denise, Bryan, Joshua Meyerson, Scott Smith, Judy Greer

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

MINUTES

October 15, 2019 Health Board Minutes: Motion by Gapczynski with support from Gouine to approve the September 17, 2019 Health Board Minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

CLAIMS

October 16, 2019 through November 15, 2019: Motion by Adrian with support from Gapczynski to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from October 16, 2019 through November 15, 2019. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Personal Health Nursing Director Position: Currently receiving applications. Incredible team work and recognition to Leah and Judy for working diligently to cover a variety of items during the transition. Bryan will keep the Board updated on the candidates. Meyerson is covering the Communicable Disease program.

WIC Audit: Originally scored in the 70%’s, Reassessment - scored 83%. Leah did an excellent job reviewing with staff, working with the State and submitting our Corrective Action Plan.


Harm Reduction: Looking at off-site testing locations. Alpena Community College, High-risk location outside of city limits. December 1st is World AIDS Day and walk in testing is being promoted in Alpena County on December 2, 2019.

Deputy Health Officer: Position has been posted internally and is now closed. Review and interviews pending with start date for January 1, 2020.

Budgeting 2019 & 2020: Recognition to Judy for working diligently at this busy time with accruals and preparing the next budget with many unknowns and benefits are increasing. Judy, Leah and Denise stayed until 7pm on Thursday going through the budget line by line. The budget is used as a tool for decision making.

Stabilizing Public Health Monies: The stabilizing public health monies from the legislature are moving forward. Alpena County is identified as the fiduciary when funds get released.

Health Insurance 2020: Wellness programming consideration with Health Insurance 2020. This is a negotiated commitment to explore with AFSCME.

PFAS: PFAS resampling letters went out November 18th for homes around the CRTC. Unknown amount of PFAS funding for 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PFAS: Smith reiterated the information regarding the letters that have been issued. A press release will also go out this week.
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR’S REPORT CONTINUED

Radon Action Week: Did not have as many individuals obtaining the kits as in the past. Will occur again in January.

Type II Non-Community Water Supply: Having 30% of noncompliance with individuals sampling as required. DHD4 is attempting to get voluntary compliance of sampling timely. Going to send a calendar out in January to show when everyone needs to sample. Postcards will be sent 6 weeks prior to the end of the time to sample, calls will also be placed 1-2 weeks before the end of the quarter. State average is at 20% non-compliance. Alternative is to obtain some robo-calling software to call. Bryan would like to see the reasons why compliance is not occurring. Gapczynski questioned what types of individuals are not complying. Adrian explained some of the difficulty obtaining the sampling to be in compliance along with the additional expense.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Revenue/Expenditure and Trial Balance Report: Greer mailed the Revenue/Expenditure and Trial Balance Report to Health Board members with the notice of the Health Board meeting for their review. Fund balance to decrease by $111,728.24 as of September 30, 2019.

CLEE – Lead Grant: Greer distributed the handout regarding the CLEE Lead Grant billboards that will appear in our counties. The billboards will be paid for with grant funds specifically for this use. The State of Michigan will be approving the billboards before being installed.

Motion by Peterson with support by Fournier to allow the child testing and occupational lead billboards. Discussion occurred. Not in favor of the hunting and fishing boards. Ayes all, motion carried.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Communicable Disease Report: The report for September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 was distributed to the Board. Meyerson reviewed the report with the Board.

Meyerson reported that we have an individual in the hospital of West Nile Encephalitis. The individual had clear travel, and almost sure that it was contracted in another State.

Opioid Epidemic: The announcement by Governor Whitmer that there has been a Michigan Opioid Taskforce created. There is a three prong approach to dealing with the Opioids epidemic. There is going to be a media campaign to reduce the stigma of Opioid usage. Meyerson highlighted the numerous attempts that will be taking place into 2020. This also includes the Harm Reduction that is occurring in our jurisdiction.
OLD BUSINESS

Health Insurance Wellness Option: Greer received some information regarding the BCN Healthy Blue Living. Adrian felt that the Board needs to exempt out of Public Act. Bryan felt that we should meet with the Union the first week of December. Bryan felt that a few commissioners should sit at the meeting with the Union. Adrian and Altman will sit on the Insurance Group.

NEW BUSINESS

Temporary WIC Coordinator Position: State guidelines are that a Bachelor prepared leader is required in order to be Coordinator for the WIC program. The Health Officer reached out to the union president to discuss internal temporary coordinator position. This position would have not handle human resource concerns, evaluations, and budgeting issues. Temporary Part-Time WIC Coordinator has been approved by the Union to offer this to see if there are any current employees that would be interested. Bryan would like to offer an additional $.50/hour up to 7.5 Hours additional each week to perform the duties, in addition be able to work an additional 5 hours per week. Union felt that it was feasible. This is a new coordinator position.

Motion by Gapczynski with support by Adrian to offer the Temporary WIC Coordinator at a premium of $.50/hour. Hours at the discretion of the Health Officer. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion: Policy 6.09.005 Greer presented the policy regarding Rapid HCV Testing. Meyerson has assisted and approved of the policy.

Motion by Altman with support by Fournier to approve the Rapid HCV Testing policy as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

2020 County Appropriations: Greer discussed the County Allocation request with a 2% increase for 2020. LaFleche asked what the Board had felt. Action will be taken at the December meeting.

2020 Budget Preview: Greer presented the 2020 Budget for review. Rent was an area of discussion during budget discussion. Bryan updated the Board on the status of the building and what happened in the past. Adrian shared his knowledge of the building. Action on the budget will be taken at the December meeting.
NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Health Officer Contract: Greer updated the Board on Bryan’s contract. DHD2 sets the wages for Bryan. DHD4 contributes 46% of Bryan’s expenses. Bryan shared that her first year at DHD2 she took a freeze on her salary. She would consider holding for the 2%, she would have to discuss this with the Board Chairman at DHD2. Bryan appreciates the expertise and experience that the Board brings. Altman appreciates the conversation.

Motion by Adrian with support by Altman to renew Bryan’s contract for 1 year. Bryan will discuss with her Board Chair a 2% increase on the DHD4 portion. Ayes – Adrian, Fournier, LaFleche, Peterson, Altman Nayas – Gouine, Newman, Gapczynski

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Adrian with support from Fournier to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

Adjournment: 11:56 a.m.

Bert LaFleche, Chairman

Carl Altman, Secretary/Treasurer

Judy Greer, Recording Secretary