Health Board Meeting
August 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the District No. 4 Health Board was called to order by Chairman Bob Adrian, August 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent:        Altman, Sangster

Excused:

Others Present: Denise Bryan, Judy
                Greer, Kevin Prevost,
                Matt Radocy, Kendra
                Bartz, Crystal Nelson
                The Alpena News

Adrian asked for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Cal Gouine.

AGENDA:

None.

MINUTES:

Minutes from July 21, 2020 Health Board Minutes: Motion by LaFleche with support from Fournier to approve the July 21, 2020 Health Board Minutes as presented. Ayes all, Motion carried.

Minutes from July 29, 2020 Executive Board Minutes: Motion by Adrian with support from LaFleche to approve the July 29, 2020 Executive Board Minutes as presented. Ayes all, Motion carried.
CLAIMS

**July 22, 2020 through August 14, 2020:** Motion by Lafleche with support from Gapczynski to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from July 22, 2020 through August 16, 2020. Roll call vote. Ayes all, Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER 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 being added through June 30, 2020 is $9,476.75.

Adrian questioned the CARES act funding due to counties having received Community Development Grants and may be willing to assist the Health Department.

**Support Services/Finance Supervisor:** Kendra Bartz has been hired to fill the vacancy of Support Services/Finance Supervisor. She began her position on Monday, August 17, 2020. Welcome Kendra!

**Secretarial/Finance Position:** There was one internal candidate for the Secretary/Accounting position. The individual will begin the Accounting training in September.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT

**Communicable Disease Report:** The report for June 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 was mailed to the Board with the packet for the month.

Weekly meetings with the Superintendents to get the school plans together for the reopening. Hailey, Devin and Matt have been working with the schools on their plan. Meyerson stated that we do not approve their reopening plans, we provide guidance.

Meyerson talked about the uptick in COVID19 cases in our area. He relates them to travel in/out of our jurisdiction. Testing is a concern in our area with timely reporting. The virus is in our community whether it be seasonal residents or travelers. Hospitalization numbers have remained low as well.
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Montmorency County Sanitarian: Scott Couture is continuing training and will begin being a presence in the Montmorency Office beginning August 18, 2020. He still has a good deal of training to complete, but he’s adapting well.

Cheboygan County Sanitarian: A tentative offer of employment has been made to Naomi Barnes to fill the Cheboygan Sanitarian position, with focused training in COVID19 response and contact tracing. Her start date is set for September 8, 2020.

On-site Sewage and Water Supply: Prevost reported that we have surpassed the 2019 numbers at this time in the On-site sewage and water supply. Extremely busy at this time.

Beach Monitoring: We have had good results this year with no advisories or closures.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

COVID 19: Bryan shared the data in the slides prepared by Devin Spivey, Epidemiologist. Cathy Goike does an outstanding job keeping the media and our Facebook page up to date. School discussions have been handled by Hailey, Devin, and Matt. A little more guidance from the state would have been beneficial for consistency. Representative Allor held two town hall meetings with Bryan and Meyerson participating. School districts do cover more than one jurisdiction. Bryan wrote a letter of support to have DHD2 move to Region 6. Testing is an important component with schools reopening. Turnaround times of lab results are unacceptable.

The State is looking to mobilize the National Guard for testing in a more comprehensive approach. Looks like the National Guard will be responsible from US10 Highway and North. Matt Radocy is looking at options with focus on Cheboygan, Presque Isle, and Alpena. Sgt Holt has been instrumental in helping set up testing options.

Executive Orders are hard to keep up with their interpretation/details. The enforcement of these orders is difficult especially since the mask order was implemented. The nurses are doing an outstanding job with contact tracing and initial contacts.

We need to be gearing up our immunization’s efforts. We will proceed with the Immunization Coordinator position. The team is ready to respond when necessary. We are operating 7 days a week.
ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT CONTINUED

A lot of time has been spent interviewing and hiring. Tiffany Bailey will be joining District Health Department No. 4 as Public Health Nursing Director on August 31, 2020. As of August 31, 2020, the Leadership team will consist of Judy, Kevin, Tiffany, Devin, Hailey, Kendra, Matt, Denise and Dr. Meyerson.

Tiffany, Hailey, Devin and Kendra will be learning the programs and departments. We look forward to you meeting them in your counties.

Community Development Block Grant is a way for us to work with the counties. Bryan mentioned a potential for a Social Work position to work with COVID. Bryan understands that these grants are not sustainable.

Union Negotiations: Bryan is aware that union negotiations are coming up this year. We understand that the retirement costs are increasing. Bryan felt that we should start negotiating in September so not to run into the Christmas season.

Adrian thanked the staff and Denise on their dedication and commitment to the department.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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

Adjournment: 10:55 a.m.

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Bob Adrian, Chairman        Mike Newman, Secretary/Treasurer

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Judy Greer, Recording Secretary