

Health Board Meeting
September 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the District No. 4 Health Board was called to order by Chairman Bob Adrian, September 15, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom meeting.

ROLL CALL

<u>Present:</u>	Alpena County:	Adrian, Fournier
	Cheboygan County:	Newman, Sangster
	Montmorency County :	LaFleche, Peterson
	Presque Isle County:	Altman, Lang

Absent:

Excused:

<u>Others Present:</u>	Denise Bryan, Joshua Meyerson, Judy Greer, Matt Radocy, Kendra Bartz, Crystal Nelson – The Alpena News,
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AGENDA CHANGES

Add: Approval of Executive Committee Minutes from September 10, 2020

MINUTES

August 18, 2020 Health Board Minutes: Motion by LaFleche with support from Gapczynski to approve the August 18, 2020 Health Board Minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

September 10, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes: Motion by Fournier with support from Newman to approve the September 10, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

CLAIMS

August 19, 2020 through September 11, 2020: Motion by Peterson with support from Fournier to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from August 19, 2020 through September 11, 2020. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Communicable Disease Report: The report for period August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 was mailed to the Board with the packet for the month. Meyerson presented some epi-curve graphs.

Influenza Vaccine: We are receiving our influenza vaccine. Everyone over 6 months of age should get their vaccination especially this year.

School reopening: Adrian questioned if we felt comfortable with the school reopening plans. Meyerson updated the Board on this. Dein Spivey would be a key person with the data. Hailey Black BSN, Matt Radocy and Dr. Meyerson have been preparing should something arise.

Cyanobacterial bloom on Black Lake: There are several types of algae. Cyanobacterial can be dangerous to humans. Black Lake had algae blooms last year with a public health advisory being issued. EGLE investigated Black Lake last week regarding the Cyanobacterial bloom.

EEE: Last year Michigan had an epidemic of this virus. This year we have not had any human cases, however, several horses across the state that came down with this virus. There is spraying taking place in approximately 10 counties to help kill the mosquitos that carry the virus.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Sanitarian: We have hired a new Sanitarian for the Cheboygan county office. Her name is Naomi Barnes and she started 9/8/20. Her primary focus will be Coronavirus contact tracing/Foodborne illness investigation/Emergent Diseases and Food Service Inspections. Naomi will assist in a drive thru Coronavirus test site in Cheboygan county on 9/16/20.

Scott Couture, sanitarian in Montmorency County is learning quickly and has taken on some independent work. Tim Brown is still traveling to Montmorency County weekly to assist Scott. Some of Scott's food training has begun as well.

Beach Monitoring: Beach monitoring has wrapped up for this season and there were no closures or advisories issued at any of the beaches monitored by DHD4 this season.

Update: I am still providing some field assistance, through the end of September, to the Sanitarians in the District due to the increased work load and necessary training of new hires.

2020 has been a very busy year for EH, both on the coronavirus front and also in spite of it. The increased level of confusion over Executive Orders and added restrictions upon

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

food service establishments have dramatically increased our consultation time with the public and Food Establishment owners. Along with that we have seen a marked increase in construction throughout the district as well. Permitting is up 20% to date from FY19 and really shows no sign of slowing dramatically any time soon. With that being said, I would like to note that the EH staff has responded well despite the increased pressure, lack of experienced staff and increased work load. I'm very proud of them.

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER'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. Amount being added to Fund Balance through July 31, 2020 is \$99,297.78.

Adult Day Care Memorial Donation: Greer shared with the Board that we received \$765 in donations in the memory of our prior Adult Day Care Manager.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

COVID Statistics: Devin Spivey, Epidemiologist, prepared the statistics for the Board packet. Bryan reviewed them when presented. Bryan asked State for clarification on death attributed to COVID criteria. Bryan will be covering contact tracing for Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for DHD4 so that staff can spend time with their families.

Partnership Recognition: Bryan shared the names of the individuals, businesses and organizations that have dedicated their support during the COVID 19 pandemic.

COVID Public Health: – Majority of time. Cases evolving with many potentially exposures...

Testing event with National Guard

Sept. 16 in Cheboygan 9am-1pm Cheboygan Ice Rink and Pavilion.

Sept. 22: Alpena

Sept. 29: Rogers City

School re-open plans and consultations are ongoing. Sports resuming with State wide increasing risks being reported. None local at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Meeting this afternoon with Alpena Community College to proactively create COVID positive response plan.

State wide – embracing more messages of hope vs fear and blame.

Day Care Update: The Caring Place is doing well.

WIC Reopening: Beginning October 1, 2020 WIC families will be coming to the office to receive services.

Staffing: Bryan shared that we are continuing interviews for the Nursing Director and Public Health Nurse position.

2019 Annual Report: Aiming for a November 1, 2020 release date.

Public Health Leadership Award: This is an annual award.

Negotiation Letter: Bartz prepared the negotiation letter that was sent to the Union Representation and Union President.

PFAS: Legislation went into effect on August 3, 2020 and PFAS work continues. Most likely take a funding hit in 2021.

Opioid Prevention: Work continues with Northern Michigan Regional Opioid Consortium. Video update to Opioid Summit – virtual learning New State legislation proposal likely.

Influenza: Campaign and promotion.

Budget dilemma: State \$1 billion deficit with unknown impact on LPH.

CHIR(Regional) and HUB ((Regional and DHD4): Funding issues arising. Community Health Workers have been successful and will be looking at the funding for this program.

Funding Opportunity: Possible funding opportunity for mobile unit – unsure of operational costs by December 2020. Federal pass thru dollars.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Telehealth Grant: \$12,000 grant for telehealth tablets (no cost) – grant pays for connection fees for 24 months.

Information Request: Bryan shared that she has been asked for an interview. Bryan has shared the request with the Board.

We should be very proud of the public health staff and the commitment to our communities!

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Organizational Chart: Bryan presented the updated Organizational Chart.

Motion by LaFleche with support by Newman to approve the Organizational Chart as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

MERS Retirement Waiver: Greer presented the MERS Retirement Waiver. The waiver needs to be submitted before any corrective plan is done. Will wait to hear from Department of Treasury before submitting corrective plan. Adrian shared some of the potential ways to help with the retirement costs.

Motion by Newman with support by Gapczynski to authorize Bryan to sign the MERS waiver Application and submit to the Department of Treasury. Discussion occurred. Roll call vote, ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 12:33pm

Bob Adrian, Chairman

Mike Newman, Secretary/Treasurer

Judy Greer, Recording Secretary