



**MINUTES**

**December 15, 2020 Health Board Minutes:** Motion with changes by Altman with support from Gapczynski to approve the December 15, 2020 Health Board Minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

**CLAIMS****December 15, 2020 through January 16, 2021:**

Motion by Gapczynski with support from Newman to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from December 15, 2020 through January 15, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sarah Melching, Presque Isle Co. Emergency Management Coordinator, commented on her frustration with the communication process with DHD4 staff regarding current agency plans on vaccine distribution events, logistics, strike teams, vaccination of 1A & 1B groups and being a resource to hold events in Rogers City.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Prevost updated the Board of Health on Radon Action Month. Currently collecting food donations for a radon testing kit. Food will then be distributed to local groups to distribute. This is a low demand time for EH, but still doing food inspections as required by state license requirements. All sanitarians are now fully trained for food inspections. Still splitting one sanitarian between EH duties and COVID-19 staffing needs. Altman asked some questions on fees regarding the COVID-19 shutdown. Prevost explained fees structure & State requirements. Prevost also commented on that 2020 water, sewer, and building permits were increased over 2019, and 2019 permits were higher than 2018. He doesn't see the trend decreasing in 2021. Sangster also asked for clarification on body art licensing fee structure.

**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 November 30, 2020 is \$24,676.97.

Greer updated Board on Covid Relief Funding, which ended on December 21, 2020. DHD4 has billed for services provided, but funding has not yet been received.

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT****Communicable Disease Report:**

Updates were presented to the Board regarding the COVID-19 vaccine distribution, availability, and supply issues. COVID-19 cases, deaths, and hospitalizations are still a concern, but cases have decreased a bit. Meyerson expressed gratitude for how hard DHD4 staff are working, giving up their weekends and holiday, working long hours to try to move forward in the vaccination efforts. Discussion around MI Governor's orders, challenges regarding scheduling exact number of people in each clinic due to vaccine supply and dosage per vial and two doses being required. No doses have been wasted. Altman inquired about increasing local partners getting vaccine to create more access points. Discussion on time it will take to get the community vaccinated and those challenges.

Altman also asked for an update on "recovery" data from COVID-19 statics being provided. Greer noted that the State (MDSS) actually removed access to that supporting data field, so those stats will be removed from DHD4 website.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

**COVID-19 Update:** A PowerPoint was handed out to Board members with details on vaccine roll out statistics, schedules, and timing.

Bryan gave extensive details on vaccine rollout details, numbers of vaccines given, and how quickly staff has increased those numbers. Clinics that were once 100 people are now 1,000 people, and could be increased if given the vaccine needed. Weekly vaccine order vs vaccine received discussed. Bryan noted the challenges of reaching our aging population, the challenge of calling each person and the staff time to do so. Some community partners are now assisting with that process. Heath Officer very proud of DHD4 staff and their dedication. DHD4 has worked tirelessly to keep our communities supplied with vaccine, with a goal of getting as many people vaccinated before Memorial Weekend and the start of tourist season. Expressed the need to be responsive, adaptive and resilient.

Next month Health Officer will present the strategic plan.

Sangster asked questions regarding second dose, future of vaccine distribution, and supply chain. He voiced his concern of NE MI being left out in the future if distribution formula changes. He inquired about any watchdog type groups concerning this and expressed his concern on transparency of those formulas.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bryan asked the Board to allow her to continue to represent DHD4 in MALPH (Michigan Association for Local Public Health), with Greer as her backup.

Motion by Altman, with support by Gapczynski to allow Bryan to represent DHD4 in MALPH with Greer as her backup. Ayes all, motion carried.

2021 Meeting Schedule presented. Comment regarding meeting in person. St. John's church is available for future meetings. Motion by Sangster with Support by Gapczynski to approve 2021 meeting schedule as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Adjournment: 11:30am

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Bob Adrian, Chairman

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Mike Newman, Secretary/Treasurer

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Kendra Bartz, Recording Secretary