

Health Board Meeting
March 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the District No. 4 Health Board was called to order by Chairman Bob Adrian, March 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Merchants Building, Alpena County Fairgrounds, 625 S 11th Av., Alpena, MI 49707

ROLL CALL

Present: Alpena County: Adrian, Osbourne
Cheboygan County: Newman, Warfield
Montmorency County: Balog
Presque Isle County: Altman, Shutes

Absent:

Excused: Fournier, Gapczynski, Stacey

Staff Present: Denise Bryan, Joshua Meyerson (via telephone), Judy Greer, Jen Curl, Kevin Prevost, Hailey Black, Matt Radocy, Devin Spivey, Kendra Bartz

Others Present: Crystal Nelson – The Alpena News,
Mark Hall- Alpena Emergency
Manager

Agenda Changes:

None

MINUTES

February 16, 2021 Health Board Minutes: Motion by Altman with support from Osbourne to approve the February 16, 2021 Health Board Minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

CLAIMS

February 12, 2021- March , 2021: Motion by Newman with support from Osbourne to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from February 12, 2021 through March 12, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Revenue/Expenditure and Trial Balance Report: Greer handed out 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 January 31, 2021 is \$37,322.53.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Communicable Disease Report: Meyerson discussed the expansion of qualified groups for vaccination and increasing access points in communities. COVID case counts increasing, making vaccinations even more important. Discussion on 3rd approved vaccine. Meyerson advised getting whatever vaccine is available to you, as soon as possible.

PERSONAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S & SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

COVID-19 Update: Curl and Spivey provided the Board with a COVID vaccination update. Total of 14,780 vaccinations administered by DHD4 to date, not including clinics this week. The following vaccines were administered by county: Alpena County – 5,925 doses – 40%; Cheboygan County – 6,304 doses – 43%; Montmorency County – 1,364 doses – 9%; and Presque Isle County – 1,188 doses – 8%. Of these doses – 72% were for individuals 65+; 20% was 45-64 years; 7% was 25-44 years; .9% was 19-24 years; and .1% was 13-18 years.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator: Radocy provided the Board with an overview of COVID vaccination clinics. Currently weekly meetings being held with all four counties emergency managers. Outreach and collaboration with community partners and volunteers has been a key part of the success, along with the dedicated DHD4 staff. Future focus on seasonal tourism employees and possible drive-thru events.

MIHP Program: The MIHP program updates and overview provided by Hailey Black. Telehealth visits both a challenge and a benefit for the past year. Isolation of new mothers in a pandemic being a challenge, less road time for staff being a benefit. Current staff includes five RN's and one social worker covering all four counties.

Altman questioned the referral process. Historically, those have come from doctors, OB staff, and the WIC program per Black.

PERSONAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S & SUPERVISOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

Harm Reduction: Curl updated the Board on the Harm Reduction programs provided by DHD4's two RN's. Bryan is an active part of the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium.

Bryan reminded Board that all DHD4 mandated services have continued to be provided during the Pandemic, which is now over a year old. She thanked the dedicated staff for the long hours and many sacrifices they have made to continue to serve the communities. EM supervisor temporary position candidates are starting second interview, with the anticipation of starting soon to assist with the work. Bryan also noted that eligibility is rapidly changing. DHD4 has continued to increase its vaccinations, with focus on the most vulnerable.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Water Programs: Historically part of public health from clean water act in 1972 and a primary service of Public Health. Regulation of Type II water supplies regulated under Act 399, Michigan's SDWA of 1976. Private/Residential water supplies is under Part 127 of Act 368 of 1978, Michigan's Public Health Code. Public water staffing/funding always an issue. Paperwork/oversight is intensive. Yearly requirement to inspect 20% of the entire DHD4 Type II inventory. 2016 brought an increase in requirements, but no increase in funding from EGLE. Obligation to serve public and their health by making sure water is safe. Private is better funded, but distance to travel and time of activity create an oversight challenge. In spite of all the challenges, both TYPE II and Private water are accredited and have met all MPR's upon EGLE review. No waterborne diseases outbreaks in his 27-year history.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Epidemiology Update: Spivey updated the Board regarding COVID since the last Board meeting. We have seen an increase of 315 Confirmed and Probable cases and an additional 7 deaths.

Health Education Report: Spivey updated the Board regarding the Empowering Youth Today EYT Grant. MDHHS provides \$160,000 funding. EYT uses evidence-based curriculum to focus on Positive Youth Development, utilizing and enhancing young peoples strengths. DHD4 sub-contracts EYT implementation to Alpena Boys and Girls Club, the Cheboygan Youth Center, and the Rogers City Natural Helpers. Last year these programs reached over 350 youth with 6+ hours of interventions.

Health Educator, Goike, also acts as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the agency.

COVID Meetings: Bryan reports vaccine allocation requires detailed monitoring. Currently we only are offering Moderna vaccine, but will likely get others.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MERS Corrective Action Plan: Greer presented the history of MERS funding, changes by MERS and DHD4 Board over the past years. To correct the unfunded liability in MERS, Greer asked to authorize forfeiture funds to be applied to Defined Contributions & Hybrid Payments and the budgeted funding that would have covered those payments will go directly to the unfunded liability. Greer also requested an increase of \$4887 per month to No-Phase in contributions for 2021. As part of the plan, beginning in 2022, additional contributions of \$50,000 per year until determined appropriate funding level to complete the Corrective Action Plan. Waiting to hear from MERS as to when this will occur at the suggested funding levels.

Motion by Altman with support by Newman to approve the MERS corrective action plan as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

Mass Vaccination Software- Spivey gave an overview of a software program to assist with COVID vaccination appointments, scheduling, reminders, and patient data. Other programs are also being vetted. Benefits and costs were discussed. Motion by Newman, supported by Osbourne to purchase a software program to assist with vaccinations up to \$50,000. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 11:45am

Bob Adrian, Chairman

Michael Newman, Secretary/Treasurer

Kendra Bartz, Recording Secretary