

Health Board Meeting
November 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the District No. 4 Health Board was called to order by Chairman Bob Adrian, November 17, 2020, at 10:05a.m. The meeting was held at the Alpena County DHD4 office at 100 Woods Circle, Suite 200, Alpena, MI 49707.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Fournier

Excused:

Staff Present: Denise Bryan, Dr. Joshua Meyerson,
Judy Greer, Jennifer Curl, Devin Spivey, and
Kendra Bartz

Others Present: Steve Schulwitz – The Alpena News

AGENDA CHANGES: None

MINUTES

October 20, 2020 Health Board Minutes: Motion by LaFleche with support from Newman to approve the October 20, 2020 Health Board Minutes as is. Ayes all, motion carried.

CLAIMS

October 17, 2020 through November 16, 2020: Motion by LaFleche with support from Newman to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from October 17, 2020 through November 16, 2020. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Schulwitz- Sincere Thank you for all the work being done to keep our communities safe.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Update: EH remains busy in all counties with demand work in the mandatory programs (Private and Type 3 water supplies, Non-community water supply, Onsite Sewage Disposal and Food Service) as well as wrapping up all of the secondary program work (Swimming pools, Campgrounds, Septage, Long Term Monitoring) as well as handling many phone calls regarding the MDHHS Emergency Orders and Covid related issues in Food Service Establishments and other businesses in the community.

Sanitarian Training: Training continues for the two newest members of the Environmental Health Staff, Scott Couture and Naomi Barnes. They are both doing well and showing excellent initiative, work ethic and critical thinking skill. They both have proven to be valuable additions to the EH staff.

Radon Awareness Week: Give A Can, Get A Kit promotion was fairly successful. Alpena: 21 kits/60 food items; Cheboygan: 42 kits/72 food items; Presque Isle: 11 kits/15 food items. Unfortunately, we had 0 responses in Montmorency County. The food items were donated to local food pantries.

Complaint: Board was updated regarding a property flood complaint in Montmorency County.

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 September 30, 2020 is \$221,135.24.

Will be returning funds to State in Hep A; PFAS; Harm Reduction. There will be funds returned for COVID and reissued for the FY21 funding cycle

MERS: Determination of Underfunded Status & Need for Corrective Action Plan. We have 180 days to submit Corrective Action Plan.

Public Health Nurse Coordinator - Grant Funded Position
CD, Harm Reduction, ADC funding; pay would be \$.50/hour more than regular nursing position. Discussion on grant terms, longevity feasibility, and effect on MERS.

Motion by LaFleche with support from Newman to approve the Public Health Nurse Coordinator position as is. Ayes all, motion carried.

2021 Budget – December 2020 Board Meeting

Staffing:

- Contact Tracers – Continue to hire agreement contact tracers.
- Secretarial positions filled and proceeding with training.

Audits:

- WIC/WIC Peer Counselor/FP – 1 Corrective Action Plan
- MIHP Certification – Hailey/Staff did exceptional 92% = Full Cycle Certification for 18 months. State audit group stated that we have a high quality program and wonderful staff dedicated to providing the best of care and service to our clients.

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

Updated were presented to the Board regarding current surge of COVID-19 cases, deaths, and hospitalizations for our four counties.

Covid cases and flu vaccines are the focus right now. With the new executive orders, high schools are going virtual. Schools are also experiencing cases, but the lower grades aren't seeing the positive cases that the older kids are. Most likely due to increased contacts outside of school. Meyerson agrees with the orders and noted some hospitals are already filling up and have limited room for more cases. This shut down should help. Meyerson also noted that pediatricians have also been in the planning meetings with schools and agree that keeping the younger kids in classrooms is healthier for them and they have a higher quality of education. They noted an increase in abuse cases when they were all virtual.

Questions to Meyerson in regards to the vaccine, when he feels that will make an impact in the communities. He discussed outlook, possible timeline, and DHD4's participation in vaccination of the community. He feels it may be spring before it's available to the community at large.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Nursing Director Introduction: Jennifer Curl was introduced to the Board.

Nursing Supervisor: Will go from part-time to full time from November 30th to December 30th in wake of case surge.

COVID Statistics: Devin Spivey, Epidemiologist, prepared the statistics for the Board packet. Bryan reviewed the county statistics and copies were passed out.

Cases surge. Bryan presented struggle staff has faced in the wake of tremendous new positive cases, exhausting days, uncooperative and often angry public reception. Staff will continue to use public health tools & strategies.

Vaccine progress updates. Frontline healthcare will be first recipients. Planning for receiving, storing, and administering vaccine is underway.

November 19th is the next COVID testing event in Indian River with a new partner. National Guard is no longer assisting with testing.

New Epidemic Orders from MDHHS: Effective November 18, 2020. Targeting limiting gatherings, remote work plan possibilities without closing our doors, but health screening of clients will continue with required masking and physical distancing. Caring Place will remain at part-time hours.

Strategic Plan: Will work with leadership team to review the current plan and make recommended updates. A three (3) year plan will be presented at the next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Union Contract: Negotiations complete, the union has ratified it. Union contract presented to Board for approval. Contract is good for three (3) years starting 2021. Board and Health Officer voiced appreciation for all involved with negotiations and their ability to work together to come to an agreement so quickly. The Union's agreeability and professionalism is much appreciated.

Motion by Altman with support from LaFleche to approve the Union Contract as is. Ayes all, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrative Charter: Discussion on Administrative Charter, changes that have been made. New Charter will be for two (2) years, 2021 & 2022.

Motion by Newman with support from Peterson to approve the Administrative Charter as is. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Board Member Resignation: Darryl Peterson announced that this was his last meeting. He will be unable to serve due to a conflict with another board he's joining. The Board thanked him for his service to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 11:13 am

Bob Adrian, Chairman

Mike Newman, Secretary/Treasurer

Kendra Bartz, Recording Secretary