

CLAIMS

March 17, 2021- April 16, 2021:

Question regarding straight overtime by Gapczynski. Greer provided details.

Motion by Gapczynski with support from Osbourne to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from March 17, 2021 through April 16, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Revenue/Expenditure and Trial Balance Report: Greer provided the Revenue/Expenditure and Trial Balance Report along to Health Board members for their review. Amount being deducted to Fund Balance through February 28, 2021 is \$49,841.22. Negative amount is due to the delay in receiving Covid money. Workman's comp audit resulted in a refund, but Greer recommended keeping the funding the same.

MERS Update: Going forward with the Corrective Action Plan approved by the Board. The plan was sent to the State, and they have received it, but no response has been received.

IT: Brent Bonnington was introduced as the new IT supervisor. His addition will help with the demands of off-site clinics, as well as other IT needs of the agency.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COVID Vaccine: Meyerson discussed the vaccination rate versus community spread of the illness and the mitigation methods such as masks. Original vaccination timeline has been surpassed and clinics are now open to all on a walk-in basis. Meyerson acknowledged great community partnerships and great accessibility for this. The pause of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine was also discussed.

Gapczynski had questions regarding the lockdown's effects on total death rates and COVID cases in Presque Isle County. Adrian noted Medical Examiner's reporting role in rates. Discussion regarding current protocols for cleaning, treatments of illness, hospitalization rates, and possible booster vaccinations.

Adrian asked Meyerson about the reliability of rapid COVID testing. Meyerson confirmed almost 98% certainty if symptomatic.

PERSONAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S & SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

COVID-19 Update: Vieregge and Spivey provided the Board with a COVID vaccination update. Total vaccines administered by DHD4 is 22,734 as of April 19, 2021. Vieregge noted the recent vaccination clinic walk-in rates and future clinic plans including jail inmates and seasonal staff for Mackinaw.

Epidemiology Update: Spivey updated the Board regarding COVID since the last Board meeting. We have seen an increase of 131 Confirmed and Probable cases and an additional 7 deaths. Spivey noted the current COVID cases increase of 325% since March 15, 2021 which include the B.1.1.7 strain. Challenges of the surge including the impact on schools were discussed

Balog commented he would like to see DHD4 advising schools to remain open. Bryan noted DHD4 staff were accessible for school superintendents to discuss options and to offer assistance to them, but the decisions were up to the superintendents and their school boards. Medical Director and Health Officer recommendation have leaned towards keep students in school. School staffing issues usually a big challenge.

WIC Program: The Women Infant and Children Program is a nutritional support for families: pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum, infants up to 1 year, and children up to 5 years old. WIC is doing 100% telehealth visits and has for the last year. Black noted the challenges and impacts of not seeing the clients in person such as missed opportunities to provide other services like immunization review, hemoglobin check, dental varnish and lead testing. She also acknowledged some benefits such as less travel time for staff. Black also noted Greer's advocacy to the increase in funding for this program. Black noted the Project Fresh benefits to the clients and children. An overview of the program was presented. Meyerson added the financial benefits Project Fresh brings to the local economy.

The Caring Place: Curl outlined the services provided by The Caring Place and its hours of operation and funding sources. Ann Lorenzi, RN, is the program supervisor. Target population are older adults with dementia, Alzheimer, and related disorders or those that just need some socialization.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Permits: Prevost noted 2021 construction season is very busy with onsite sewage permits up 80%, water supply permits up 51%, and vacant land evaluations up nearly 1500% so far this year. Onsite sewage program is a mandatory program, as are private and public water supply. EH staff time and knowledge noted to provide a well administered and robust onsite sewage disposal program properly protects the public and environmental health. Regulation of this is split between residential and non-residential. Non-residential design and administration falls under Michigan's Criteria for Subsurface Sewage Disposal per Act 368, Michigan's Public Code. Residential design and administration falls under the regulation of DHD4's local Sanitary Code. This program is funded through local permit fees and Essential local public health services funding.

Great Lakes Monitoring: Prevost stated the annual application to EGLE a grant application for funding to monitor Great Lakes beaches in Alpena and Cheboygan counties.

Altman questioned the ability to transfer a food license, which Prevost stated is non-transferable. Discussion regarding overall costs to the permit. Altman also questioned water sample result website, which is not a DHD4 site.

Bryan noted the addition of a sanitarian during COVID which has been beneficial during the increase in demand for services.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Bryan commented that the pandemic is rapidly evolving. Previous request and approval of software by the Board was reassessed and not purchased. Clinics moved from pre-registration to walk-in as demand decreased and access to vaccine increased. Focus now on outreach to the vulnerable, 16-17 year olds, homebound, and jail inmates. Adrian questioned current clinic schedules and having mass vaccination clinics versus office visits. Bryan highlighted the changes in community availability at hospitals and tribal clinics versus the normal doctor's office availability being partially due to the challenges in handling of the vaccines that the storage needs, expiration time, large dosage vials. Bryan praised the DHD4 team and the work they do in serving the public every day.

PFAS work continues with resampling of wells around CRTTC. RAB meeting for former Wurtsmith Air Force Base Remediation Plan on Wednesday evening 6pm-8pm. .

Bryan announced the resignation of Black at the end of May. Possibility of changing this position to a second director position if the right BSN candidate is found. This would be brought to the Board as a motion.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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: 11:41am

Bob Adrian, Chairman

Michael Newman, Secretary/Treasurer

Kendra Bartz, Recording Secretary