

Health Board Meeting
June 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the District No. 4 Health Board was called to order by Chairman Bob Adrian, June 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the District Health Department #4, 100 Woods Circle, Suite 200, Alpena, MI.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Excused:

Fournier, Stacey

Staff Present:

Denise Bryan, Joshua Meyerson,
Judy Greer, Kevin Prevost, Hailey
Black, Devin Spivey, Kendra Bartz,
EmmaViergge, Matt Rodocy

Others Present:

Sarah Melching, Crystal Nelson- The
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Agenda Changes:

None

MINUTES

May 18, 2021 Health Board Minutes: Motion by Osbourne with support from Warfield to approve the May 18, 2021 Health Board Minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

CLAIMS

May 15, 2021- June 11, 2021:

Motion by Gapczynski with support from Altman to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from May 15, 2021 through June 11, 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 to the Health Board commissioners for their review. Amount in surplus to Fund Balance through April 30, 2021 is \$211,695.97.

Greer noted finance fully staffed and focusing on billing COVID clinics. Since COVID services are winding down, funding will also go down.

MERS Corrective Action Plan has been approved by MERS. Reports still need to be submitted regularly.

Greer presented new Board of Health meeting county rotation and dates. Motion by Osbourne with support from Balog to approve location and dates of 2021 Board of Health meetings.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Meyerson noted with COVID cases and vaccinations winding down and COVID vaccination will be conducted as pop-up clinics and integrated within IMMS program operations. DHD4 focus has returned to regular public health programs.

PERSONAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Black explained how all Local Public Health services tie together in providing essential needs of the community. Coordination with community partners has been key to COVID response outcomes. Black highlighted COVID timeline, relationships built, and DHD4 community focus. Adrian commended DHD4 on their expertise and collaboration with community partners.

COVID-19 Update: Spivey provided the Board with a COVID vaccination update. Total vaccines administered by DHD4 is 25,836 as of June 14, 2021.

Radocy discussed vaccination clinic schedules in all four counties. Vieregge noted effort to meet people where they are and adjusting response by forming smaller teams. Adrian asked about vaccination age limit changing on COVID vaccines. Meyerson feels it may be fall before any age limits change.

Epidemiology Update: Spivey updated the Board regarding COVID since the last Board meeting. Total cases and death rates steadily decreasing. Spivey explained timeline of case reporting since beginning of COVID cases. Monitoring of Delta variant will continue. Calls with local superintendents are suspended until August. Adrian requested support from Commissioners on NMRE grant funding which funds Spivey's position with DHD4.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Great Lakes Monitoring: EGLE grant has been awarded. This means four Great Lakes beaches and two inland lake beaches will be monitored starting June 1st. Gapczynski asked details regarding locations and reasoning behind location choices. Balog questioned grant funding. Discussion regarding non-public gathering spaces on inland lakes. EGLE grant allows sampling of public access points only, and Prevost explained reasoning. Meyerson added agreement with Prevost and grant funding limitations.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Bryan told Board that due to timely reporting to the insurance company, DHD4 will only have to pay the \$5,000 deductible for recent legal fees. COVID funding does not allow for legal fees, even though court case was due to COVID ruling.

Two new Nursing Directors will be starting on Monday, June 21st. Black will remain on contract for COVID and nurse leadership consults for approximately one to two months.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Wage Premium for COVID19: In front line service a wage premium is being presented for \$1,000 per employee for those employed as of June 11, 2021. This is for non-contract staff only. Estimated cost is approximately \$52,000 and would be paid from COVID19 funding in July 2021.

Motion by Osbourne with support by Balog to approve the Wage Premium as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes 6- Adrian, Newman, Altman, Gapczynski, Osbourne, Warfield. Nays 1- Balog. Motion carried.

Motion: Office Closure for Full Staff Training: Authorize closure of all office in all four counties on July 29, 2021 for full staff in person training and celebration. A meeting space has been donated by Knights of Columbus in Cheboygan. A budget of \$1,000-\$1,500 will be used to provide training materials and appreciation luncheon for staff. Additional cost would be staff mileage.

Motion by Balog with support by Warfield to approve the Office Closure as presented. 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 Gapczynski. Ayes all, motion carried.

Adjournment: 11:09 am

Bob Adrian, Chairman

Michael Newman, Secretary/Treasurer

Kendra Bartz, Recording Secretary