

Health Board Meeting
September 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the District No. 4 Health Board was called to order by Chairman Bob Adrian, September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Old Commissioners' Room, Presque Isle Co. Building, Rogers City, MI

Present: Alpena County: Adrian, Gilmet
Cheboygan County: Newman
Montmorency County: Balog
Presque Isle County: Altman, Gapczynski

Absent: Stacey, Warfield

Excused: Judy Greer

Staff Present: Joshua Meyerson, Denise Bryan,
Kevin Prevost, Kayla Keen, Devin
Spivey, Kendra Bartz, Nic
Modrzynski, Emma Vieregge

Others Present:

Agenda Changes:

None

MINUTES

August 17, 2021 Health Board Minutes: Motion by Newman with support from Adrian to approve the August 17, 2021 Health Board Minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

CLAIMS

August 19, 2021- September 17, 2021:

Motion by Altman with support from Newman to approve the Listing of Claims submitted from August 19, 2021 – September 17, 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Revenue/Expenditure and Trial Balance Report: The Revenue/ Expenditure and Trial Balance Report was presented to the Health Board commissioners for their review. Fund Balance surplus as of July 31, 2021 is \$563,921.23. This includes an expected repayment of approximately \$204,375.00 to Medicaid for an overpayment.

COMMUNITY HEALTH DIRECTOR/EPIDEMIOLOGIST UPDATE

Epidemiology Update: Spivey updated the Board of 20 new COVID cases as Delta cases surge. Vaccination doses by county shared.

COVID-19 Hotline: Public Information Officer (PIO) remains very busy.

Empowering Youth Today Grant: Award letter for 2022 received in the amount of \$150,000.

NURSING DIRECTORS’ REPORT:

Clinic Update: Keen updated the Board regarding focus on schools, boosters, and preparation for future pediatric vaccination options when authorized.

Adult Day Care: Staffing issues continue. Ideally, supplemental grant needed, so wage could increase.

Maternal Infant Health Program: Engle provided an update on the MIHP program.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Food Service Fees: Commissioners requested a review of food service fees for DHD4 in comparison to other Health Departments in the state along with classification parameters at the September board meeting. Prevost provided a report for review.

Beach Monitoring: Done for 2021 without any closures of beaches.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/COVID UPDATE:

COVID-19 Update: Vieregge updated the Board and noted demand is increasing for testing. Events held show increased testing. Regular testing dates are being set up for all counties.

Safety: Modrzynski updated the Commissioners on his review of safety procedures and policies. Updated policies are presented for review. Additional trainings and drills discussed.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COVID-19: Booster vaccinations discussed. Should know more this week. Doses for children may be approved late fall to early winter per Meyerson.

Flu Season: Vaccines have arrived. Meyerson recommended getting vaccinated in September/October.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Health Insurance: Bryan stated she will meet this fall with Union to discuss renewal. Increase in costs possible with current plan.

COVID-19 Funding: Bryan discussed funding available from State of Michigan for the three (3) Health Resource Advocates to provide assistance to the school districts we serve. State has authorized up to \$40,000 for indirect expenses. Limited applications received.

NMRE Grant: Adrian announced NMRE Grant has passed, funding our Epidemiologist for the next year.

Mask Mandates: Discussion on pros and cons regarding decision. Bryan had a legal consult last week. Lots of emails from public regarding lack of mandate and many also against masking. Schools are implementing their own mandates.

Electronic Medical Records: Bryan noted a need for a new EMR. Discussion on possible future funding.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Service Fees: Prevost updated Commissioners his findings. Classifications and fee structure explained. Question on fees covering actual costs of monitoring. Prevost noted they do not cover cost of program. Sanitary code contains an appeal process, so anyone is able to appeal a decision. State requirements for DHD4 discussed. No changes to current fee structure or costs recommended.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Update policies on Safety. Modrzynski presented Commissioners with updates on several policies regarding safety and emergency procedures.

Motion by Gapczynski with support from Balog to approve policy changes as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: all Motion carried

Appropriations: County Appropriation Request presented by Bryan. No increases have been requested for several years.

Motion by Newman with support from Gilmet to approve a county appropriation increase of 3% for 2022. Ayes: Newman, Gilmet, Adrian, Altman Nays: Balog, Gapczynski Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 11:55 am

Bob Adrian, Chairman

Lee Gapczynski, Secretary/Treasurer

Kendra Bartz, Recording Secretary