Board of Health Meeting Minutes August 27, 2025

The meeting of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health was **Called to Order** by Mr. Stevens on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Iron County office in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

Roll Call was taken: Present were Board Members: Joe Stevens, Chairperson; Mark Stauber, Vice-Chairperson, Pete Judd, Ean Bruette, Dan Harrington and Victoria Jakel. Also, present was Daren Deyaert, RS, Health Officer; Dr. Robert Van Howe, Medical Director; Wade Dishaw, REHS, Environmental Health Director; Angela Applekamp, Community Health Services Director; Tina Edlund, Finance Director; and Kristina Santilli, Office Supervisor.

M/S/C (Stauber/Judd) to Adopt the Agenda as presented.

M/S/C (Jakel/Bruette) to approve the July 30, 2025 Minutes as presented. Mr. Harrington abstained.

Mr. Deyaert gave a brief update on program funding; all funding still remains unknown.

Ms. Applekamp provided a recap of the **State WIC review** that took place on August 4th – August 7th. Ms. Applekamp shared the multiple recognitions that were received throughout the week. Mr. Stauber said "Hats off to your team". Also shared, the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor organized a **Breastfeeding Walk** in Norway on August 2nd. The event was successful; it included giveaways for local families and networking opportunities.

Mr. Dishaw spoke about **temporary food licensing requirements**. He also informed the Board that he was awarded a \$500 grant from Dickinson Area Community Foundation to provide 50 free **food safety kits** for all temporary food applicants.

Dr. Van Howe shared data from a study done at Denmark's Staten Serum Institute. The study was completed to show whether exposure to **aluminum** salts in **childhood vaccines** had any correlation with 50 different health conditions. Following the conclusion of the study, it did not find any positive correlations. Dr. Van Howe also informed the Board that there have been 14 **measles** cases in Oconto County.

M/S/C (Stauber/Judd) to accept the Director Reports.

M/S (Stauber/Bruette) to approve the final July 2025 Finance Report. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The actual cash balance at 07/31/2025 is \$1,920,983.09.

M/S (Judd/Bruette) Approved the **August 2025 Vouchers.** Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. August: Payroll Expense \$ 142,507.00; General Expense \$ 98,147.43 and Travel Expense \$161.77. Total Claims: \$240,816.20.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Old Business:

An **interview for Health Officer** was conducted. Board members asked the candidate questions "round robin" style.

M/S (Judd/Harrington) to offer Wade Dishaw the position of Health Officer, starting in April 2026 when the current Health Officer, Daren Deyaert, retires. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Mr. Deyaert will provide the State all the necessary documentation to gain approval of the appointment of Mr. Dishaw. Following approval, a contract will need to be signed.

There was no New Business.

There was no Educational Presentation.

There was no Other Information.

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M/S/C (Stauber/Harrington) to **Adjourn** at 10:41 a.m. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickinson County office in Kingsford, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristina Santilli, Office Supervisor

Joe Stevens, Chairperson

Mark Stauber, Vice-Chairperson

Board Member