

**Board of Health Meeting
Minutes
March 26, 2025**

The meeting of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health was **Called to Order** by Mr. Stauber on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickinson County office in Kingsford, Michigan.

Roll Call was taken: Present were Board Members: Mark Stauber, Vice-Chairperson, Pete Judd, Victoria Jakel, and Ean Bruette. Also, present was Dr. Robert Van Howe, Medical Director; Daren Deyaert, RS, Health Officer; Wade Dishaw, REHS, Environmental Health Director; Angela Applekamp, Community Health Services Director; Tina Edlund, Finance Director; and Jessica Perry, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

Excused: Joe Stevens, Chairperson; Dan Harrington

M/S/C (Bruette/Jakel) to **Adopt the Agenda** as presented.

M/S/C (Jakel/Judd) to **approve the February 26, 2025 Minutes** as presented.

Mr. Deyaert provided an update on current department **building projects**, including garage blueprints and restroom updates. The next project will include having the sidewalk in Dickinson County handicapped accessible. He informed the Board that the **Prevention Educator (Botvins)** position has been filled. Mr. Deyaert informed the Board that he is eligible to retire October 1, 2025; he discussed his **succession plan**. He is willing to stay until April 1, 2026 to help transition the position. The Board is going to form a hiring committee. The Board requested a copy of the **Health Officer job description**.

Ms. Applekamp provided a staffing update. She is working on back filling open positions. She discussed **Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)** and explained **enhanced services** that include additional home visits, care coordination, and discharge visits.

Mr. Dishaw explained a new program pertaining to **PFAS**. MDHHS contacted DIDHD about being involved with the filter program for sites in Dickinson and Iron counties. They have had three residents that have received filter recommendations. One family has agreed to have the filters installed; DIDHD makes the arrangements for the installation.

Dr. Van Howe is working on the **Community Health Needs Assessment**. He discussed **Household Survival Budgets**; and what individuals and family's income needs to be per hour to exceed the poverty threshold. Housing and childcare appear to be major factors.

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

M/S (Jakel/Bruette) to approve the final **December 2024-February 2025 Finance Report**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The actual **cash balance** at 02/28/2025 is \$1,536,518.39.

M/S (Bruette/Judd) Approved the **March 2025 Vouchers**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. March: Payroll Expense \$ 147,348.29; General Expense \$ 336,835.18 and Travel Expense \$118.99.
Total Claims: \$484,302.46.

There was no **Public Comment**.

There was no **Old Business**.

Under **New Business**:

M/S/C (Jakel/Judd) to approve **Free Hepatitis C testing** on May 19, 2025 during the scheduled clinics.

M/S (Bruette/Jakel) to accept the **staff resolution** for Kelly Rumpf, Health Educator. She has been with DIDHD for over 32 years. The Board and Department wish her well in her retirement.

There was an **Educational Presentation** on the **Women, Infants and Children Program** provided by Angela Applekamp, Community Health Services Director.

Under **Other Information**:

Dr. Jakel inquired about **Lyme testing kits**. Ms. Applekamp and Mr. Dishaw explained what services the Health Department is able to offer, including tick identification.

There was no **Other Business**.

M/S/C (Bruette/Jakel) to **Adjourn** at 10:45 a.m. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Iron County office in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:



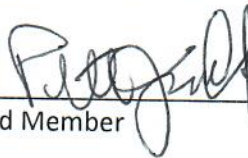
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Joe Stevens, Chairperson



Mark Stauber, Vice-Chairperson



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