

**Board of Health Meeting
Minutes
March 25, 2026**

The meeting of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health was **Called to Order** by Mr. Stauber on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickinson County office in Kingsford, Michigan.

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

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

M/S/C (Jakel/Stevens) to **approve the January 28, 2026 Minutes** as presented.

Mr. Dishaw discussed the **RX kids program**. DIDHD has partnered with the State and MSU; all U.P. Health Departments are participating. The program has no income requirements and is available to moms who are at least 16 weeks pregnant through the first 6 months after childbirth. The program focus is to provide essential needs and improve maternal and infant health. Mr. Dishaw, Ms. Applekamp, and Ms. Santilli attended a **one-day conference on mental health** in the workplace. Staff found the conference beneficial. DIDHD was notified of 6 cases of **carbon monoxide poisoning** in our counties since the last snowstorm. DIDHD provided educational materials on their social media platforms to help keep the public informed of these potential dangers and how to prevent them.

Ms. Applekamp informed the Board that DIDHD passed the **SYNAR Northcare Network Review**. Our role in the Synar act is to review and educate local tobacco retailers. Ms. Applekamp provided an update on positive **measles cases in Michigan**. DIDHD is taking the proper steps to prepare our response plans in the event we see measles cases in our jurisdiction. Ms. Applekamp discussed the **Title X Family Planning program survey requirements**; she shared some anonymous recent responses. The first quarter survey results show DIDHD exceeds all benchmarks.

Ms. McNulty, the new Environmental Health Director, was present at the meeting. She informed the Board that she had applied for **EGLEs Inland Lake Beach Monitoring Grant**. The objective of the grant is to prevent the public from swimming in beach water that has elevated bacterial loads. If approved the grant will consist of sampling 7 beaches once a week for a period of 10 weeks; a student intern will be used to collect samples. Typically, sampling begins in June. Ms. McNulty discussed recent **Food Safety classes** that were provided for Dickinson and Iron County food Establishments in March free of charge. The EH division received architectural plans for the **Ford Airport Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Building**; they will be working with them to complete a site evaluation.

Dr. Van Howe's report discussed **American Heart Month (February)**. He discussed lifestyle changes that are important to reduce your own risk of heart disease. He also let everyone know that Western U.P.

Health Department is now able to run PCR testing for Measles, which will be beneficial with getting results timely.

M/S/C (Stevens/Jakel) to accept the **Director Reports**.

M/S (Jakel/Stevens) to approve the **December 2025-February 2026 Finance Reports**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The actual **cash balance** at 2/28/2026 is \$1,524,888.32.

M/S (Stevens/Judd) Approved the **February 2026 and March 2026 Vouchers**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.
February: Payroll Expense \$147,671.63; General Expense \$ 126,952.73 and Travel Expense \$80.29.
March: Payroll Expense \$147,478.24; General Expense \$ 100,319.53 and Travel Expense \$352.47 Total Claims: \$522,854.89.

There was no **Public Comment**.

Under Old Business:

Ms. Applekamp passed around written proposals for the **Botvin's LifeSkills Incentive Funding**. The additional funding would provide classroom incentives during instructional courses.

M/S/C (Stevens/Judd) to present the proposal to the county boards for **Botvin's LifeSkills Incentive Funding**; each county would be responsible for \$1,000.00 in additional funding, for a total of \$2,000.00.

Under New Business:

M/S/C (Bruette/Stevens) to execute the **authorized signature changes** to all banking accounts at both Northern Interstate Bank and CoVantage Credit Union. Mr. Deyaert will be removed, and Mr. Dishaw will be added.

M/S/C (Jakel/Judd) to accept a **staff resolution** for Daren Deyaert. He provided 31 years of outstanding service and leadership to the communities of Dickinson and Iron Counties.

Mr. Dishaw discussed the bids received for the **Iron County Garage**.

M/S/C (Bruette/Stevens) to send **Iron County garage bids** back to original contractors to see if there are other options or ways to decrease overall costs.

Mr. Dishaw informed the Board that no bids to **reseal the Dickinson County parking lot** were received. Mr. Dishaw would like to seek bids again now that the snow is melting and contractors will be able to see the parking lot better.

M/S/C (Stevens/Bruette) to advertise and try to **seek bids** again for the Dickinson County Parking lot.

M/S/C (Bruette/Stevens) to approved up to \$5,000.00 to update **landscaping** at the Dickinson County office at Mr. Dishaw's discretion.

M/S/C (Judd/Bruette) to approve **7-1.030 Release of Client Records and Right to Access Policy.**

M/S/C (Jakel/Bruette) to approve **5-1.070 Electrical Power Back-up Plan.**

Under **Educational Presentation:**

Sheila McNulty, Environmental Health Director, provided a presentation on **Radon.**


Under **Other Information:**

Mr. Stevens followed up on the discussion about offering **free feminine hygiene products.** Ms. Applekamp research grant opportunities for this and unfortunately all the grants closed in 2025. Thankfully, Bellin is doing a good job getting the word out and they do have products available for our community.

There was no **Other Business.**

M/S/C (Bruette/Jakel) to **Adjourn** at 10:47 a.m. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Iron County office in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kristina Santilli, Office Supervisor



Mark Stauber, Chairperson



Joe Stevens, Vice-Chairperson



Board Member