

**Board of Health Meeting
Minutes
January 29, 2025**

The re-organizational meeting of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health was **Called to Order** by Mr. Deyaert on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dickinson County office in Kingsford, Michigan.

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

Introductions were conducted.

Mr. Deyaert called for nominations for the **Election of Chairperson**. M/S/C (Stauber/Bruette) to nominate Mr. Stevens. Mr. Deyaert called 3 times for additional nominations. Mr. Stevens abstained.

Mr. Stevens called for nominations for **Election of Vice-Chairperson** M/S/C (Stevens/Conery) to nominate Mr. Stauber for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Stevens called 3 times for additional nominations. Mr. Stauber abstained.

M/S/C (Stauber/Jakel) to **Adopt the Agenda** with the addition of 10.a. Staff Resolution.

M/S/C (Stauber/Bruette) to **approve the December 19, 2024 Minutes** as presented.

Mr. Deyaert discussed the possibility of emailing the **Board of Health packets** to members so that there is more time to review its contents. Going forward, packets will be emailed to those interested and a hard copy will be provided at the meeting. Mr. Deyaert gave an update on the **full-time Botvins position**. He has received many qualified applicants and will be conducting interviews next week. He also provided an update on upcoming building projects. He is currently seeking **RFPs** for new **furnaces** in the Iron County office and he is seeking RFPs for **garages** for both counties to house the department vehicles. Iron County will be seeking bids to redo the **parking lot** this year. Mr. Deyaert also discussed the health department's involvement in a recent **meth house** that has been condemned.

Ms. Applekamp provided a report on **Women, Infant, and Children Program (WIC)**. WIC has brought a total of \$578,292.79 to local stores in Dickinson and Iron Counties during the 2024 fiscal year. A Nutrition Service Plan will be written to address the top risks seen in our area based on last year's data. This will include training staff on how to address these topics as well as education geared towards families. In February 2025, WIC packages will be transitioned into family friendly packages.

Mr. Dishaw provided a report on **Radon Action Month**. Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer. During the month of January, the health department offers radon test kits for the discounted rate of \$5.00. The department encourages testing for all homes no matter the age or construction.

Dr. Van Howe discussed **pertussis**. Pertussis is making a comeback in Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. He also discussed the decrease and increase in **sexually transmitted infections (STIs)**: chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV. While chlamydia has seen a decrease, the other STIs have seen a gradual increase. He expressed the need to continue to be diligent regarding safeguards to protect individuals against STIs.

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

M/S (Stauber/Conery) to approve the **Preliminary December 2024 Finance Report**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The actual **cash balance** at 12/31/2024 is \$1,596,097.99.

M/S (Stauber/Bruette) Approved the **December 2024 and January 2025 Vouchers**. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. December: Payroll Expense \$65,055.78; General Expense \$ 58,534.36; January: Payroll Expense \$ 132,941.40; General Expense \$ 267,135.60 and Travel Expense \$260.63. Total Claims: \$523,927.77.

There was no **Public Comment**.

There was no Old Business.

Under **New Business**:

M/S/C (Bruette/Conery) to accept the **staff resolution** for Cherie Fila LBSW, IMH IIe. She has been with DIDHD for over 35 years. The Board and Department wish her well in her next chapter in life.

There was an **Educational Presentation** on the Food Program provided by Sheila McNulty, R.S.

There was no **Other Information**.


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M/S/C (Bruette/Conery) to **Adjourn** at 10:42 a.m. The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Iron County office in Crystal Falls, Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted:



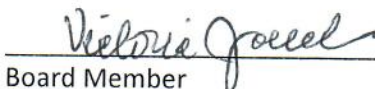
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Victoria Jowell
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