



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

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Escanaba, MI

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Board Members Present

Amanda Hess

Larry Johnson

Patrick Johnson, via telephone

Larry Schei, via telephone

Gerard Tatrow

Tom Trudgeon

Public Health Staff

Mike Snyder, Health Officer/ Administrator

Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director

Nancy Wahl, Clerical Supervisor

Erin Kiraly, Health Educator

Michelle Chaillier, Prevention Specialist

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular monthly meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health (BOH) was held on August 22, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. CST by Chairman Trudgeon. Roll call was taken by the Clerical Supervisor, and is recorded above.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Tatrow moved the August 22, 2019 agenda be approved. Motion was supported by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously.

3. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment on the August 22, 2019 agenda.

4. **Approval of July 18, 2019 Minutes**

Mr. Tatrow moved the minutes from July 18, 2019, be approved and placed on file. Motion was supported by Mr. Larry Johnson and carried unanimously.

5. **Medical Marihuana Presentation**

Erin Kiraly, Health Educator and Michelle Chaillier, Prevention Specialist gave a brief presentation on “Michigan Medical Marihuana, Fact or Myth” and answered BOH questions.

- Myth – Since marihuana is medicinal, it must be safe (or good for you).
- Myth – Marihuana is not addictive
- Myth – I used marihuana when I was young – it’s not that big of a deal.
- Myth – Marihuana is natural so I can use it to help with morning sickness
- Myth – If I use marihuana medicinally, it’s okay to drive, or work, etc.
- Myth – If I use edibles, they are less harmful than smoking it.

- Fact – There is not enough reputable data to know the long-term effect of marihuana.

6. Non-Union Personnel Manual Changes

Mr. Snyder gave a brief overview of the proposed Non-Union Personnel Manual changes and answered BOH member questions.

Mr. Tatrow moved the Non-Union Personnel Manual changes be approved.

Motion was supported by Mr. Larry Johnson. Chairman Trudgeon requested a roll call and is as follows:

Amanda Hess – Yes

Larry Johnson – Yes

Patrick Johnson (via phone) – Yes

Larry Schei (via phone) – Yes

Gerard Tatrow – Yes

Tom Trudgeon – Yes

Motion passed with a 6 - 0 vote

7. MERS Quarterly Report

Mr. Snyder briefed the BOH on the MERS Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2019. BOH questions were answered by Mr. Snyder.

Ms. Hess moved the MERS Quarterly report be acknowledged and placed on record. Motion was supported by Mr. Larry Johnson and carried unanimously.

8. Sanitary Code Board of Appeals

Mr. Snyder briefed the BOH on the proposed members of the “Sanitary Code Board of Appeals”. BOH questions were answered by Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Tatrow moved the Sanitary Code Board of Appeals be approved. Motion was supported by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously.

9. 2018 PHDM Annual Report

Mr. Snyder presented the 2018 PHDM Annual Report to the BOH and highlighted a few of the programs. Questions were answered by Mr. Snyder. Chairman Trudgeon congratulated PHDM on a job well done and Vice-Chairman Schei requested a copy be sent to Mr. Jason Cariviou, the Menominee County Administrator.

10. Review and Approval of the July Check Register

The Board of Health reviewed the July check register. Questions were answered by Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Tatrow moved the July check register be approved and placed on file. Motion was supported by Mr. Larry Johnson and carried unanimously.

11. Medical Director’s Report

Dr. Frankovich reported:

- **Pertussis** – The beginning of July – beginning of August we had 10 cases of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) across three different districts. Three (3) in Delta-Menominee, 4 in Dickenson-Iron and 3 in Marquette. For Dickenson-Iron it began with 1 unvaccinated child. 80% of the cases were children but ages ranged from an infant under 2 months to a 61 year old who is related to one of the infected children. Whooping Cough (Pertussis) is a bacterial infection; we have a vaccine to prevent it. This vaccine is less effective than measles vaccine. What happens is your immunity

wanes over time requiring booster doses for children at 11 years of age and every adult, who hasn't had a booster dose, get one. Highest risk people are infants under 1 year, 1 in 100 infants hospitalized will die of Whooping Cough. All adults surrounding infants should be vaccinated. Pregnant women should be vaccinated for every pregnancy, it provides some immunity to the baby and mom from being a source of infection to her baby. This vaccine has been shown to be very safe during pregnancy. Infants are vaccinated at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months and 4-6 years.

12. Health Officer's Report

Mr. Snyder reported:

- **Medical Director Search** -- There has been some U.P. interest resulting in one interview. A recruiting firm, Goldfish, has been hired; they do mass communications and have 5,000 hits nation-wide; they'll be sending mass e-mails, texts and making phone calls. The current position covers 4 Health Departments covering 10 counties, if necessary the position can be separated into smaller groups.

Mr. Snyder thanked Dr. Frankovich for her many years of service to the local Health Departments, she will be greatly missed.

- **PHDM Resignations** – PHDM has received 3 resignations: Director of Nursing, retiring the end October; MCIR Coordinator, retiring the end of November; and, BCCCP Coordinator for Delta-Menominee and U.P. wide; she accepted a position in the public sector, her last day was Monday of this week.
- **PHDM Staffing** -- PHDM has a new RN starting next Monday, August 26th.
- **Drive-Thru Flu Clinic** -- Will be Saturday, September 28th (9:00-1:00, EDT) at our Escanaba location.

- **MERS CEO Meeting** – Mr. Snyder attended the meeting on Wednesday, August 7th in Marquette. He gave a brief overview to BOH members and answered their questions.

13. Public Comment (three minutes maximum)

No public comment.

14. Board Member Comments

There were no board member comments

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Tatrow made a motion the meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m. CST. Motion was supported by Mr. Larry Johnson and carried unanimously.

Chairperson

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