



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, Powers

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Board Members Present

Gerald Betters
Venetia Bryers

Bernie Lang
Thomas Elegeert

David Schultz

Board Members Absent

Gary Eichhorn

Public Health Staff

Barb Chenier, Health Officer/Administrator
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director
Lynn Woelffer, Director of Finance and Budget
Sharon Engelsgerd, Executive Secretary

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The February 18, 2009, meeting of the Delta Menominee District Board of Health was called to order at 4:35 p.m. CST by Chairperson Schultz. Roll call was taken and is recorded above.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Chenier asked that the Medical Director's Report be added; the item was added as Item "4.5."

Ms. Bryers moved to approve the agenda with that addition. Motion was supported by Mr. Elegeert and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Betters moved that the February 2nd minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion was carried.

4. **New Business**

4.1—**Sewage System Installer License Fee**

The Delta Menominee Sanitary Code states that the licensing fee for sewage system installers will be set by the Board of Health. After surveying other U.P. Health Departments, Mike Snyder, Director of Environmental Health (EH), proposes a fee of \$75 for a 3-year license. EH is scheduling training for installers, and information will be mailed to all installers on the EH mailing list.

Mr. Elegeert moved that the Board adopt \$75 as the installer license fee. Ms. Bryers seconded and motion was carried.

4.2—**Quarterly Finance Report**

After handing out a summary page to be added to the report in the Board's packet, Ms. Woelffer presented the Quarterly Finance Report. Board members requested that an educational session be presented to help Board members better understand accounts receivable management by program.

Mr. Betters moved that the finance report be accepted. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion was carried.

4.3—**Health Officer Evaluation/Employment Agreement Extension**

Ms. Chenier requested the Board go to Closed Session.

Mr. Betters moved with support from Mr. Elegeert to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Health Officer's Evaluation. Roll Call Vote: *Betters, Schultz, Elegeert, Bryers, and Lang all voted in favor. Against: None*

The Board entered into Executive Session at 4:57 p.m. CST.

Mr. Betters moved with support from Ms. Bryers to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: *Betters, Schultz, Elegeert, Bryers, and Lang all voted in favor. Against: None*

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:14 p.m. CST.

Mr. Schultz stated that Ms. Chenier received an excellent evaluation. She has done a great job guiding her staff thru all of the recent changes in the Health Department. On behalf of the Board he thanked her for a job well done.

Mr. Betters made a motion to give Ms. Chenier a 3% raise. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion was carried.

Mr. Schultz appointed Mr. Betters and Mr. Elegeert to an ad hoc committee to review and update Ms. Chenier's contract.

Ms. Bryers moved to support this action. Mr. Lang seconded and motion was carried.

4.4—Board Member Recognition

Mr. Betters was presented a plaque in recognition of his 22 years of dedicated service to public health while serving on the Delta Menominee District Board of Health.

4.5—Medical Director's Report

- Influenza cases are low this year compared to last year. This year's vaccine is a good match to the current strains. One problem is that the most predominant strain is resistant to Tamiflu which is the usual treatment.
- Though the number of people receiving flu vaccination is increasing, many people are opting not to get vaccinations for other diseases such as measles. These decisions are sometimes influenced by inaccurate information about potential side effects of the vaccines. For example, a poorly conducted study initially associated MMR vaccine with autism; later well-designed studies showed no relationship but the negative effect of the initial report remains.
- Concerning the salmonella found in peanut products, peanut butter in jars is safe to consume but other peanut-containing products are questionable.
- Concerning the medical marijuana issue, County Health Departments are not involved. It will be managed at the State level.

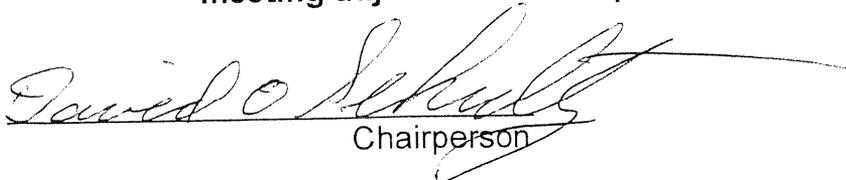
5. Health Officer's Report

- Environmental Health has sent letters out to everyone denied permits since 2000, informing them of the Sanitary Code change and offering the opportunity to reapply.
- LMAS is amending their sanitary code using some language from our new code and technical manual.
- On March 6th Ms. Chenier, Irene Lenberg and Evi Lindquist will present our Quality Improvement Project at a State site visit by national partners.
- State budget changes do not appear to significantly affect Public Health programs at this time.

6. Public Comment – None

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Betters with support by Mr. Elegeert to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. CST.


Chairperson