



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Board Members Present

Amanda Hess, by phone
Larry Schei, by phone

Larry Johnson, by phone 2:09
Gerard Tatrow, by phone

Patrick Johnson, by phone
Tom Trudgeon, by phone

Board Members Absent

Public Health Staff

Mike Snyder, Health Officer/ Administrator, by phone
Dr. Robert Van Howe, Interim Medical Director, by phone
Nancy Wahl, Clerical Supervisor, by phone

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular monthly meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health (BOH) was held virtually over the telephone on June 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. EDT by Chairman Trudgeon. Roll call was taken by the Clerical Supervisor, and is recorded above.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Patrick Johnson moved the June 18, 2020 agenda be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Tatrow.

Chairman Trudgeon requested a roll call and is as follows:

Amanda Hess – Yes

Larry Johnson – Yes

Patrick Johnson – Yes

Larry Schei – Yes

Gerard Tatrow – Yes

Tom Trudgeon – Yes

Motion carried on a 6 - 0 vote.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment on the June 18, 2020 agenda.

4. Approval of May 21, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Patrick Johnson moved the minutes from May 21, 2020, be approved and placed on file. 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 – Yes

Larry Schei – Yes

Gerard Tatrow – Yes

Tom Trudgeon – Yes

Motion carried on a 6 - 0 vote.

5. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Snyder presented an update on COVID-19. Delta County has 18 lab confirmed cases, 5 probable and 2 deaths. Of these cases 14 have met the definition of “recovered”. Menominee County has had 9 lab confirmed cases, 0 probable and 0 deaths. Of the 9 confirmed cases, 8 have met the definition of “recovered”. The Michigan National Guard and Michigan State Police are conducting pop-up testing sites around the state and 3 U.P. counties (Marquette, Schoolcraft & Chippewa). Marquette tested over 1,000; Schoolcraft & Chippewa both tested under 300. Mr. Snyder was contacted by the National Guard and he requested the weekends of July 25th or August 1st. PHDM is contacting community partners to arrange testing locations and staffing.

6. Future Meeting Location

Mr. Snyder updated the BOH on his discussions regarding BOH meeting locations. Commissioner Rivard contacted Chairman Trudgeon on June 1st to arrange a meeting with Ms. Koski of Pinecrest. To date, the meeting has not been arranged. Chairman Trudgeon gave a brief history of the Board's successful relationship with Pinecrest over the past 26 years and the current concerns.

Mr. Larry Johnson moved he would contact the Spalding Township supervisor and check on the availability of the Spalding Township Hall beginning with the Board's September meeting. Motion was supported by Mr. Tatrow.

Chairman Trudgeon requested a roll call and is as follows:

Amanda Hess – Yes

Larry Johnson – Yes

Patrick Johnson – Yes

Larry Schei – Yes

Gerard Tatrow – Yes

Tom Trudgeon – Yes

Motion carried on a 6 - 0 vote.

7. Review and Approval of May Check Register

The Board of Health reviewed the May check registers. Questions were answered by Mr. Snyder.

Ms. Hess moved the May check register be approved and placed on file. Motion was supported by Mr. Tatrow.

Chairman Trudgeon requested a roll call and is as follows:

Amanda Hess – Yes

Larry Johnson – Yes

Patrick Johnson – Yes

Larry Schei – Yes

Gerard Tatrow – Yes

Tom Trudgeon – Yes

Motion carried on a 6 - 0 vote.

8. **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Van Howe reported:

The region remains in the "low" risk category for COVID-19. This means that we are seeing fewer than 7 new cases per million population per day. Because our population is much smaller than a million, I have been tracking the number of new cases per week. To move into the "medium" risk category we would need to see more than 3 cases per week in PHDM several weeks in a row. Given that the district has a population of 60,000, it may be safer to look at my nine-county region (population 167,000), which would need to see more than 8 cases per week over several weeks. In recent weeks there has been a gradual uptick, but the number of cases over 7-day periods ranges from 2 to 6. The other threshold to be considered "medium" risk is to have more than

3% of those tested have a positive result. Of our referrals, not including the National Guard collection efforts, only 1.2% have tested positive. Going forward negative results will not consistently be entered into the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS), so it will be impossible to track this indicator.

The Bureau of Laboratories in Lansing has been tracking the genetic sequencing of the virus detected in different parts of the state. The samples taken from the Upper Peninsula indicate that the viruses are coming from Wisconsin and from below the bridge. There is no evidence of community spread of a single strain within the Upper Peninsula. Currently there is capacity to test contacts rather than requiring a 14-day quarantine. Unfortunately, we are seeing slow turnover in obtaining test results from some laboratories. Regionally, the COVID-19 remains on the left end of the epidemic curve. If there is local acceleration of cases, mitigation interventions may need to be reinstated.

9. **Health Officer's Report**

Mr. Snyder reported

- **Hannahville WIC** – Beginning July 1st Public Health Delta and Menominee Counties (PHDM) will provide CPA services for the Hannahville WIC clinics. Hannahville WIC will be held one day every other week. July 16th will be the first clinic.
- **Grant for Handwashing Sinks for Fairs and Festivals** -- We received this grant with HepA money; it is very timely this year with COVID-19. Most of our fairs and festivals have been canceled due to restrictions on attendance. Mr. Snyder has been contacted by 2 events requesting the handwashing sinks.
- **Meeting for the State Fair** – The Fair is still on for the week of August 17th – 23rd. Mr. Snyder has COVID concerns due to the size of the event. Currently the Executive Order allows for groups of 250. A decision whether or not to have the Fair will be made by July 1st by the Fair Board. If there are no changes to the Executive Order the Fair will be canceled.
- **New Point** – Syringe Services Program (SSP) began last week. We saw 4 clients, gave out 170 needles and took in over 1,000 needles for proper disposal. The program runs 1:00 - 4:30 on Thursdays in Delta and 12:30 - 3:30 on Wednesdays in Menominee.

- **MERS Webinar** – “Understanding Your Annual Actuarial Valuation” will be held Wednesday, July 8th at 2:00; check with Mr. Snyder if you are interested in attending.

10. Public Comment (Three Minutes Maximum)

No public comments

11. Board Member Comments

Larry Johnson -- I apologize for my delay in getting linked in and want to thank Mr. Snyder for bringing the handwashing stations back to my attention.

Patrick Johnson – State Fair -- to go along with the Health Officer and OSF meeting on how to safely open the State Fair; the legislators met today to discuss how we can open the State Fair. Under the current Executive Order, it would be difficult to open but we're all optimistic and think we can do it safely.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Larry Johnson made a motion the meeting be adjourned at 2:55 EDT. Motion was supported by Ms. Hess.

Chairman Trudgeon requested a roll call and is as follows:

Amanda Hess – Yes

Larry Johnson – Yes

Patrick Johnson – Yes

Larry Schei – Yes

Gerard Tatrow – Yes

Tom Trudgeon – Yes

Motion carried on a 6 - 0 vote.



Chairperson