



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2020

Board Members Present

Amanda Hess, by phone 2:15
Larry Schei, by phone

Larry Johnson, by phone
Gerard Tatrow, by phone

Patrick Johnson, by phone 2:03
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
Lynn Woelffer, Director of Finance, 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 July 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. EDT by Chairman Trudgeon. Roll call was taken by the Clerical Supervisor, and is recorded above.

2. Approval of Agenda

**Mr. Larry Johnson moved the July 16, 2020 agenda be approved.
Motion was supported by Mr. Tatrow.**

Chairman Trudgeon requested a roll call and is as follows:

Amanda Hess – absent

Larry Johnson –Yes

Patrick Johnson – absent

Larry Schei –Yes

Gerard Tatrow –Yes

Tom Trudgeon –Yes

Motion carried on a 4 - 0 vote.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment on the July 16, 2020 agenda.

4. Approval of June 18, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Patrick Johnson moved the minutes from June 18, 2020, be approved and placed on file. Motion was supported by Mr. Trudgeon.

Chairman Trudgeon requested a roll call and is as follows:

Amanda Hess – absent

Larry Johnson –Yes

Patrick Johnson –Yes

Larry Schei –Yes

Gerard Tatrow –Yes

Tom Trudgeon –Yes

Motion carried on a 5 - 0 vote.

5. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Snyder presented an update on COVID-19. Delta County has 33 lab confirmed cases, 10 probable and 3 deaths. Of these cases 20 have met the definition of "recovered". Menominee County has 49 lab confirmed cases, 3 probable and 0 deaths. Of these cases 9 have met the definition of "recovered".

PHDM has partnered with the Michigan National Guard, the Michigan State Police and Emergency Managers from both counties to conduct pop-up testing sites in Delta and Menominee Counties on July 24th and 25th. Delta County will be July 24th at the U.P. State Fair (10:00 – 4:00, EDT). Menominee County will be July 25th at the High School (10:00 – 4:00, CDT). This is a no-contact clinic and tests are free of charge.

6. Future Meeting Location

Mr. Larry Johnson has had conversations with the Spalding Township Supervisor. The Township Supervisor stated we could use the Township Hall free of charge. They do not have a projector, however, PHDM has one and could bring it when needed. The BOH would still like to pursue a meeting with Ms. Koski regarding our use of the Pinecrest facility.

Mr. Tatrow moved to temporarily move the Delta, Menominee BOH meetings to the Spalding Township Hall until the end of 2020. 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.

Mr. Patrick Johnson moved the August 27th BOH meeting, scheduled for Public Health's Menominee office, be held virtually. 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. MERS 2019 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report

Mr. Snyder gave an overview of the 2019 MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report. BOH questions were answered by Mr. Snyder and Ms. Woelffer.

Ms. Hess moved the MERS 2019 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report be acknowledged and placed on record. Motion was supported by Mr. Patrick 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.

8. Review and Approval of June Check Register

The Board of Health reviewed the June check register. Questions were answered by Mr. Snyder and Ms. Woelffer.

Mr. Larry Johnson moved the June check register be approved and placed on file. 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.

9. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Van Howe reported:

In the past weeks the number of cases in the region has exploded. In the PHDM district, the incidence of cases went from 2.36 cases per million population per day (c/M/d) on June 21st to 35.46 c/M/d on July 9th. The incidence increasing five-fold, going from 4.09 to 21.48, over the same time span. The timing of the outbreak is consistent with the Wisconsin State Supreme Court decision to eliminate the mitigation measures in Wisconsin and the relaxation of mitigation restrictions in the Upper Peninsula (Region 8). With the influx of tourists into the Upper Peninsula over the Fourth of July weekend, the exponential growth in positive cases is expected to continue. Increased mobility of the U.P. population may also be fueling the rapid increase in cases. Tracking of cell phone movement indicates that there is more population mobility in the Upper Peninsula than in the rest of the state. Likewise, the average number of contacts identified for each positive case is higher in the Upper Peninsula (10-12) than in the rest of the state (3-4). This increased mobility and number of contacts indicates that the U.P. population has let their guard down and making us more susceptible to infection.

The region has moved from a low risk category to medium risk (more than 7 c/M/d) and is on the cusp of going into "medium-high risk" (more than 20 c/M/d). This has implications for how frequently congregate living facilities are required to test their staff and/or residents, with some populations mandated to be tested weekly. This will put an additional strain on obtaining already scarce sampling materials and testing capacity. It is not unusual to wait one to two weeks to have a sample tested, that is if a laboratory can be secured to perform the tests. Reinstitution of mitigation measures may be needed.

10. Health Officer's Report

Mr. Snyder reported

- **COVID-19** – in the U.P. 22.9% of individuals tested are asymptomatic. COVID is monopolizing staff time, PHDM continues to offer all our other services. It's been extremely busy/stressful. PHDM has received additional funding to cover COVID activities, we are looking to add a registered nurse for COVID duties.
- **Resignations** – PHDM has received 3 resignations. 1 RN, 1 Prevention Specialist and the Environmental Health Specialist from our Menominee office. Nursing interviews are scheduled next week and EH interviews will be soon.
- **Schools** – Mr. Snyder, Dayna Kapp and Jennie Miller have been working with the ISDs and schools on their reopening plans. We met with Delta County Superintendents this week and will meet with Menominee County Superintendents next Tuesday. PHDM has set up weekly calls with the Superintendents, both Delta and Menominee Counties, on Wednesday mornings. It's required the Superintendents consult with their local health departments on a weekly basis.

11. Public Comment (Three Minutes Maximum)

There were no public comments

12. Board Member Comments

Amanda Hess – I apologize for being late.

Larry Johnson – Just a quick “Thank you” to Mr. Snyder, Dr. Van Howe and the whole Health Department for all their hard work during this crisis.

Patrick Johnson – Thank you to both Mr. Snyder and Dr. Van Howe.

Gerard Tatrow – The same as Larry and Patrick, thank you to everyone.

Tom Trudgeon – Thanks to Mike, Doctor and the whole team, keep up the good work.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Larry Johnson made a motion the meeting be adjourned at 2:57 EDT. 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.

Thomas L. Trudgeon 9-4-2020

Chairperson

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