



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, Powers

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Board Members Present

Bernie Lang
Tom Elegeert

Bob Burie
Dave Schultz

Mark Jasper
Tom Trudgeon

Public Health Staff

Barb Chenier, Health Officer/ Administrator
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director
Mike Snyder, Environmental Health Director
Mark Weber, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Sharon Engelsgerd, Executive Secretary

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The January 19, 2011, meeting of the Delta Menominee District Board of Health was called to order at 4:30 p.m. CST by Chairperson Schultz. Roll call was taken and is recorded above. The Board welcomed new member Mark Jasper.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Burie moved to approve the agenda. Motion was supported by Mr. Trudgeon and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lang moved that the December 15 minutes be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Burie and carried.

4. Annual Meeting Business

4.1—Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Lang nominated Mr. Schultz to continue as Chairman. Mr. Trudgeon seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Schultz was voted in unanimously.

Mr. Elegeert moved that Mr. Lang continue as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Burie seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Lang was voted in unanimously.

4.2 Committee Assignments

Board members will serve on the following committees:

Personnel Committee—Mr. Schultz and Mr. Jasper

Finance Committee—Mr. Burie and Mr. Trudgeon

Building & Grounds Committee—Mr. Lang and Mr. Elegeert

4.3 Approval of 2011 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Burie suggested the Board meet at the Health Department in Escanaba and Menominee during the year to give the Board members opportunity to visit both sites.

Mr. Elegeert moved that Pinecrest Medical Care Facility remain as the primary meeting place, but during the year the Board hold one meeting at the Health Department in Escanaba and one meeting at the Health Department in Menominee. Mr. Lang seconded and motion was carried.

5. Education Session

5.1— Public Health Emergency Preparedness Update

Mark Weber provided Board members with an update of Public Health's Emergency Preparedness program and addressed the following:

- 1) Program development, administration and funding— The Bioterrorism Emergency Preparedness program started in 2001 with the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the anthrax killings along the East Coast. As a result of these two events, Federal grant monies are available for Local Public Health to prepare for a wide range of public health emergencies. For Public Health, this grant was first authorized in 2002 and is administered by the CDC and provides annual funding to fifty states, eight territories, and four metropolitan areas. The purpose of the grant is to support and enhance state and local public health preparedness and response to emergencies. In Michigan, the grant is administered by the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness.
- 2) The Role of Public Health in Emergency Preparedness—The role of the health department in addressing public health emergencies includes education, surveillance, coordination, and response. Public health emergencies include many types of disasters such as disease outbreaks, terrorist attacks and natural disasters. Public health emergencies that actually occurred in the district since 2004 include:

- Escanaba Municipal water supply failure
 - Delta County Village of Garden flooding incident
 - New Page Paper Mill chlorine dioxide spill
 - City of Menominee sodium hypochlorite spill
 - H1N1 Pandemic
- 3) Preparing for Public Health Emergencies—Public Health continues to prepare for public health emergencies. Current preparedness activities include the following:
- Completion of a Mass Vaccination Plan for administration of vaccine
 - Update of the Emergency Operations Plan to support a coordinated response
 - Update of the Strategic National Stockpile Plan for effective prophylaxis of the district population
 - Development of school-based dispensing sites to enhance community prophylaxis
 - Training and exercising staff/local partners on Public Health's Emergency Response Plans
- 4) Partnership Development for Preparedness—Mark stressed the importance of developing partnerships with other response agencies to strengthen emergency preparedness. He identified many regional and local support group meetings that he attends on a regular basis to enhance this process.

6. New Business

6.1— Food Service Program Fee Proposal

Mike Snyder, Environmental Health Director, presented two fee proposals:

1) In 2008 The Michigan Food Law was amended, giving local health departments the option of developing a risk-based inspection schedule. With this schedule, license fees for Food Service Establishments would be based on the menu and processes used rather than on the type of facility and amount of seating as done in the past.

Mr. Elegeert moved to approve the proposed risk-based Food Service Program fee. Motion was supported by Mr. Burie and carried.

2) Food Service Establishments are required to employ at least one managerial employee who is certified in food sanitation. PHDM has a qualified trainer on staff and would like to offer this manager certification training. A fee of \$75.00 was proposed to cover the cost of the training.

Mr. Elegeert moved to approve PHDM's proposed fee for manager certification training. Motion was supported by Mr. Lang and carried.

7. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Frankovich reported:

- Bad science gets press coverage and can alter people's views, as seen in a 1998 "study" that announced a link between Measles Mumps Rubella vaccine and autism. A recent article has exposed this flawed research, but it is difficult to now change the perceptions of those who put great stock in this fraudulent work.
- Limited flu is being seen in the country at this point; February is usually the peak in our area. This year experts recommend everyone 6 months and up be vaccinated.
- Senior citizens usually develop a lower antibody response to flu vaccine than younger individuals. A high-dose vaccine has been developed that increases the antibody level in seniors. However, this form of the vaccine is more expensive, has more frequent adverse reactions, and the data to tell us whether it actually gives better protection is not yet available. We are not offering the vaccine at this time. When study results are completed in 2012, we will make a decision whether to offer it.
- Gastrointestinal outbreaks have been in the news. When an outbreak is related to a facility, it is commonly due to norovirus, rather than a bacterial infection.
- Nationally and locally, we are seeing a decrease in teen birthrates. However, the United States remains higher than other developed countries. Teen births present an increased risk for adverse health outcomes for the infant and poorer educational attainment and socioeconomic status for the mother.

8. Health Officer's Report

Ms Chenier reported:

- Our new phone system is currently being installed. This system will greatly improve our communication abilities, including the ability to transfer calls between Escanaba and Menominee offices and to schedule appointments from either office. During the H1N1 outbreak, our phone system was overwhelmed with calls, so we have been able to apply some of the federal H1N1 monies toward our phone system.
- PHDM's FY2010 Annual Report will be completed soon. When it is done, Ms Chenier will present the report to each County Board.
- Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) is developing an advocacy statement to the State's new administration especially addressing the reduced size of Local Health Departments, which jeopardizes the departments' ability to respond to public health emergencies and provide services.

9. Public Comment—No comments

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Elegeert with support by Mr. Burie to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m. CST.


Chairperson

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