Public Health
Delta & Menominee Counties

Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, Powers

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Board Members Present

Bob Burie	Mary Harrington	Bernie Lang
Tom Elegeert	Mark Jasper	Tom Trudgeon

Public Health Staff

Mike Snyder, Acting Health Officer/ Administrator
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director
Jennie Miller, Immunizations/Communicable Disease Coordinator
Sharon Engelsgjerd, Executive Secretary

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
The regular monthly meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health was held on January 18, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. CST by Chairman Lang. Roll call was taken by the Secretary and is recorded above.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Approval of Minutes**
Mr. Burie requested addition of the number of votes cast *for* and *against* in the motions to approve the Union Contract and the Non-Union Wage Adjustments.

Mr. Trudgeon moved that the number of votes cast for the motions for Union Contract and Non-Union Wage Adjustments be added to the minutes of December 21, 2011, and the minutes be approved with that addition. Motion was supported by Mr. Elegeert and carried.

4. **Education Session: Delta and Menominee Flu Activity**
Jennie Miller, PHDM's Immunizations/Communicable Disease Coordinator, discussed the Department's experience with flu vaccine and flu prevalence this season. For the past few years PHDM has ordered reduced amounts of influenza vaccine as community healthcare providers have increased their flu vaccine administration. With the community's needs being met by other sources, last fall the Health Department conducted a mass clinic in its parking lot with drive-through service only. Unlike other

years, most of the vaccine administered by PHDM has been via off-site visits, e.g., to senior centers and employer sites. In addition, this year PHDM began billing Blue Cross/Blue Shield and experienced good results. For this 2011/2012 flu season, more revenue has been collected for the influenza vaccine administration, and expenses have been lower due to less staff time. Also new this year, we will be able to return unused vaccine to the manufacturers and receive credit toward next year's purchase.

Flu activity has been sporadic in Michigan thus far. We have no confirmed cases locally, but this is not unusual since our flu season usually peaks in February.

CDC has identified a new strain of influenza virus. It is a variant of the regular flu virus with a gene from the 2009 H1N1 virus. It has been found to be no more severe than ordinary influenza; however, CDC has asked providers to collect more laboratory samples to increase surveillance for this new strain.

5. Annual Meeting Business

5.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Burie nominated Mr. Trudgeon for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Elegeert seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made and Mr. Trudgeon was voted in unanimously.

Mr. Elegeert moved that Mr. Burie be elected for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Ms Harrington seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Burie was voted in unanimously.

5.2 Committee Assignments

Mr. Burie moved that committee assignments remain the same with one exception, that Ms Harrington replace Mr. Trudgeon on the Personnel Committee. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion carried.

Committees for 2012 are as follows:

Personnel Committee—Ms Harrington and Mr. Jasper
Finance Committee—Mr. Burie and Mr. Trudgeon
Building & Grounds Committee—Mr. Lang and Mr. Elegeert

5.3 Approval of 2012 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Snyder pointed out that no meeting is scheduled in November since the third Wednesday falls on the day before Thanksgiving. Also, the schedule includes a meeting to be held at the Escanaba office and one at the Menominee office.

Mr. Elegeert moved the Board approve the 2012 Meeting Schedule. Motion was supported by Mr. Jasper and carried.

6. **Health Officer Position Status**

Mr. Snyder distributed copies of a January 13, 2012 letter from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) that denies Mr. Snyder's qualifications for PHDM's Health Officer.

Mr. Elegeert moved the proposed letter and attachments included in the Board packet be sent to MDCH to request reconsideration of Mr. Snyder's appointment as Health Officer. Motion was supported by Mr. Lang and carried.

7. **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Frankovich reported:

- Dickinson County has experienced use of synthetic marijuana called "herbal incense." Even though this substance has not caused the severe illness as seen in the recent "bath salts" usage, the community wanted to take action to ban the product. With so many synthetic marijuana products being developed, MDCH is addressing the development of legislative action that, rather than specifying a product's molecular make-up, would have a broader application that could be used by health agencies to remove harmful substances as they appear.
- A recent *E. coli* outbreak occurred in Houghton County with cases also appearing in adjacent areas. The problem was identified by hospital physicians, and in a few days the investigation isolated the original restaurant and ill food worker. The early report to the local Health Department was critical and resulted in the rapid discovery of the source, removal of the ill worker and prevention of further spread of the disease.

8. **Health Officer's Report**

Mr. Snyder listed some challenges that PHDM is facing in 2012:

- Resolution of the Health Officer position—When this is decided, the Department will be able to move forward more clearly.
- The future of the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)—This is a valuable service but it must be financially stable in order to continue. The Director of Nursing will present a mid-year report to the Board at the April meeting.
- PHDM's Accreditation visit—State personnel will be on-site during the week of April 23rd to evaluate PHDM's programs. Supervisors are preparing documentation to demonstrate how each program requirement is being met. We anticipate doing well as we have done in the previous four Accreditation evaluations.
- Early On Program—We are contracted by Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District to provide Early On services for Delta County. The current year's budget for this program was cut by $25,000, and we were told to expect an additional $25,000 cut beginning July 1, 2012. We cannot continue to provide these services if this budget cut occurs.

9. **Public Comment**—None

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms Harrington with support by Mr. Burie to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. CST.

Thomas L. Pedigo 2-15-2012
Chairperson

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