



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties

Agenda Item #2



Board of Health AGENDA

October 17, 2012
4:30p.m. (CST), 5:30p.m. (EST)
Public Health, Delta & Menominee Counties
Menominee Office

Board Members:

Bob Burie
Tom Elegeert

Mary Harrington
Mark Jasper

Bernie Lang
Tom Trudgeon

Public Health Staff:

Mike Snyder, Health Officer/Administrator
Kim Gustafson, Executive Secretary
Christine Hughes, LPN, PHDM

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2) Approval of Agenda**
- 3) Approval of September 19, 2012 Board of Health Meeting Minutes**
- 4) Purchase Price of New Vehicles**
- 5) Education Session: Hearing and Vision – Chris Hughes, LPN**
- 6) Medical Director Report**
- 7) Health Officer Report**
- 8) Public Comment**
- 9) Adjournment**



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Board of Health Meeting

Public Health, Delta & Menominee Counties
Menominee Office

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Board Members Present

Bob Burie
Tom Elegeert

Mark Jasper

Bernie Lang
Tom Trudgeon

Public Health Staff

Mike Snyder, Health Officer/ Administrator
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director
Kim Gustafson, Executive Secretary
Chris Hughes, LPN, Hearing & Vision Coordinator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular monthly meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health was held on October 17, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 4:28 p.m. CDT by Chairman Trudgeon. Roll call was taken by the Executive Secretary and is recorded above. Ms. Harrington was unable to attend and was excused.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Jasper moved to approve the agenda. Motion was supported by Mr. Lang and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Elegeert moved that the minutes of September 19, 2012 be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Burie and carried.

4. Purchase of New Vehicles

The prices and model year of the new vehicles brought before the last Board of Health meeting have been changed. The vehicles will now be 2013s instead of 2012s, resulting in a price increase. PHDM did research other makes and models, but it was still more efficient to stay with the original vehicles.

Chairman Trudgeon moved to approve the price increase of four new vehicles. Motion was supported by Mr. Lang and carried.

5. **Education Session: Hearing and Vision –Chris Hughes, LPN**

The Hearing and Vision Program (H/V) has been in Michigan for 63 year. Since starting, over 50 million kids have been screened. Michigan Public Health Code requires that a hearing test be first given between 3-5 years of age. Schools ask that hearing and vision be checked before starting school. Early detection can help the children succeed in school.

There are two weeks of training for the technicians for each H/V program. The technicians will have some class time, but then go out into the field and do H/V tests on children in preschools. Michigan is the Gold Standard in H/V testing because it is standardized all over the state.

Once a child is in school, a regular hearing test is given in Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grades. Vision tests are given in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th grades. Most children are not aware that they can't see or hear correctly.

Hearing tests are a three step process. If they don't pass, they are referred to a medical doctor. Dr. Klim and Dr. Carlson see the children in Escanaba and Dr. Kuran sees the children in Menominee. The referrals are financed by Children's Special Health Care Services.

PHDM screened a total of 1542 kids for hearing in 2011.

1778 kids were screened in 2011 for vision. 160 of those were referred to an eye doctor. PHDM tries to refer to a doctor who accepts Medicaid because there are no free programs available for the vision.

PHDM is now screening for Head Start children and can bill Medicaid for these services.

PHDM funding for H/V comes from the state and fees collected from Medicaid and the schools. No local dollars were used in the H/V Program last FY.

6. **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Frankovich discussed the current national Fungal Meningitis outbreak. Infections reported to date have been linked with an injectable steroid preparation made by the New England Compounding Center (NECC). None of the involved lot numbers of this medication were distributed in the U.P. or Wisconsin so local cases of fungal meningitis are not anticipated here. This infection is not spread person to person.

Compounding centers have grown in number and size over the years, and unlike most of the national pharmaceutical manufacturers, they are generally licensed state by state rather than through the FDA. This results in limited oversight of the manufacturing process which may be problematic in terms of quality assurance.

Initially, only one particular steroid preparation was recalled however the recall has just been expanded to cover all injectable medications produced at NECC. The CDC has distributed a list of facilities that received product and MDCH is directly contacting these facilities. The facilities in turn will notify all patients who may have received an NECC injectable product and explain how to monitor for any potential complications. At this time, the expanded recall is being seen as a precaution since there has been only one additional NECC medication identified as potentially linked to a non-meningitis complication..

Dr. Frankovich also mentioned that there have been 11 cases of seasonal influenza reported in the state to date, none in the U.P. The season typically peaks in February

so flu vaccination will be continue to be strongly recommended for everyone over 6 months of age over the coming months. The vaccine appears to be a good match to circulating strains this year.

7. **Health Officer's Report**

- PHDM does not offer Shingles vaccine because it is too expensive and there is not enough of a demand in this area.
- Change in director of Department of Community Health. Mr. Jim Haveman is now the new director.
- The Premier Public Health Conference was great networking opportunity. MALPH is now getting together with MDCH to set exact guidelines for Health Officer credentials and degrees required.
- Casey Young, Director of CHP, will be stepping down. She will focus on RD for WIC and Breastfeeding.
- EH Director's Conference went well.
- **Reminder there is no meeting in November.** Next meeting on December 19th at Pinecrest.
- Reminder to look at the news articles in back of board packet.
- Thank you to the board for approving the purchase of the new vehicles!

8. **Public Comment—None**

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Chairperson Trudgeon with support by Mr. Jasper to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. CDT.


Thomas L. Trudgeon, Chairman 12-19-2012
Chairperson

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