Public Health
Delta & Menominee Counties

Board of Health Meeting

Health Department Conference Room, Escanaba

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Board Members Present

Bob Burie
Tom Elegeert
Mary Harrington
Tom Trudgeon

Board Members Absent

Bernie Lang
Mark Jasper (excused)

Public Health Staff

Mike Snyder, Acting Health Officer/ Administrator
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director
Debbie Poquette, Director of Nursing
Sharon Engelsgjerd, Executive Secretary

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The June 15, 2011, meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health was called to order at 5:35 p.m. EST by Vice Chairman Trudgeon. Roll call was taken and is recorded above. A quorum was not present.

2. **Approval of Agenda**—The Agenda could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

3. **Approval of Minutes**— The May 18, 2011, minutes could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

4. **Education Session**

4.1—Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)
Debbie Poquette, PHDM's Director of Nursing, discussed a new home-visiting program that serves pregnant women and infants who have Medicaid health insurance. PHDM is the only agency—public or private—offering these services in our two counties. The goal of the Maternal Infant Health Program is to promote healthy pregnancies, good birth outcomes and healthy infants. Referrals to the program are received from physicians, hospitals, community partners, and from other programs in the Health Department, such as WIC (Women, Infants, & Children). After an extensive

risk assessment of the client's health and environment, a Plan of Care is developed by the PHDM team which includes a nurse, a social worker, and a dietician. The Plan of Care addresses not only medical care but also mental health, psychosocial factors, and nutrition. A staff member is assigned to each client to serve as a care coordinator who closely monitors the client's progress, advocates for the client and helps the client make appointments and receive care. Throughout the process PHDM interacts with the client's healthcare provider to include them as part of the care team.

5. **Health Officer Search**

Mr. Snyder provided an update on the selection of a new Health Officer:

- On April 20th, the Board appointed Mike Snyder as Acting Health Officer, and a letter signed by Mr. Lang was sent to the Michigan Department of Community Health for their approval. MDCH responded in a letter dated May 23, 2011, approving the appointment with the condition that Mr. Snyder mentor with a fully credentialed Health Officer. Mr. Snyder is, in fact, working closely with several of the U.P. Health Officers.
- PHDM has six applications for the Health Officer/Administrator position.
- Mr. Snyder reviewed anticipated budget cuts and additional expenses coming in FY2011-2012. He suggested the Board may want to delay selection of a new Health Officer until budget issues are resolved.

6. **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Frankovich reported:

- Germany is experiencing an outbreak of illnesses due to *E. coli*, a bacteria transmitted via water and food. This *E. coli* strain is more aggressive than we usually see in the United States. Germany has reported 37 deaths and 3000 illnesses and currently believes the source to be contaminated sprouts, a type of sprout that absorbs the bacteria and so cannot be washed clean as can other vegetables.
- A *Salmonella* outbreak in Peshtigo seems to be connected to a private gathering, but we will watch for any related cases in Menominee County.

7. **Health Officer's Report**

Mr. Snyder reported:

- The first alternative On-site Sewage Treatment/Disposal System (OSTDS) since passage of our new Sanitary Code has been installed. It is a Sludge Hammer—an aerobic system—located on Stonington Peninsula.
- Next week the State will be at PHDM evaluating our water supply program, including well construction.
- We just conducted another certified food training class with 25 attendees. This class was initiated at the request of the Escanaba School District.

- Our Emergency Preparedness program recently had an on-site review by the State for our Strategic National Stockpile Plan. The visit went well and we anticipate a high score.

8. **Public Comment**—None

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Bernie Pang
Chairperson

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