



# Public Health

Delta & Menominee Counties



## Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility  
Powers, MI

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2020

#### Board Members Present

Amanda Hess (1:24, arrived)      Larry Johnson      Larry Schei  
Gerard Tatrow      Tom Trudgeon

#### Board Members Absent

Patrick Johnson

#### Public Health Staff

Mike Snyder, Health Officer/ Administrator  
Dr. Robert Van Howe, Interim Medical Director  
Nancy Wahl, Clerical Supervisor

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular monthly meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health (BOH) was held on January 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. CST by Mr. Snyder. Roll call was taken by the Clerical Supervisor and is recorded above.

#### 2. Approval of January 16, 2020 Agenda

**Mr. Trudgeon moved the January 16, 2020 agenda be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Tatrow and carried unanimously.**

#### 3. Public Comment (Five Minutes Maximum)

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

#### 4. Annual Meeting Business

##### a. Election of Chair

Mr. Tatrow nominated Mr. Trudgeon as Chairman of the Board, with support from Mr. Larry Schei. No other nominations were made. A role call was taken by the Clerical Supervisor and is recorded as follows:

Ms. Hess – Absent  
Mr. Larry Johnson – Yes  
Mr. Patrick Johnson – Absent  
Mr. Schei – Yes  
Mr. Tatrow – Yes  
Mr. Trudgeon – Yes

Nomination passed 4 -- 0.

From this point on, the meeting was chaired by Chairman Trudgeon.

**b. Election of Vice-Chair**

Mr. Larry Johnson nominated Mr. Larry Schei as Vice-Chair. Support was given from Mr. Trudgeon. A role call was taken by the Clerical Supervisor and is recorded below:

Ms. Hess – Absent  
Mr. Larry Johnson – Yes  
Mr. Patrick Johnson – Absent  
Mr. Tatrow – Yes  
Mr. Schei – Yes  
Mr. Trudgeon – Yes

Nomination passed 4 -- 0.

**c. Committee Assignments**

Chairman Trudgeon appointed the following committee assignments for 2020:

- i. Finance – Mr. Schei and Mr. Trudgeon
- ii. Personnel – Mr. Tatrow and Ms. Hess
- iii. Building and Grounds – Mr. Larry Johnson and Mr. Patrick Johnson

**d. Approval of 2020 Board of Health Meeting Schedule**

The proposed 2020 Board of Health Meeting Schedule was discussed.

Mr. Schei moved the 2020 Board of Health Meeting Schedule be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Tatrow and carried unanimously.

5. **Approval of December 19, 2019 Minutes**

**Mr. Tatrow moved the minutes from December 19, 2019, be approved and placed on file. Motion was supported by Mr. Larry Johnson and carried unanimously.**

6. **Time Tracking Software Purchase**

The Board of Health reviewed the request to purchase "Time Tracking Software" for PHDM. Questions were answered by Mr. Snyder.

**Mr. Tatrow moved the purchase of the Time Tracking Software be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Trudgeon and carried unanimously.**

7. **Review and Approval of December Check Register**

The Board of Health reviewed the December check register. Questions were answered by Mr. Snyder.

**Mr. Tatrow moved the December check register be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Larry Johnson and carried unanimously.**

8. **Medical Director's Report**

**Lyme disease** -- is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Humans become infected when bitten by infected deer ticks (as opposed to wood ticks). The disease acquired its name because it was first diagnosed in Lyme, Connecticut.

Initial symptoms are similar to a case of mild influenza and include fever, headache, and fatigue. Shortly thereafter some patients will develop a characteristic circular rash called erythema migrans. Because most people cannot recall being bitten by a tick, the vague, non-specific initial symptoms, and not all patients develop the characteristic rash, many infections go untreated until the infection is allowed to involve joints, the heart, and the nervous system. Because the symptoms of Lyme disease can mimic other diseases it is important to make a specific diagnosis. The presence of the characteristic rash is helpful in making the diagnosis, but confirmatory blood tests are needed. Primary infections can be treated successfully with antibiotics, but the involvement of joints, the heart, and the nervous system are antibody mediated and more difficult to treat.

Prevention strategies aimed at Lyme disease include insect repellent, removing ticks as soon as possible after exposure (ticks must be attached for 36 to 48 hours before they can transmit the bacteria), applying pesticides, and reducing tick habitat.

The prevalence of Lyme disease varies around the country. Northern Wisconsin has been a Lyme disease hot spot, and based on the number of cases of Lyme disease reported in the Upper Peninsula, Lyme disease is spreading up from Wisconsin. While counties that did

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not border on Wisconsin were once Lyme-free, infections have spreading north and east into the rest of the Upper Peninsula.

To help track the infections geographically, it is important for physicians and other providers to confirm the diagnosis.

**Flu update** – Cases are increasing; in the north we're primarily seeing H1N1 type A and Influenza B downstate; both are covered by the vaccination. It is estimated that vaccine has helped us avoid 4 million cases nation-wide and 150,000 hospitalizations. There have been 2 pediatric deaths in downstate Michigan.

## 9. Health Officer's Report

**Radon Kits** – Mr. Snyder thanked the Board for waiving the fee for Radon Kits for the month of January. The free kits are proving very successful; Menominee has given out 81 test kits, Delta 75.

**Appeals Board Hearing** – Mr. Snyder updated the Board on the Appeals Hearing held Monday, January 13, 2020, regarding the property in Menominee County. After listening to presentations from both sides, the Appeals Board ruled in favor of Public Health.

**Guest Speaker in February** – Terra Langham with MERS will be our guest speaker.

## 10. Public Comment (Three Minutes Maximum)

NMU Nursing students asked about Pertussis activity in our communities.

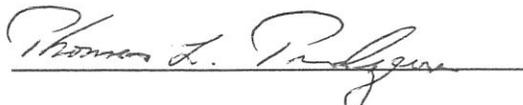
**Dr. Van Howe and Mr. Snyder updated the students on Pertussis in our communities and answered their questions.**

## 11. Board Member Comments

There were no board member comments.

## 12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Larry Johnson made a motion the meeting be adjourned at 1:37 p.m. CST. Motion was supported by Mr. Tatrow and carried unanimously.

  
Chairperson