



# Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties

## Board of Health AGENDA



**March 17, 2016**

1:00 p.m. (CDT), 2:00 p.m. (EDT)

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility

Powers, MI

### **Board Members:**

Bob Burie

Jan Hafeman

Larry Schei

Patrick Johnson

Mary Harrington

Tom Trudgeon

### **Public Health Staff:**

Mike Snyder, Health Officer/Administrator

Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director

Kim Gustafson, Assistant Program Coordinator

- 1) **Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2) **Approval of Agenda**
- 3) **Approval of February 18, 2016 Board of Health Meeting Minutes**
- 4) **Public Comment on Agenda Items (five minutes maximum)**
- 5) **MERS Healthcare Savings Program**
- 6) **Code of Ethics**
- 7) **By-Laws of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health**
- 8) **Review and Approval of February Check Register**
- 9) **MERS Quarterly Statement**
- 10) **Medical Director's Report**
- 11) **Health Officer's Report**
- 12) **Public Comment (three minutes maximum)**
- 13) **Board Member Comments**
- 14) **Adjournment**



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## **Board of Health Meeting**

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility  
Powers, MI

### **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 17, 2016

#### **Board Members Present**

Bob Burie

Jan Hafeman  
Larry Schei

Mary Harrington  
Tom Trudgeon

#### **Public Health Staff**

Mike Snyder, Health Officer/ Administrator  
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director  
Irene Huebler, Director of Administrative Support Services

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health (BOH) was held on March 17, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT by Chairman Trudgeon. Roll call was taken by the Director of Administrative Support Services, and is recorded above. Patrick Johnson was excused.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Mr. Burie moved to approve the March 17, 2016 agenda as presented. Motion was supported by Ms. Harrington and carried.**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**Ms. Hafeman moved the minutes from February 18, 2016, be approved. Motion was supported by Ms. Harrington and carried.**

#### **4. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**5. MERS Healthcare Savings Program**

Mr. Snyder explained the MERS Healthcare Savings Program requirement that divisions now be created by job title and Board of Health approval is needed for each new division that is created. Additionally, the Mandatory Leave Conversion Contribution requirement should be amended to allow employees the option of converting leave time at time of retirement, rather than being mandated to contribute all accrued leave to the Healthcare Savings Program.

**Ms. Hafeman moved the MERS Healthcare Savings Program current division be renamed from "All Employees" to "MCIR Coordinator" be approved and to eliminate the mandatory leave conversion requirement. Motion was supported by Ms. Harrington and carried.**

**6. Code of Ethics**

Mr. Snyder requested the Board review the Code of Ethics, and briefed them on the history of the policy.

**Mr. Burie moved the Code of Ethics be approved as of March 17, 2016, without making changes to the document. Motion was supported by Mr. Schei and carried.**

**7. By-Laws of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health**

Mr. Snyder informed the BOH on several proposed minor changes to the Board of Health By-Laws.

**Mr. Burie moved the By-Laws of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health be approved, with the proposed changes, during the April meeting. Motion was supported by Ms. Harrington and carried.**

**8. Review and Approval of February Check Register**

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

**Mr. Trudgeon moved the February check register be approved. Motion was supported by Ms. Hafeman and carried.**

**9. MERS Quarterly Statement**

The Board of Health reviewed the MERS Quarterly Statement ending December 31, 2015. Questions were answered by Mr. Snyder.

**Ms. Harrington moved the MERS Quarterly Statement be accepted.  
Motion was supported by Ms. Hafeman and carried.**

## **10. Medical Director's Report**

- Michigan was 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for number of immunization waivers, depending on where you access the information. Michigan put a rule in place last January, requiring parents who want to waive immunizations for their children come into the health department for education prior to signing the waiver. The hope was the number of immunization waivers would decrease. Immunization waivers have decreased statewide since this requirement has been in place.

Initial data looking at November of 2014 compared to November of 2015 indicates there were 8000 fewer waivers in the State.

- Kindergarten waivers have gone from 5% to a little over 3%
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade waivers have gone from 4.5% to 2.7%
- New student waivers have gone from 4.3% to 2.5%

Data for Delta and Menominee Counties has Delta County waivers going from 3% to 2.08%, while the waivers in Menominee County have gone from 3.95% to 3.89%. Almost all children in Menominee go to Wisconsin providers for vaccines, therefore those vaccines are being entered into the Wisconsin registry and are not shared with the Michigan registry. Menominee may come out 84<sup>th</sup> for being immunized, but this does not mean Menominee County children aren't getting immunized.

The State still has a long way to go to get all children immunized. Delta & Menominee Counties has a childhood immunization rate of about 70%, while an immunization rate of at least 80% is needed for herd immunity.

Further work needs to be done with local providers to encourage them to promote immunizations. Some area providers are not big advocates or at least, not advocates of all recommended vaccines. We are looking at ways to impact that. Financial incentives could be helpful. U.P Health Plans administer Medicaid and does incentive bonuses to physician practices based on quality indicators. Dr. Frankovich would like to approach U.P Health Plan to see if immunizations could be added to the list of quality indicators.

## **11. Health Officer's Report**

- Held sewage installers annual meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who installs septic systems is required to have a license, and must attend one training every three years. The installers learned what they need to have in place in the event there would be an accident involving one of their drivers. The installers also heard from Mike Dempsey, from Deer Path Recyclers a company from down-state Michigan which uses chipped tires to use in place of stone aggregate in septic systems. He is currently looking at the viability of opening a recycling center in the Upper Peninsula.
- Currently working on one enforcement case with the Delta County Prosecutor regarding an individual who is no longer licensed to install septic system, but is advertising to install drain fields.

- PHDM met all minimum program requirements necessary to achieve accreditation, and recently received their certificate.
- Public Health Week is April 4-10<sup>th</sup> and PHDM is working with the Escanaba Daily Press and Eagle Herald to run an article each day through Public Health Week.

**12. Public Comment (three minutes maximum)**

No public comment.

**13. Board Member Comments**

- Mr. Trudgeon received a call from a Delta-County dentist regarding the Health Department providing fluoride treatments to children 3 years and younger. He informed this dentist that the fluoride rinse program provided through the WIC department should not be relevant to his practice.

**14. Adjournment**

**There being no further business, Mr. Schei made a motion the meeting be adjourned at 2:16 p.m. CDT. Motion was supported by Ms. Hafeman and carried.**

*Thomas L. Peterson 4-21-16*

Chairperson

:ih Approved April 21, 2016  
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