



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility
Powers, MI

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Board Members Present

Bob Burie

Patrick Johnson

Jan Hafeman

Larry Schei

Mary Harrington

Tom Trudgeon

Public Health Staff

Mike Snyder, Health Officer/ Administrator

Kim Gustafson, Assistant Program Coordinator

Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular monthly meeting of the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health (BOH) was held on September 15, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT by Chairman Trudgeon. Roll call was taken by the Assistant Program Coordinator, and is recorded above. Mr. Johnson arrived at 1:09 p.m. CDT.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hafeman moved to approve the September 15, 2016, agenda. Motion was supported by Ms. Harrington and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hafeman moved the minutes from August 31, 2016, be approved. Motion was supported by Ms. Harrington and carried.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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5. Finance Committee

a. FY2017 PHDM Budget

Chairman Trudgeon gave an overview of the FY 2017 PHDM Budget.

Ms. Hafeman moved the FY2017 PHDM Budget, be approved. Motion was supported by Ms. Harrington and carried.

b. American Express Statements

Ms. Hafeman gave a brief description of the American Express statements.

Chairman Trudgeon moved the American Express statements be acknowledged and placed on file. Motion was supported by Ms. Hafeman and carried.

6. Cross Jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mr. Snyder informed the BOH the Cross Jurisdictional MOU involves all six U.P. health departments. The six health departments agree to:

1. Participate in monthly meetings.
2. Support other alliance members with prompt response and accurate data and information to complete grant applications and outcome reports.
3. Consider the needs and resources of other alliance members when undertaking new ventures.

Ms. Hafeman moved Mr. Snyder signing the Cross Jurisdictional MOU, be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Johnson and carried.

7. Review and Approval of August Check Register

The Board of Health reviewed the August check register.

Mr. Schei moved the August check register be approved. Motion was supported by Ms. Hafeman and carried.

8. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Frankovich presented information on local and national statistics on Hepatitis (Hep) C. Currently, Hep C is causing more deaths nationally than all other reportable infectious diseases combined. It is blood borne and affects the liver. There is currently no vaccine to prevent Hep C. There is treatment available, but a course of treatment costs upwards of \$100,000. Medicaid only covers costs treatment once significant chronic liver disease is present.

Dr. Frankovich noted that the highest number of Hep C cases nationwide are in the "baby boomer" generation and affecting males more than females.

In the U.P., the highest population is in young adults; due to the IV drug use and sharing of needles that goes along with it. In 2015, the U.P. had a much higher rate of Hep C infection reported among young adults than the State of Michigan overall.

This prevalence of hepatitis C in young adults who are drug users is concerning because it indicates a population at risk for HIV as well. The recent HIV outbreak in rural Scott County, Indiana, was discussed.

Dr. Frankovich reviewed the benefits of substance abuse treatment and needle access programs. Needle access programs allow people to turn in used needles for clean ones to cut needle sharing among the IV drug user population. Michigan currently has four needle sharing programs, but are all downstate.

In order to make local providers aware of the increase number of Hep C in the U.P., Dr. Frankovich drafted a letter that was sent out to each and every one of them. The letter also requested the providers start testing at risk young adults for Hep C since the infection is greater for this population. Dr. Frankovich and many others are hoping there will soon be funding available to work on the prevention of Hep C. This funding would allow for partnerships with local agencies, providers, law enforcement, and more.

9. Health Officer's Report

- Mr. Snyder informed the BOH the annual picture will be taken at the November 3, 2016, meeting.
- The Fourth Annual All-Staff meeting was held on Thursday, September 8, 2016. Mr. Snyder has heard nothing but positive comments about the meeting.
- The Drive-Thru Flu Clinic will be held in Delta County on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at the Escanaba office parking lot, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EDT. Menominee's Flu Clinic has been schedule at the Senior Center on Thursday, October 20, 2016.
- Mr. Snyder updated the BOH on the Menominee GIS request from the August BOH meeting. Lori Schultz, the Environmental Health and GIS specialist for PHDM, has been in contact with Peggy from Menominee County and Gary from Coleman Engineering. They are working together to obtain the data in a format which would be useable for the county.
- Reminder there is no October BOH meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2016.

10. Public Comment (three minutes maximum)

There was no public comment.

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11. Board Member Comments

- Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Snyder about a local employer who is still smoking in the work environment around the employees. Mr. Snyder informed him all work places need to be smoke-free and explained how the complaint can be made.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Burie made a motion the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m. CDT. Motion was supported by Ms. Hafeman and carried.

Thomas L. Poljan Nov. 3, 2016
Chairperson

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