



# Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



## Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, Powers

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

#### Board Members Present

Bernie Lang  
Bob Burie

Gary Eichhorn  
David Schultz

Tom Elegeert  
Tom Trudgeon

#### Public Health Staff

Barb Chenier, Health Officer/ Administrator  
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director  
Lynn Woelffer, Director of Finance and Budget

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

The September 15, 2010, meeting of the Delta Menominee District Board of Health was called to order at 4:32 p.m. CST by Chairperson Schultz. Roll call was taken; attendance is recorded above.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Eichhorn moved to approve the agenda. Motion was supported by Mr. Elegeert and carried.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Eichhorn moved that the August 18<sup>th</sup> minutes be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Burie and carried.

#### 4. New Business

##### 4.1—FY 2011 Proposed Budget

As requested by the Board in the previous meeting, copies of the Delta County Audit were provided to the Board members. (The Delta County Audit includes the health department as a component unit.) Ms Woelffer then presented the FY11 proposed budget. Conservative estimates of funding were used as many state and county budgets are not yet approved. The overall budget is \$198,000 less than FY10 and incorporates program changes as discussed below in 4.2 Program Updates. No utilization of Fund Balance is proposed in the budget.

**Mr. Elegeert moved that the FY 2011 Proposed Budget be approved. Motion was supported by Mr. Lang and carried.**

#### 4.2—Program Updates

Ms Chenier updated the Board on the status of program changes:

1) After the August Board meeting, the affected staff were informed and information was released through the media announcing the closure of PHDM's Substance Abuse Treatment program. We anticipate the final closing to happen the end of October. No new clients are being accepted at this time, and those clients who cannot finish their treatment in the next month will be transferred to another treatment program.

2) We are applying for the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), a home visiting program for pregnant women and infants with Medicaid. Although it involves an application process, any agency meeting the requirements for the program will be accepted. Debbie Poquette, Director of Nursing, will oversee the new program.

#### 5. Committee Reports

##### 5.1— Personnel

All recommended merit increases fell within the Board-approved ranges and were approved by the Personnel Committee. No Board action was required.

The Personnel Committee presented a proposed salary range for a new position to the Board: *Social Worker—Licensed BSW*. This position is required for MIHP.

**Mr. Eichhorn moved that the Board approve the proposed salary range for this position. Motion was supported by Mr. Elegeert and carried.**

#### 6. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Frankovich addressed the following:

- H1N1 is now part of the seasonal flu vaccine together with two other flu strains. Even though H1N1 did not cause the level of sickness that was initially feared last year, it still sickened millions and disproportionately affected younger individuals. It is a vaccine-preventable illness and the vaccine has proven to have an excellent safety record. It is important to get vaccinated. Because younger adults were affected by H1N1 more than past flu strains, CDC is recommending this year that all age groups over 6 months should receive the vaccine.
- Dr. Frankovich participated in two radio talk shows this morning to discuss flu and PHDM's Community Flu Shot Clinics which are scheduled for October in both counties:
  - Delta County: a Drive Thru Clinic at the U.P. State Fairgrounds on October 7<sup>th</sup> and an Indoor Clinic at the Fairgrounds on October 21<sup>st</sup>

- Menominee County: clinics at the Stephenson Annex on October 19<sup>th</sup> and at the Menominee Senior Center on October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Whooping cough is still a problem in the United States. Western U.P. Health Department has had nearly 100 cases. This year there is a new requirement for 6<sup>th</sup> graders to have a Tdap booster which includes pertussis. This booster is also recommended for adults under 65 years of age.
- We currently have an active tuberculosis case in our district and one in a neighboring county. TB is especially labor intensive for health departments in providing consultation with healthcare providers, advising on and monitoring the treatment and required testing.
- Menominee is no longer the only UP county designated as endemic for Lyme disease. IN 2009, MDCH added Ontonagon County to the list. This means that the counties have a resident tick population capable of transmitting the disease and that the bacteria is present in local wildlife on which these ticks feed.
- A recently published and well-done study has shown no connection between mercury in vaccines and autism. This concern was raised several years ago (in fact, mercury was taken out of nearly all vaccines), but subsequent studies have failed to show an association between the two.

## 7. Health Officer's Report

Ms Chenier reported the following:

- Betty Oman, a long term nursing supervisor, is retiring the end of September. She will not be replaced; her duties are being assumed by the other Nursing Supervisors.
- We are still looking for a permanent Nurse Practitioner. We also have an opening for a Health Educator and an Environmental Health Specialist. We are finding the job market very competitive for certain positions.

## 8. Public Comment—No comments

## 9. Adjournment

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Eichhorn with support by Mr. Trudgeon to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m. CST.**

  
Chairperson

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