



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, Powers

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Board Members Present

Gary Eichhorn
Robert Burie

David Schultz
Thomas Elegeert

Bernie Lang

Board Members Absent

Venetia Bryers

Public Health Staff

Barb Chenier, Health Officer/ Administrator
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director
Lynn Woelffer, Director of Finance and Budget
Mike Snyder, Environmental Health Director
Sharon Engelsgerd, Executive Secretary

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The September 16, 2009, meeting of the Delta Menominee District Board of Health was called to order at 4:30 p.m. CST by Chairperson Schultz. Roll call was taken; attendance is recorded above. Ms. Bryers had advised Mr. Schultz of her anticipated absence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Elegeert requested the addition of Item 4.5 to share a resolution passed by the Delta County Board.

Mr. Eichhorn moved to approve the agenda with that addition. Motion was supported by Mr. Burie and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Elegeert moved for approval of the actions taken in the July 15th meeting when a quorum was not present. Mr. Eichhorn seconded and motion was carried.

Mr. Elegeert moved that the July 15th minutes be approved as presented. Motion was supported by Mr. Eichhorn and carried.

4. New Business

4.1— Quarterly Finance Report

Ms. Woelffer presented the finance report for the quarter ending June 30, 2009.

4.2—Fiscal Year 2010 Proposed Budget

Ms. Woelffer presented the FY 2010 budget.

Mr. Burie moved that the Board approve the FY 2010 Health Department budget, including the capital equipment requests. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion was carried.

4.3—Technical Guidance for Geothermal Wells

Mr. Snyder reviewed the proposed technical guidance for geothermal closed loop systems. This guidance was developed in a joint effort by Upper Peninsula Health Departments.

Mr. Elegeert moved that the Geothermal Technical Guidance be approved for the Delta & Menominee Sanitary Code. Motion was supported by Mr. Eichhorn and carried.

4.4—Sanitary Code Board of Appeals

The Sanitary Code requires a Board of Appeals be available to hear appeals. Mr. Snyder contacted individuals previously recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee in order to determine their interest in serving on this board. Randy Demeuse from Menominee County and Dave Holmgren and Bob Zinn from Delta County were positive in their response. Additional members will be sought by the Menominee County Board.

4.5—Delta County Resolution

Mr. Elegeert outlined a resolution passed by the Delta County Board on September 15, 2009, to help property owners with the installation of septic tanks in wetland areas. The resolution directs that when the Delta County Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control enforcing agency reviews a property, they will identify potential problems concerning wetlands that may complicate septic tank installation.

5. Committee Reports

5.1—Finance

The Finance Committee reviewed the FY2010 Proposed Budget and recommended approval by the full Board.

5.2—Personnel

No Board action required.

6. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Frankovich gave an update on the H1N1 influenza situation:

- We're finding the severity of the H1N1 influenza is similar to the seasonal flu. However, this new disease is easily transmitted and the majority of the population has no immunity. This presents the potential for a high number of sick people. With increased numbers sick, there exists the potential for increased numbers of hospitalizations and deaths. High numbers sick also means increased absenteeism in schools and businesses and increased stress on the healthcare system.
- When the H1N1 vaccine becomes available, identified target groups will be reached primarily in school-based clinics, in Public Health office clinics, and through private providers.

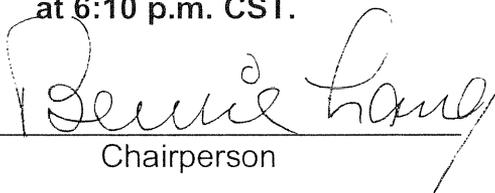
7. Health Officer's Report

- Our Community Seasonal Flu Clinics are planned with two at the U.P. State Fairgrounds, one at Menominee Senior Center, and one at the Stephenson Annex.
- Next week we are conducting informational meetings in Escanaba and Menominee for our volunteer nurses. We will update them on the H1N1 status, share our plans for school vaccinations, and describe how the volunteers will be able to help.
- Mr. Snyder reported on the ground water contamination investigation conducted for the area near Daggett. A public meeting was held on September 14, 2009, to inform residents of the investigation results—no source of contamination was found—and the requirements for area wells to prevent the contamination from entering the well.
- Mr. Snyder advised the Board that, beginning January 2010, Michigan will require body art businesses to be licensed. Local Environmental Health will be responsible to inspect and issue these licenses. Mr. Snyder will be bringing a proposed fee package to the Board to cover the Department's cost in administering this program.

8. Public Comment - None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Burie with support by Mr. Lang to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. CST.


Chairperson