



# Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



## Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, Powers

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

#### Board Members Present

Gary Eichhorn  
Robert Burie

Bernie Lang  
David Schultz

Thomas Elegeert  
Venetia Bryers

#### Public Health Staff

Barb Chenier, Health Officer/ Administrator  
Dr. Terry Frankovich, Medical Director  
Sharon Engelsjerd, Executive Secretary

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

The January 20, 2010, meeting of the Delta Menominee District Board of Health was called to order at 4:31 p.m. CST by Chairperson Schultz. Roll call was taken; attendance is recorded above.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Elegeert requested a time to discuss the State's practice of placing requirements on the counties without providing money to support them.

**Ms. Bryers moved to approve the agenda with this addition. Motion was supported by Mr. Eichhorn and carried.**

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Elegeert moved that the December 16<sup>th</sup> minutes be approved as presented. Motion was supported by Mr. Lang and carried.**

#### 4. Annual Meeting Business

##### 4.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

**Ms. Bryers moved that Mr. Schultz continue as Chairman. Mr. Eichhorn seconded and motion was carried.**

**Mr. Eichhorn moved that Mr. Lang continue as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion was carried.**

##### 4.2 Committee Assignments

No changes in committee assignments were requested; therefore, committee assignments will continue as in 2009.

##### 4.3 Approval of 2010 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Burie suggested the Board meet at the Health Department in Escanaba and Menominee during the year to give the Board members opportunity to visit both sites.

**Ms. Bryers moved that Pinecrest Medical Care Facility remain as the primary meeting place, but during the year the Board hold one meeting at the Health Department in Escanaba and one meeting at the Health Department in Menominee. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion was carried.**

#### 4.a. New Business

##### **State Mandates Without Funding**

Board members expressed concern over the State's practice of placing requirements on the county without providing funds to support the additional services. A recent example is the Body Art Program in which local health departments are to inspect and enforce the law but the entire license fee must be sent to the State. Another potential case is that of the Smoke Free Workplace legislation in which local health departments may be required to enforce the law. Ms. Chenier stated that Michigan Association of Local Public Health (MALPH) has expressed these concerns to the State re: the Body Art Program with little result. Mr. Elegeert stated that Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) has a sample resolution for counties to use to protest the State's practice of mandating without funding. Delta County passed this resolution in their January 19 meeting.

**Ms. Bryers moved Ms. Chenier adapt this resolution from the Board of Health to the State expressing protest over unfunded mandates. Mr. Lang seconded and motion was carried.**

5. **Committee Reports**

5.1— **Personnel**

**Mr. Eichhorn moved the Board approve a proposed salary range change for Clerical Supervisor. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion carried.**

6. **Medical Director's Report**

- In the U.S. 55 million people have had the H1N1 flu with most hospitalizations and deaths occurring in people <50 years old.
- No widespread H1N1 disease is reported in any state at this time and few cases of seasonal flu as well. However, we are not yet in the time period when flu usually peaks. We don't know if there will be a third wave of H1N1 or whether the H1N1 will continue through the year.
- In Delta and Menominee counties, 10,000 people (17% of population) were vaccinated. Of the age group 0-18 years, 37% were vaccinated here (nationally, <30% of this age group).
- 2/3 of all vaccinations in our two counties were administered by PHDM.
- Lessons learned: Comparing the distribution methods used in Dr. Frankovich's three districts will indicate what methods worked best.
- Decreased public interest at this time, but if we see an increase in flu cases, we have the vaccine.

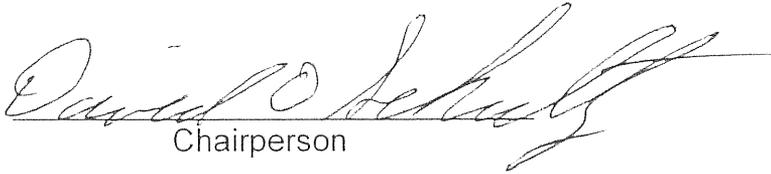
7. **Health Officer's Report**

- We just completed two large H1N1 clinics: 666 were vaccinated in Escanaba and 260 in Menominee. We are now concentrating on offering the vaccine in places where people may not have been able to get to the clinics, e.g., nursing homes, adult foster care, and businesses.
- A national report will be released in February with every county in the state ranked according to selected health indicators. This report will not only address health care but other subjects such as healthy behaviors. We will be able to use this community assessment to increase health awareness in the community. This project is being funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with reports being completed by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.
- OSF St Francis Hospital and Marquette General Hospital are jointly sponsoring a community health needs assessment with the support of Hannahville funding. This assessment addresses the service areas of these hospitals and looks at health needs as related to health care systems, e.g., the status of primary care and access to specialties.
- When implementation of the Smoke Free Workplace Law is determined, a presentation will be given to the Board as to the role of PHDM.

8. **Public Comment**—Mr. Eichhorn reminded the Board that with our merit increase system, raises are not automatic and will be reduced if funding is reduced.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Eichhorn with support by Mr. Elegeert to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. CST.

  
Chairperson

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