



Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties



Board of Health Meeting

Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, Powers

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Board Members Present

Venetia Bryers
Robert Burie

Gary Eichhorn
Thomas Elegeert

Bernie Lang
David Schultz

Public Health Staff

Barb Chenier, Health Officer/ Administrator
Mike Snyder, Environmental Health Director
Bridget Bartol, Health Educator/Building Healthy Communities Coordinator
Sharon Engelsgerd, Executive Secretary

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The June 17, 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 and is recorded above.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Eichhorn moved that the May 20th minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion was carried.

4. Education Session

4.1—Building Healthy Communities Initiative

Building Healthy Communities is an initiative being conducted through funding received from Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan State University Extension. The main goal of the initiative is to improve cardiovascular health through increased physical activity and increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables. The Program Coordinator Bridget Bartol works with each county's Building Healthy

Communities Coalition to develop projects to promote healthier living among our citizens. Current and past projects include:

- At the Mid-Pen School, 1 treadmill, 1 stationary bike and 1 elliptical machine have been added to give adult residents access to physical activity opportunities.
- The Gladstone trail system has been extended by 1140 feet and “No Smoking” signs painted on the paved trail.
- Wood chips, benches, and a drinking fountain have been added in Menominee’s John Henes Park.
- This spring North Central and Carney-Nadeau Elementary Schools participated in “Walk to School Day” with almost 100% student participation. “Walking school buses” are encouraged where parents walk to school with their children and “pick up” other children on the way.
- Escanaba’s Farmers’ Market has been configured to handle Electronic Bridge Transfer (EBT) cards used by low income families in the food stamp program.
- Field trips to the Farmers’ Markets are being planned by local elementary schools and Escanaba library.

Plans for next year include:

- Provide EBT card access in the Menominee Farmers’ Market.
- Expand the Gladstone trail system to connect the North Bluff area to downtown.
- Work with City Officials, MDOT, DNR and other vested individuals to activate the Hermanaba Trail as a non-motorized trail. Also, work with these groups of people to make a plan to connect Escanaba and Gladstone by a non-motorized trail.
- Develop an Action Plan for the Safe Routes to School Program at North Central and Carney-Nadeau Elementary schools to apply for MDOT grant funds to continue infrastructure changes, e.g., creating and improving sidewalks, creating bike lanes, and providing crossing guards.

The Board suggested encouraging businesses to have bike racks available at their locations.

5. **New Business**

5.1— **Proposed Changes to Technical Manual—Alternative Sewage Systems**

Representing the Technical Advisory Committee, Mike Snyder presented two proposed changes to the Delta & Menominee Counties Sanitary Code Technical Manual:

- 1) The Technical Manual currently requires alternative technology to have 24/7 monitoring and annual maintenance visits. The proposed change provides the option that, if 24/7 monitoring is not feasible or not desired by the owner, the owner may have 6-month maintenance visits in lieu of the monitoring.

- 2) Currently, the Technical Manual states that a Professional Engineer or Registered Sanitarian must design the alternative system. The proposed change also allows a Licensed Master Plumber to design a system.

Mr. Eichhorn moved to accept the proposed changes. Ms. Bryers seconded.

Roll Call Vote: *Schultz, Bryers, Eichhorn, Burie, and Lang* voted in favor. Against: *Elegeert*

Board members asked that the Technical Advisory Committee continue to review the requirements for regular maintenance visits so additional options may be available to landowners. Though these immediate changes improve the Technical Manual, the Board wants to offer more economical choices to owners while continuing to protect the environmental health of our communities.

Mr. Elegeert moved that the Technical Advisory Committee consider an additional change that allows alternative technology without 24/7 monitoring to go to one-year inspections after the second year of operation. Motion was supported by Ms. Bryers and carried.

5.2—Proposed Addition to Technical Manual—100 Year Floodplain Determination

The Technical Manual now states that an OSTDS site shall not be located within the 100 year floodplain. The proposed section of the Technical Manual allows the Health Department to issue permits if the property owner is able to install the OSTDS above the floodplain elevation.

Mr. Eichhorn moved to accept the proposed change. Ms. Bryers seconded.

Roll Call Vote: *Elegeert, Schultz, Bryers, Eichhorn, and Burie* voted in favor. Against: *Lang*

6. Committee Reports

6.1—Personnel

The Personnel Committee recommended approval of a Letter of Understanding between Public Health, Delta & Menominee Counties and the Employees Union concerning a specific Union member assuming the coordination responsibilities for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program with the title of Nursing Program Coordinator, while remaining a member of the Union.

Mr. Eichhorn moved to approve the Letter of Understanding. Mr. Elegeert seconded and motion was carried.

The Personnel Committee recommended approval of an increased salary range for the Director of Environmental Health. The current salary range was last revised in 1998 and needs updating. The current Director of Environmental Health has assumed

the additional duties and responsibilities of the Environmental Health Supervisor position which is no longer being filled.

Mr. Elegeert moved to approve the proposed salary range. Ms. Bryers seconded and motion was carried.

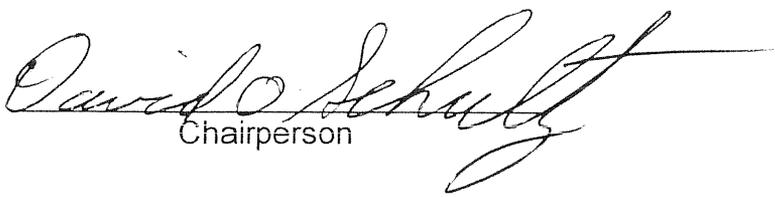
7. **Health Officer's Report**

- We have received the report from our Accreditation Site Review conducted the end of April by the Michigan Departments of Community Health, Environmental Quality and Agriculture. We successfully met 149 of the 155 minimum program standards—very good results! Special recognition was given in 35 areas, including the updating of our Sanitary Code with community collaboration, the active marketing with community education seen in several programs, and Environmental Health food service's 100% compliance.
- The State recommends we plan for H1N1 vaccine to be available in the fall. Therefore, we have begun planning for our fall clinics and continue to improve our emergency plans. To develop a list of volunteers that may be needed for a public health emergency, we have sent letters to all licensed nurses in the two counties asking them to sign up as volunteers; the response has been very favorable. We are also pursuing the possibility of holding clinics at multiple locations.
- To show their appreciation for everyone's hard work during Accreditation, supervisors recently treated Public Health employees to Employee Appreciation luncheons held in both locations. (Board members extended their appreciation to staff for a job well done.)

8. **Public Comment** – Bob Zinn shared his appreciation for the time spent with the Technical Advisory Committee.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Bryers with support by Mr. Elegeert to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. CST.


Chairperson