

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Health Meeting  
Health Department of Northwest Michigan  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

**Call to order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held via conference call/zoom meeting on March 2, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Karen Bargy, Chairperson. Eight members of the Board of Health were in attendance, establishing a quorum.

**Members in attendance; roll call:** Jarris Rubingh, Karen Bargy, Shirley Roloff, Scott Hankins, Dave Bachelor, David White, Rob Pallarito, and Julie Powers.

**Members absent/excused:** none

**Staff in attendance:** Lisa Peacock, Natalie Kasiborski, Jane Sundmacher, Terry Tollas, Scott Kendzierski, Joshua Meyerson, Amanda Thompson, Kathleen Jakinovich, Dianne Litzenburger, Laurel Johnson, and Jennifer Kenney.

**Approval of the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Board of Health Meeting Minutes:** Shirley Roloff made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 2nd, 2021 supported by Julie Powers. Roll call. All yeas. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** none

**MDHHS PRESENTATION:**

Presenters: Orlando Todd, Laura Des La Rambelje, and Molly Cotant  
MDHHS team presented on the unique and important role of District Health Departments in providing local public health services.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Written reports were distributed with agenda for review prior to the meeting from Lisa Peacock, RN, MSN, NP, Health Officer, Joshua Meyerson, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Natalie Kasiborski, PhD, LMSW, MPH, Deputy Health Officer, Scott Kendzierski, MS, REHS Director of Environmental Health, Amanda Thompson, MSN, RN, Director of Family Health, Kathleen Jakinovich, MPH, Community Health Director, and Jane K. Sundmacher, M.Ed., Executive Director, Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region, Director of Regional Planning:

- Lisa Peacock, RN, MSN, NP, Health Officer- COVID vaccination clinics and testing updates given. Outreach strategies shared focusing on getting information to Seniors. Key informative interviews conducted with Seniors. Feedback reviewed. COVID vaccination registration software improvement shared. Discussion on MDHHS dashboard and our dashboard. Migrant workers strategies reviewed for vaccinations. SVI chart will be emailed. MDHHS presentation discussion. There were some questions in the past on the important role of local health departments. The goal was to invite MDHHS to answer any questions.
- Joshua Meyerson, MD, MPH, Medical Director- February 2021 Communicable Disease Report shared. Travel policy shared. Johnson and Johnson vaccine is now available.
- Natalie Kasiborski, PhD, LMSW, MPH, Deputy Health Officer- Letter of Support request submitted. With approval, this letter would be included in the grant application for a partnership with Elk Rapids Schools.

- Scott Kendzierski, MS, REHS Director of Environmental Health- PFAS Pellston response update given.
- Amanda Thompson, MSN, RN, Director of Family Health – Day to day operations that are continuing during the pandemic shared. Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BCCCNP) Northern Michigan Breast Health Services Assistant Program (NMBHSA) Wisewoman Program (WW). Discussion on services for men and lack of funding for several previous programs.
- Jane K. Sundmacher, M.Ed., Executive Director, Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region, Director of Regional Planning – Kicking off the MiThrive Community Health Assessment. Upcoming activity: Forces of Change Assessment (March), Local Public Health System Assessment (June), and Community Themes and Strengths Assessment (October).
- Kathleen Jakinovich, MPH, Community Health Director- Farm to School program shared.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MDHHS CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH PROGRAM:**

**MOTION:** Scott Hankins made a motion to approve the Board of Health Chair sign the proposed letter of support to be included in the grant application for a partnership with Elk Rapids Schools. Supported by Rob Pallarito. Roll call. All Yeas. Motion carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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**MOTION:** Shirley Roloff reported that the finance committee met and recommends approval of the February bills in the amount of \$ 744,736.06 the February employee expenses of 12,262.89. Supported by Dave Bachelor. Roll call. All Yeas. Motion carried.

**MERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT ADDENDUM:**

**MOTION:** Jarris Rubingh made a motion to accept the MERS defined benefit plan adoption addendum as presented. Supported by David White. Roll call. All Yeas. Motion carried.

**New Business:** none

**Other Business:** none

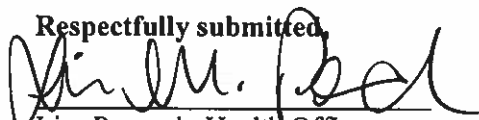
**Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. was the fixed date and time for the next regular meeting of the Board of Health.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lisa Peacock, Health Officer

  
Karen Bargy, Chairperson