

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Health Meeting
Health Department of Northwest Michigan
May 4, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held via virtual meeting option (Zoom) on May 4th, 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: Karen Bargy, Shirley Roloff, Scott Hankins, Dave Bachelor, David White, Rob Pallarito, Julie Powers, and Jarris Rubingh

Members absent/excused: none

Staff in attendance: Lisa Peacock, Natalie Kasiborski, Terry Tollas, Dan Thorell, Joshua Meyerson, Amanda Thompson, Kathleen Jakinovich, Susan Pulaski, Laurel Johnson, Dianne Litzenburger, Debbie Aldridge and Jennifer Kenney.

Approval of the April 6th, 2021 Board of Health Meeting Minutes: Julie Powers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 6th, 2021 supported by Scott Hankins. Roll call. All yeas. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Jarris Rubingh shared a letter that commissioners have received from a community member regarding COIVD and current epidemic orders. Lisa will address this during the COVID update.

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, Dan Thorell, Director of Environmental Health, Amanda Thompson, MSN, RN, Director of Family Health, Kathleen Jakinovich, MPH, Community Health Director: and Jane Sundmacher, M.Ed., Executive Director, Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region, Director of Regional Planning:

- Lisa Peacock, RN, MSN, NP, Health Officer- Lisa addressed the letter and suggestions. While some valid suggestions, we need to continue on our current path in alignment with our state orders. Cases reviewed. Testing requirements and vaccination discussion. MDHHS are aligning recommendations with the current CDC recommendations regarding vaccination and required testing, we believe they will have an update soon.
- Joshua Meyerson, MD, MPH, Medical Director- April 2021 Communicable disease report shared. Vaccine hesitancy discussion. Impact on barriers discussed. We believe the 12-15 year old age range group will be approved for the vaccine soon. Antibody therapy and treatment recommendations reviewed. Vaccination coverage map shared. Increase in tick exposures concerns reviewed. Public communication on ticks will be provided in the future. Herd Immunity discussion.
- Natalie Kasiborski, PhD, LMSW, MPH, Deputy Health Officer- COVID-19 health equity work group strategies shared. Current projects include Spanish materials available at clinics and accessibility guidelines. PIO communications team shared their monthly report. Marketing with community partners has been very successful.

- Amanda Thompson, MSN, RN, Director of Family Health – Pop-up clinics and vaccination strategies shared. We are offering choices of vaccine at several clinics. Maternal Child Health Services activity reviewed.
- Jane K. Sundmacher, M.Ed., Executive Director, Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region, Director of Regional Planning – CHIR -wide community connections client data submitted. Debbie Aldridge shared the community connections data from January 1st to December 31st, 2020.
- Kathleen Jakinovich, MPH, Community Health Director- Highlighted the Mom power program.
- Dan Thorell, Director of Environmental Health-Land use program permits and evaluations shared from 2019 to present.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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MOTION: David White reported that the finance committee met and recommends approval of the April bills in the amount of \$616,578.58 the April employee expenses of 26,832.64. Supported by Robert Pallarito. Roll call. All Yeas. Motion carried.

New Business:

Other Business: none

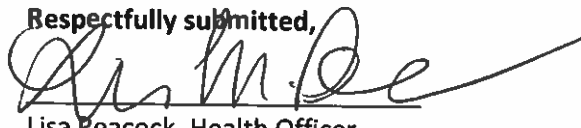
Comments: none

Adjournment:

Tuesday, June 1st, 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 12:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Peacock, Health Officer



Karen Bargy, Chairperson