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MMDHD submits annual appropriations request

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STANTON — The Mid Michigan District Health Department is again seeking annual funding from Montcalm County, but no increase is expected.

Health Officer Marcus Cheatham gave a presentation before the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners Monday evening, informing the commissioners the department had submitted a request to receive funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to County Controller Bob Clingenpeel.

"There's a little bit of good news because the request will go down from last year," he said.

The department is asking for $427,000 of its $1,115,000 total budget from Montcalm County — down $1,500 from last year — making up approximately 38 percent of the budget, according to Cheatham.

The other counties that contribute funds through three-county agreement are Gratiot and Clinton counties.

"Montcalm consumes 40 percent of our health services, so Montcalm is asked to pay 40 percent of the appropriation," Cheatham said.

A decision on whether to grant the appropriation will be made at a future county commissioners meeting.