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BOARD OF HEALTH:	Bruce DeLong Dwight Washington, Ph.D.	George Bailey Chuck Murphy	Betty Kellenberger Adam Petersen
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BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING
at
Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD)
Montcalm County Administrative Office
Stanton, Michigan

Conference Room A

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

We take action to protect, maintain, and improve the health of our community.

Members Present: Adam Petersen, Betty Kellenberger, Chuck Murphy, Dwight Washington (*arrived at 9:05 a.m.*), and George Bailey, Chairperson

Members Absent: Bruce DeLong

Staff Present: Melissa Bowerman, Director of Administrative Services; Cynthia M. Partlo, Board Secretary; Liz Braddock, Director of Environmental Health (EH); and Sarah Doak, Director of Community Health and Education Division (CHED)

Staff Absent: Mark W. (Marcus) Cheatham, Ph.D., Health Officer; Jennifer E. Morse, M.D., MPH, FAAFP, Medical Director

Guests: Rosemary Horvath, Reporter, Gratiot County Herald; Stephanie Husted, Community Health Worker; Doug Brecht, Seville Township Trustee

George Bailey, Chairperson called the Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan District Board of Health to order at 9:02 a.m., on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at the Montcalm County Administrative Office of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD), Stanton, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by G. Bailey.

A. AGENDA NOTES, REVIEW, AND REVISIONS:

Motion made by B. Kellenberger and seconded by C. Murphy to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

B. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) Board of Directors Meeting held September 9, 2019
- b. Mid-Michigan District Board of Health Regular Meeting held September 25, 2019

Motion made by B. Kellenberger and seconded by A. Petersen to accept the Meeting Minutes B. 1. a. and b. and place on file. Motion carried.

2. Communications – None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Doug Brecht provided public comment regarding septic issues in Riverdale.

D. BRANCH OFFICE EMPLOYEES: S. Doak introduced Stephanie Husted who works for the agency as the Community Health Worker (CHW) for Montcalm County.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee – Bruce DeLong, Chairperson (*George Bailey in his absence*)

- a. MMDHD's Expenses for September 14 through October 11, 2019

Motion made by G. Bailey to pay the MMDHD's Expenses for September 14 through October 11, 2019, totaling \$489,804.23. Motion seconded by C. Murphy. Motion carried.

- b. MMDHD's Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for September 2019 – **Delayed due to year-end closing.**

- c. Community Health and Education Division (CHED) Fee Changes

M. Bowerman explained that the CHED Fee Schedule approved in May (annually) included last year's cost for the influenza vaccine because the cost of the influenza vaccine was not available until the fall. She said that the current cost increased cost over last year's cost.

Motion made by B. Kellenberger and seconded by A. Petersen to approve the CHED Fee Changes as proposed. Motion carried.

3. Personnel Committee – Betty Kellenberger, Chair – No report.

4. Program Committee – Chuck Murphy, Chair – No report.

5. Mid-Central Coordinating Committee – Dwight Washington – No report.

F. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jennifer E. Morse, M.D., MPH, FAAFP (*Sarah Doak in her absence*)

1. Cannabidiol (CBD) Oil

Sarah Doak, Director of CHED reviewed the Medical Director's Report in Dr. Morse's absence. She provided an overview of CBD oil explaining that the oil is derived from hemp. Although recent studies have found that CBD oil may be beneficial for treating many illnesses, it is currently not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). She said that Dr. Morse recommends avoiding CBD oil at this time due to the inconsistency and quality of the products.

S. Doak recommended the following be adopted as the BOH Monthly Healthy Living Recommendation for November:

- a. *While CBD may be safe and could have medical benefits, the over-the-counter products available today should be avoided at this time as they are unregulated, often contaminated, and often do not contain the CBD and THC concentrations as labeled.*
- b. *If you do choose to use CBD products, do your best to purchase from a reputable company. Though testing of CBD and other cannabinoid products are still evolving, third party agencies such as National Science Foundation (NSF) and United States Pharmacopeia (USP) will soon begin testing and certifying CBD products. The U.S. Hemp Authority (<https://www.ushempauthority.org/certified-companies>), an initiative by hemp growers, has already been testing and certifying hemp and hemp products.*

2. Influenza

Shots were provided to BOH members to show their support for influenza vaccinations.

Motion made by B. Kellenberger and seconded by D. Washington to adopt the BOH Monthly Healthy Living Recommendation for November and accept and place the Medical Director's Report on file. Motion carried.

G. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT: Mark W. (Marcus) Cheatham, Health Officer, Ph.D. (*Melissa Bowerman, Sarah Doak and Liz Braddock in his absence*)

1. FY 18/19 Quarterly Service Report, Fourth Quarter (July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019)

M. Bowerman reviewed the Quarterly Service Report for the fourth quarter of FY 18/19 indicating that the agency met its goal for the Family Planning Program. The Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Program continues to do well.

For Environmental Health (EH), L. Braddock reported that the number of Food Program license facilities was slightly below last year's number. She indicated that temporary food licenses increased over last year's temporary licenses. She also mentioned that food safety education participation increased 36%. This increase was due to changes made to offer classes off-site and the class time was changed from two days to one day (8 hours). L. Braddock also reported that the numbers for the On-Site Sewage Disposal Program were higher than last year's numbers and the Water Quality Control Program permits decreased 8.9% over last year's numbers. L. Braddock also reported that the EH Division handled 204 nuisance complaints, including 139 visits and 121 follow-up visits.

Motion made by D. Washington and seconded by C. Murphy to approve the FY 18/19 Quarterly Service Report for the Fourth Quarter as presented. Motion carried.

2. District-Wide In-Service, Friday, November 1, 2019, Agro-Liquid Fertilizers, Saint Johns

G. Bailey encouraged the BOH to attend the District-Wide In-Service on Friday, November 1, 2019 at the Agro-Liquid Fertilizers facility in Saint Johns. The event is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

3. Agreements Signed, September 21 – October 18, 2019

M. Bowerman reviewed the Agreements Signed list that was provided for information only.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

L. Braddock provided an update on the EEE outbreak stating that although the spraying in Montcalm County has been completed there are still active mosquitos in the county. She reviewed the current human and animal cases in the State indicating that to date; there have been five human fatalities. She reported that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a notice to the public to continue to be vigilant and use insect repellent and protective clothing. A hard frost is needed for a total mosquito die off. Additionally, she indicated that there was arbovirus activities including avian and West Nile virus. She thanked Commissioner Petersen for his work within the community. L. Braddock summarized that the spraying activity went well; and a hot wash of the event with the State was being planned. Additionally, she indicated that MDHHS was considering the possibility of increasing surveillance of both species of mosquitos in the future. A. Petersen provided a summary of actions he took to get information to the public regarding EEE and spraying in Montcalm County.

2. PFAS Update

L. Braddock provided an update regarding PFAS within the district stating that homes in Bushnell Township were tested for PFAS as a second bio solids site was discovered in Ionia Township. Results are expected within the next couple of weeks. She provided a status update regarding the three other PFAS sites within the district: Clinton County, Watertown Township; Gratiot County, City of Alma; and Montcalm County, Tri County Schools and Central Montcalm Public Schools.

3. Letter to Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB); MMDHD National Accreditation Withdrawal

G. Bailey indicated that he has read the minutes regarding last month's BOH meeting and the letter to PHAB; and he supports the BOH's decision to not renew national accreditation through PHAB.

Motion made by B. Kellenberger and seconded by C. Murphy to authorize the BOH Chairperson to sign the letter to PHAB as proposed. Motion carried.

4. Recap of Michigan’s Premier Public Health Conference, October 16-17, 2019, Ypsilanti

L. Braddock provided an update regarding Michigan’s Premier Public Health Conference stating that staff that attending the conference felt it was interesting. She reported that the lead abatement topic was very interesting. D. Washington added that MMDHD’s strong presence at the conference was recognized and valued. He noted the importance of all counties to work together. He also added that he saw innovative solutions for how communities are working together to solve issues. Another presentation he found interesting was regarding how healthy environments translate to healthy communities. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to attend the conference.

5. Riverdale, Seville Township

C. Murphy provided an update regarding the septic issues in Riverdale.

L. Braddock added that a meeting has been scheduled next Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in Lansing with agency staff; Seville Township officials; the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE); and the engineer hired for the township, Fleis & VandenBrink to work with them on these issues.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY 19/20 MMDHD Organizational Charts

Motion made by D. Washington and seconded by B. Kellenberger to approve the FY 19/20 MMDHD Organizational Charts as proposed. Motion carried.

2. Michigan Septic Summit, November 6, 2019, Traverse City

G. Bailey provided an overview of the Michigan Septic Summit scheduled for November 6, 2019 in Traverse City stating that he was asked to serve on the policy board. He encouraged BOH members and interested public to attend.

3. State Road Women, Infants, and Children’s Clinic, Clinton County

S. Doak explained that a Women, Infants, and Children’s clinic was currently being held at the Valley Farms Baptist Church on State Rd., Clinton County. She indicated that the American Baptist Church of Michigan requested their building back; therefore, our last clinic there was today. She reported that although no suitable facility has been found, the agency would like to remain in that area as the need is great.

4. Emerging Issues – None.

J. LEGISLATIVE ACTION: None.

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Mid-Michigan District BOH Action Items, September 2019
2. Staffing Report

L. RELATED NEWS ARTICLES AND LINKS: <https://www.mmdhd.org/2019-board-of-health-2/>

1. EEE Found in Montcalm County Animal, *Daily News*, September 23, 2019
2. Health Department Confirms Case of EEE, *Morning Sun*, September 24, 2019
3. State To conduct Aerial Sprays Sunday Of Eureka, Montcalm and Pierson Townships To Combat EEE, *Daily News*, September 27, 2019
4. Bugging Out, *Daily News*, September 28, 2019
5. EEE Spray In Portions Of Eureka, Montcalm and Pierson Townships Postponed, *Daily News*, September 30, 2019
6. BOH Takes On Full Slate of Issues, *Gratiot County Herald*, October 3, 2019
7. Riverdale Residents Hopeful Future Water Tests Wards Off Municipal System, *Gratiot County Herald*, October 3, 2019
8. Bad Weather, Resident Concerns Hamper Efforts To Spray For EEE, *Daily News*, October 5, 2019
9. County Locations Receive "All-Clear" Results For PFAS, *Gratiot County Herald*, October 9, 2019
10. 3 Montcalm County Townships Sprayed For EEE Virus, *Daily News*, October 10, 2019
11. Understanding EEE, *Lakeview Area News*, October 10, 2019

M. AGENCY NEWSLETTERS: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia M. Partlo, Board Secretary
For George Bailey, Chairperson
Mid-Michigan District Board of Health