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BOARD OF HEALTH
 REGULAR MEETING
 At
 Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD)
 Gratiot County Office
 Ithaca, Michigan

Conference Room A

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: George Bailey (Chairperson), Bruce DeLong, Chuck Murphy, Betty Kellenberger (Vice Chairperson), Adam Petersen, and Dwight Washington (*arrived at 10:10 a.m.*)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mark W. (Marcus) Cheatham, Ph.D., Health Officer; Melissa Bowerman, Director of Administrative Services; Cynthia M. Partlo, Board Secretary; Jennifer E. Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Medical Director; Liz Braddock, Director of Environmental Health; Sarah Doak, Director of Community Health and Education

Staff Absent: None

Guests: Rosemary Horvath, Reporter, Gratiot County Herald; Quinn Keon (*arrived at 10:48 a.m.*); Tom Lindeman (*arrived at 10:50 a.m.*); Barb Lindeman (*arrived at 10:50 a.m.*); Ken Mitchell (*arrived at 11:03 a.m.*); Jane Keon (*arrived at 11:08 a.m.*)

George Bailey, Chairperson called the Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan District Board of Health (BOH) to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at the Gratiot County Office of the MMDHD, Ithaca, Michigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by G. Bailey.

A. AGENDA NOTES, REVIEW, AND REVISIONS:

Motion made by B. Kellenberger and seconded by B. DeLong 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 October 15, 2019 (*November meeting cancelled*)

b. Mid-Michigan District BOH Regular Meeting held November 27, 2019

C. Murphy requested that the BOH Regular Minutes from November 27, 2019 to be changed to add the wording of the complete BOH Resolution 01-2019, Support of Private Septic Systems in Riverdale.

2. Communications

a. Letter to Marcus Cheatham and George Bailey dated November 22, 2019 from Robert Gordon, Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) regarding Michigan's Local Public Health Accreditation Program

M. Cheatham mentioned that a venue should be selected to have staff from MDHHS present the accreditation award and asked if the BOH had any ideas. B. Kellenberger requested that the award be presented before the employees.

Motion made by B. DeLong and seconded by A. Petersen to accept and place on file Meeting Minutes B. 1. a. and corrected Minutes B. 1. b. and Communications B. 2. a. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

D. BRANCH OFFICE EMPLOYEES: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee – Bruce DeLong, Chairperson

a. MMDHD's Expenses for November 23 through December 6, 2019

Motion made by B. DeLong and seconded by B. Kellenberger to approve payment of the MMDHD's Expenses for November 17 through December 6, 2019 totaling \$162,708.35. Motion carried.

b. MMDHD's Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Reports for October and November 2019

Motion made by B. DeLong and seconded by B. Kellenberger to approve and place the Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Reports for October and November 2019 on file. Motion carried.

c. MMDHD's Financial Status Report (FSR), FY 18/19

M. Bowerman distributed the FSR and indicated that if the BOH members had any questions regarding the FSR, they could bring them to the January Organizational Meeting.

d. Agreement for Medical Director Services

M. Cheatham explained that as the Medical Director received an increase in wages from the Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD), the agency's costs for shared Medical Director services would increase.

Motion made by B. DeLong and seconded by B. Kellenberger to approve the Agreement for Medical Director Services as presented and authorize the Board Chair to sign it. Motion carried.

3. Personnel Committee – Betty Kellenberger, Chairperson – No Report.

4. Program Committee – Dwight Washington, Chairperson – No Report.

5. Mid-Central Coordinating Committee – Dwight Washington, Chairperson – No Report.

F. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jennifer E. Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP

1. Mercury

Dr. Morse discussed the risks and benefits of mercury, stating that for years it had been used as a preservative in many vaccines. She also mentioned that it is a toxic heavy metal. She explained where mercury comes from and how it gets into our fish and environment. She reviewed the resources for how to consume safe fish. Although there has been no substantiation for mercury in vaccines causing autism, as a precaution, it was removed as a preservative in vaccines.

Dr. Morse's BOH Monthly Healthy Living Recommendation for January 2020 is:

1. *Pregnant and nursing woman as well as young children should be aware of the safe fish guidelines recommendations to limit their exposure to mercury.*
2. *Consider removing all sources of mercury in your home to prevent accidental spills.*
3. *There has never been evidence that thimerosal, a preservative used in multi-dose vaccines, causes autism or other neurological illness. As a precaution, it was removed from nearly every vaccine prior to 2003.*

Motion made by B. Kellenberger and seconded by A. Petersen to approve the BOH Monthly Healthy Living Recommendation for January 2020 as proposed and approve the Medical Director's Report as presented. Motion carried.

G. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Agreements signed, November 22 – December 10, 2019

M. Cheatham reviewed the Agreements signed stating that the topic was for information only. L. Braddock explained the \$30,000 grant the agency received from the Montcalm Conservation District for work concerning the Flat River to be conducted over a three-year period including updating the agency's website with septic information and providing educational information to the Conservation District.

2. FY 18/19 Summary of BOH Actions

M. Cheatham reviewed the FY 18/19 Summary of BOH Actions.

Motion made by C. Murphy and seconded by B. DeLong to approve the Health Officer's report. Motion carried.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on MMDHD County Signage

M. Cheatham provided a brief update regarding agency signage stating that Gratiot and Montcalm County signage has been approved. He stated that staff still needed to connect with Clinton County regarding redesigning their new signage.

2. Update on Cherry Health Promotion, Mid-State Health Network (MSHN)

M. Cheatham provided an update regarding Cherry Health Promotion stating that the MSHN approached the health department requesting MMDHD to take over the \$250,000 health promotion contract from Cherry Health. Cherry Health decided not to continue with the contract. He indicated that there were a few considerations with the health department taking over the contract: 1) their three FTEs would become employees of MMDHD; two positions are Program Coordinators and one position is a supervisor; 2) the two Program Coordinators could come into the agency as Health Educator Is; and 3) the supervisor position duties are similar to our current supervisors that are in wage band 10B. He proposed that because the Health Unit Supervisor is currently making more money as an employee of Cherry Health Promotions than the agency's current supervisors, his wage would be grandfathered in and frozen until the agency's current supervisors reach his pay. He said that if the BOH agrees that this would be a good fit for the agency and supports the proposal; he would bring a draft contract from Cherry Health (reviewed by our corporate counsel) and present Job Descriptions, Organizational Charts, and a Budget for BOH consideration at the January Organizational Meeting.

Motion made by B. Kellenberger and seconded by D. Washington to direct the Health Officer to obtain a draft contract from MSHN for review by corporate counsel. Motion carried.

3. PFAS, Grand Ledge Update

L. Braddock provided an update regarding PFAS at the Grand Ledge Army National Guard facility stating that detections of PFAS were found in their groundwater and drinking water. Because of this, 14 residential drinking wells (4 in Clinton County and 10 in Eaton County) will be tested for PFAS soon. She stated that homeowners have been notified of the testing. She also indicated that a public

meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 19th at 3:30 p.m. for invited legislative and local officials, an open house for the public is scheduled at 5:30 p.m., and a town hall meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Ledge Army National Guard facility. She said that Hailey Brewer, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator has also been involved in the response and would participate in the meetings, along with her. If PFAS is detected in the residential wells, the agency would be involved in providing filters or bottled water. She mentioned that the assistance of the Clinton County Emergency Manager would be requested to coordinate providing water filters or bottled water to residents.

4. Riverdale Update

L. Braddock provided an update regarding Riverdale stating that Seville Township has met their deadline imposed by Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE).

5. BOH Accreditation Team

M. Cheatham presented a proposal of how the MMDHD could create deadlines and deliverables similar to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) criteria for national accreditation. He explained the process stating that it was designed to be interactive with the BOH. He said that the process could be a standing topic on the BOH Agenda with updates provided monthly, beginning in February 2020 since the annual Organizational Meeting will be held in January. The BOH favored the proposal and provided feedback to M. Cheatham.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Special Tribute Presentation for Norm Keon, Epidemiologist

A Special Tribute for Norm Keon commemorating his 50 years of public health service was presented after adjournment of the meeting and during the luncheon.

2. Emerging Issues

1) Chronic Wasting Disease

Dr. Morse commented that she joined a chronic wasting disease education and outreach steering committee that is focused on Montcalm and Ionia Counties. She indicated that the committee will conduct charrettes to gather feedback from citizens to address chronic wasting disease. She asked the BOH to pass along any thoughts they would like shared with the committee or if they would like to participate. The committee meets again in January and the charrette will be held in May or June 2020.

J. LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

L. Braddock mentioned that Representative Hammoud from Wayne County has introduced a bill for a statewide septic code. She said that Health Officers would like to open communication with him to discuss the bill to see how public health could offer input.

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Mid-Michigan District BOH Action Items, November 2019

2. Staffing Report

M. Cheatham reviewed the agency's staffing report stating that the vacancy for the Community Health Worker position was filled internally. Due to a staffing reduction, Laura Grosskopf was rehired as a temporary nurse. He also reported that Adam Byrne, Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) I has taken and passed the exam to become a Registered Environmental Health Sanitarian and consequently, has been promoted to an EHS II.

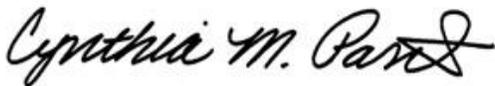
L. RELATED NEWS ARTICLES AND LINKS: <https://www.mmdhd.org/2019-board-of-health-2/>

1. Riverdale Finds Ally In State Senate, *Gratiot County Herald*, November 20, 2019
2. PFAS: What You Need To Know, *Lansing State Journal*, November 24, 2019
3. Troubled Waters, *Lansing State Journal*, November 24, 2019
4. In a Michigan Town with A Toxic Legacy, Residents Fought For Decades To Heal, *Daily News*, November 26, 2019
5. Graphic Photos Vivid Reminders Of Horror Of PBB Chemical Crisis, *Daily News*, November 27, 2019
6. County Hears Riverdale Pitch For Support, *Gratiot County Herald*, November 28, 2019
7. The Opioid Crisis and How Townships Can Respond, *Township Focus*, December 2019
8. Health Department Joins Wear One Campaign, *Daily News*, December 13, 2019

M. AGENCY NEWSLETTERS: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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