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Mid-Michigan District Health Department
 BOARD OF HEALTH
 REGULAR MEETING

March 24, 2021
 9:00 a.m.

Meeting held virtually through Zoom Video Communications, Inc. due to COVID-19.

MINUTES

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

- Members Present: Bruce DeLong (Saint Johns, Michigan), Dwight Washington (Bath Township, Michigan), Chuck Murphy (Alma, Michigan), George Bailey (Ithaca, Michigan), Adam Petersen, Vice Chairperson (Greenville, Michigan), and Michael Beach (Carson City, Michigan)
- Members Absent: None
- Staff Present: Mark W. (Marcus) Cheatham, Ph.D., Health Officer (Stanton, Michigan); Melissa Selby, Director of Administrative Services (Stanton, Michigan); Cynthia M. Partlo, Board Secretary (Lansing, Michigan); Jennifer E. Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Medical Director (Clare, Michigan); Liz Braddock, Director of Environmental Health (EH) (Bath, Michigan)
- Staff Absent: None
- Guests: Elisabeth Waldon, News Editor, Daily News; Craig Lyons, Reporter, Lansing State Journal; Jean Martin

Bruce DeLong, Chairperson called the Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan District Board of Health (BOH) to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, online through Zoom Video Communications, Inc. due to the highly-contagious COVID-19 and to assure compliance with federal, state, and local health guidance and requirements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by A. Petersen.

A. AGENDA NOTES, REVIEW, AND REVISIONS:

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by D. Washington to approve the Agenda as presented. B. DeLong asked C. Partlo to call the roll:

Board Member	Yes	No
G. Bailey	✓	
M. Beach	✓	
C. Murphy		
A. Petersen	✓	
D. Washington	✓	
B. DeLong	✓	

Motion carried.

B. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Mid-Michigan District Board of Health Organizational Meeting (Corrected) held January 27, 2021
- b. Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) Board of Directors Meeting held February 8, 2021
- c. Mid-Michigan District Board of Health (BOH) Regular Meeting held February 24, 2021

Motion made by D. Washington and seconded by M. Beach to accept the Meeting Minutes B. 1. a. through c. and place on file. B. DeLong asked C. Partlo to call the roll:

Board Member	Yes	No
G. Bailey	✓	
M. Beach	✓	
C. Murphy	✓	
A. Petersen	✓	
D. Washington	✓	
B. DeLong	✓	

Motion carried.

2. Communications – None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: – None

D. BRANCH OFFICE EMPLOYEES: – None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Finance Committee – George Bailey, Chairperson

- a. MMDHD’s Expenses for February 13 through March 12, 2021

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by M. Beach to approve payment of the MMDHD’s expenses for February 13 through March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$531,475.88. B. DeLong asked C. Partlo to call the roll:

Board Member	Yes	No
G. Bailey	✓	
M. Beach	✓	
C. Murphy	✓	
A. Petersen	✓	
D. Washington	✓	
B. DeLong	✓	

Motion carried.

- b. MMDHD’s Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for February 2021

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by M. Beach to approve and place the Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for February 2021 on file. B. DeLong asked C. Partlo to call the roll:

Board Member	Yes	No
G. Bailey	✓	
M. Beach	✓	
C. Murphy	✓	
A. Petersen	✓	
D. Washington	✓	
B. DeLong	✓	

Motion carried.

- c. Food Service Establishment Unpaid License Fees, FY 20/21

A. Petersen mentioned that the Finance Committee recommended reevaluating the issue prior to the June 30, 2021 deadline for a possible extension to July 31, 2021.

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by C. Murphy to waive food license late fees for 60 days to June 30, 2021, revisiting the issue prior to the June 30, 2021 deadline for a possible extension to July 31, 2021. B. DeLong asked C. Partlo to call the roll:

Board Member	Yes	No
G. Bailey	✓	
M. Beach	✓	
C. Murphy	✓	
A. Petersen	✓	
D. Washington	✓	
B. DeLong	✓	

Motion carried.

d. Information Technology (IT) Equipment - Servers

G. Bailey indicated that the Finance Committee considered a request to purchase two servers (one for the Gratiot Branch Office and one for the Montcalm Branch Office) with the cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by A. Petersen to approve the purchase of two servers, one for the Gratiot Branch Office and one for the Montcalm Branch Office with the cost not to exceed \$20,000 and exploring whether the cost could be paid with COVID-19 funding. B. DeLong asked C. Partlo to call the roll:

Board Member	Yes	No
G. Bailey	✓	
M. Beach	✓	
C. Murphy	✓	
A. Petersen	✓	
D. Washington	✓	
B. DeLong	✓	

Motion carried.

- 2. Personnel Committee – Dwight Washington, Chairperson – No Report.
- 3. Program Committee – Michael Beach, Chairperson – No Report.
- 4. Mid-Central Coordinating Committee – Chuck Murphy – No Report.

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

1. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Morse mentioned that she was unable to prepare a written report due to challenges of the past few weeks. She said she had researched probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases for our district from the first three weeks in February and compared them to the first three weeks in March and against State data. She reported that between there was a 42.5% increase in confirmed cases statewide. Within our district, there was a 38.87% increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases from the first three

weeks in February through the first 3 weeks in March (Clinton County - 53.3% increase, Gratiot County - 33.3% increase, and Montcalm County - 32.9% increase). She reported the numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases as follows:

County	First 3 Weeks of February	First 3 Weeks of March
Clinton	247 cases	497 cases
Gratiot	54 cases	81 cases
Montcalm	128 cases	191 cases

She indicated that it was the younger age groups that were showing an increase in confirmed cases and hospitalization rates; noting that vaccination efforts have kept the disease away from the older groups. She said that complacency and relaxing of restrictions have caused the increase, noting that the variants are active within our district. B. DeLong asked if there was any data on vaccinated people that got COVID-19; were any hospitalized, or died? Dr. Morse replied that data was being kept and there were very few breakthrough cases as the vaccine has shown to be very effective, reporting that 1 out of every 20 people vaccinated were getting COVID-19. She reported that those vaccinated individuals that have gotten COVID-19 were getting their blood tested for antibody levels and being virus tested to see determine virus mutation. She mentioned that she spoke with an official of Munson Hospital who reported that they have not heard of anyone that has died or been hospitalized for COVID-19 that has been fully vaccinated. Additionally, those that were vaccinated and got COVID-19 have been very small in number and have been closely monitored to determine what might have affected them. In summary, Dr. Morse said that the increase in cases, variant cases, and at the same time vaccinating the population for COVID-19 has been very time consuming and stressful for staff.

D. Washington asked who was tracking the variant information and where was it being reported. He also asked Dr. Morse as more people get vaccinated, would the focus change from those that have COVID-19 to those with the variants. Dr. Morse explained that random specialized testing was being done by the labs to determine the variant. People could also request that their sample be tested for the variant, however, results take about two weeks. She described that staff then circle back with the infected person, making sure that they completed their quarantine, check their close contacts, and assuring that there was no further spread. She said that at this time, the variants are widespread; and the necessity to follow isolation and quarantine guidelines needed to be stressed. She reported that the vaccines administered were effective against the variants; however, not quite as effective as they were against the previously dominate strain. M. Cheatham added that the variant information was reported to the nationally recognized State of Michigan lab; and they work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to report data to them.

Motion made by D. Washington and seconded by M. Beach to approve the Medical Director’s Report as presented.

Board Member	Yes	No
G. Bailey	✓	
M. Beach	✓	
C. Murphy	✓	
A. Petersen	✓	
D. Washington	✓	
B. DeLong	✓	

Motion carried.

G. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. MMDHD COVID-19 Update

M. Cheatham provided an update regarding COVID-19 stating that cases have increased as Dr. Morse has reported. He said that the increased cases have affect the agency's contract tracing and case investigation.

a. COVID-19 Vaccinations

M. Cheatham provided an update on vaccinations through March 14 stating that he was confident that the agency has the capacity to very rapidly get all individuals vaccinated that want to be. He reported that currently 149,468 people in our jurisdiction are eligible for the vaccine and the agency has vaccinated 37% of the those. He said that vaccine within our district is totally available for residents, although some are choosing to drive to the regional hubs outside of the district. He mentioned that the agency continues to do a great job with vaccinations. M. Cheatham also reviewed the expanded eligibility reporting that April 5, 2021, eligibility will be opened to everyone aged 16 and over.

L. Braddock reported that the agency received Johnson & Johnson vaccine and partnered with Central Michigan University (CMU) to target the over 60 populations along the M-46 corridor with their mobile clinic bus. She said that on March 10th, the CMU mobile clinic bus was in St. Louis and provided 60 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine to residents and then drove to Edmore to provide some there. She reported that on March 23rd, the mobile clinic went to Belvidere Township serving residents of the township and Six Lakes as well as also finishing providing doses in Edmore. A total of 90 vaccines were given in the Six Lakes area. L. Braddock summarized that the partnership was a success because it gave nursing students practical experience.

On March 31st, L. Braddock reported that a location was secured in Belding to target migrant and agricultural populations (orchards and dairy farms) in the area with 300 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine. She said that partners for that clinic are Ionia County, Kroger, and Great Lakes Bay Health Center who will be providing Spanish-speaking interpreters and provide transportation for migrant workers. The agency hopes to receive more Johnson & Johnson vaccine to provide an additional 100 doses there. Additionally, she reported that the agency hopes to continue to work with Great Lakes Bay Health Center's mobile clinic to go into the agricultural communities to provide more Johnson & Johnson vaccine to migrant workers coming into the area in the next few months if the agency receives more doses.

M. Beach asked how the public was being notified of the clinics in Belvidere Township. L. Braddock replied that the clinic was designed to be localized, so the agency asked the Belvidere Township Clerk and the Village Manager of Edmore how to advertise the clinics. The agency requested them to post a notice on their bulletin boards, on their Facebook page, and make an announcement at their Village Council meeting. L. Braddock mentioned that the agency wanted to conduct another mobile clinic; however, needed to find another partner with a mobile clinic. M. Cheatham added that CMU contacted Hailey Brewer, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator to express their interest to continue partnering with MMDHD to provide vaccines to the northern part of Clinton County (Ashley, Maple Rapids).

M. Cheatham mentioned that the State of Michigan heard that Pfizer and Moderna have reached their peak production; therefore, he said that 25% to 33% more doses should come to the agency. The State indicated that MMDHD would be receiving much more Johnson & Johnson, which literally doubles the progress because it is one dose. Therefore, M. Cheatham said that he expected the speed of vaccinations to pick up. Additionally, he said that those that wanted to choose their vaccine would be able to do so.

b. Client Satisfaction Survey – Vaccination Clinics

M. Cheatham reviewed Client Satisfaction Survey data for the vaccination clinics noting that 1,277 people provided input to the agency. He reported that almost everyone was satisfied with their visit. He mentioned that responses from the public have been generally positive; however, in the very beginning of the clinics, some responses were negative.

M. Cheatham wanted to inform the BOH that our branch offices were being visited by first amendment auditors who were coming to photograph and access public buildings. He said that commissioners may be asked if the Health Officer has taken an oath of office. Some public has requested (through FOIA) the Health Officer oath of office and M. Cheatham indicated that there was no document. However, he said that the agency's Plan of Organization could be found on the agency's website which documents that the agency has complied with all of the required procedures.

2. Agreements Signed, February 18 through March 17, 2021

The topic was informational.

Chairperson DeLong open the meeting up for public comment for a second time. There was none.

H. OLD BUSINESS: – None

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Emerging Issues – None

J. LEGISLATIVE ACTION: None

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Mid-Michigan District BOH Action Items, February 2021

2. MMDHD Staffing Report

L. RELATED NEWS ARTICLES AND LINKS: <https://www.mmdhd.org/2021-board-of-health/>

1. Montcalm Township Budget 'Sitting Pretty Good' Despite COVID-19 Concerns, *Daily News*, February 17, 2021

2. COVID-19 Vaccine Still In Short Supply, Health Department Says, *Gratiot County Herald*, February 18, 2021

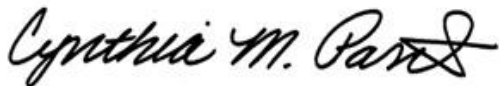
3. 1st Dose Of COVID-19 Vaccine Almost Done For School Personnel In Montcalm County, *Daily News*, February 20, 2021

4. Health Officer Says Montcalm County COVID-19 Vaccination Rate Is Too Low, *Daily News*, February 25, 2021
5. Five Deaths Reported Over The Weekend, *Morning Sun*, March 2, 2021
6. Local Health Departments Receive New Vaccine, *Morning Sun*, March 4, 2021
7. Despite New Guidelines, Local Health Department Still Working To Vaccinate People 65 And Older, *Daily News*, March 9, 2021
8. COVID-19: One Year Later, *Gratiot County Herald*, March 10, 2021
9. Third Vaccine Becomes Available In Gratiot County, *Gratiot County Herald*, March 10, 2021
10. [COVID-19 Vaccines Hit The Road](#), *Central Michigan University (CMU) News*, March 11, 2021
11. Mid-Mich. Seniors Nearly 70% Vaccinated, *Lansing State Journal*, March 11, 2021
12. Your Guide On Getting The Vaccine, *Lansing State Journal*, March 26, 2021
13. [Michigan's Rising COVID-19 Cases Fuel Worries About 'Perfect Storm'](#), *The Detroit News*, March 17, 2021
14. Gratiot, Clare Ahead of Vaccination Average Total, *Morning Sun*, March 18, 2021

M. AGENCY NEWSLETTERS: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia M. Partlo, Board Secretary
For Bruce DeLong, Chairperson
Mid-Michigan District Board of Health