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<b>BOARD OF HEALTH:</b>	Bruce DeLong David Pohl	George Bailey Steven Sopocy	Adam Petersen Matt Murray
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MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (MMDHD)  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING  
at  
**Gratiot Office, Ithaca, Michigan**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

- Members Present: Adam Petersen, Chairperson; George Bailey, Vice Chairperson; Steven Sopocy, David Pohl and Bruce DeLong
- Members Absent: Matt Murray
- Staff Present: Mari E. (Liz) Braddock, Health Officer; Melissa Selby, Director of Administrative Services; Jennifer E. Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Medical Director; Lonnie Smith, Director of Environmental Health (EH); Krishna Santana, Board Secretary
- Staff Absent: Sarah Doak, Director of Community Health and Education Division (CHED)
- Guests: None

Adam Petersen, Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan District Board of Health (BOH) to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the Gratiot Office of the MMDHD, Ithaca, Michigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by A. Petersen.

**A. AGENDA NOTES, REVIEW, AND REVISIONS:**

- Addition to the agenda - G. Bailey requested to add to the Finance committee report:
  - c. Budget Amendment
  - d. Health Insurance

**Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by D. Pohl to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.**

B. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) Board of Directors Meeting held August 12, 2024
- b. Mid-Michigan District BOH Regular Meeting held August 28, 2024

**Motion made by B. DeLong and seconded by D. Pohl to accept Meeting Minutes B. 1. a. and b. and place on file. Motion carried.**

2. Communications –

- a. Notice of Award – PFAS Response

L. Braddock told the board we will be receiving funds to offer water filters for those near Central Sanitary Landfill Pierson Township Landfill that have been affected by PFAS.

- b. Notice of Award – PFAS Response Palo Area

L. Braddock told the board we will be receiving funds to offer water filters for those affected by PFAS north of the Palo area.

- c. Notice of Award –Cross Jurisdictional Grant

L. Braddock said this grant is to work with MALPH to offer training to local public health staff.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

D. BRANCH OFFICE EMPLOYEES: – None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee – George Bailey, Chairperson

- a. MMDHD’s Expenses for August 14 through September 13, 2024

**Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by D. Pohl to approve payment of the MMDHD’s Expenses for August 14 through September 13, 2024, totaling \$795,644.08. Motion carried.**

- b. MMDHD’s Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for August 2024.

**Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by B. DeLong to accept the Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for May 2024 and place on file. Motion carried.**

c. Budget Adjustment.

M. Selby said this is the second budget amendment of the year, she said the changes were mainly grant related as well as incoming revenues.

**Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by D. Pohl to approve the budget amendments.  
Motion carried.**

d. Health Insurance

M. Selby said the health insurance offered by the agency will have a substantial rate increase for 2025. As the PA152 rate increase was only .2% for 2025, the increase will be mainly borne by employees. There have been meetings with the Lighthouse Group representatives to try to find ways to reduce the rate increase. M. Selby wanted the Board to be aware of this issue and that there is a task force in place to try to find solutions. M. Selby stated the agency is limited in how much it can pay towards the employees' insurance because of PA152 (Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act) hard cap maximum. The Board noted they are open to attempting to help with this issue if a reasonable solution can be reached. It was agreed that L. Braddock will bring suggestions back to the Board in October.

2. Personnel Committee – David Pohl, Chairperson –

D. Pohl asked if all signatures have been acquired for the MNA contract, M. Selby said she had planned to obtain the last two signatures today.

The Health Officer's contract will be signed today by A. Petersen as it was approved last month.

3. Program Committee –Matt Murray, Chairperson - No Report.

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

1. TB Program

J. Morse reviewed her report. She told the board a new TB Care Model is being developed for MMDHD, CMDHD and DHD10. A grant from MDHHS was received for a three county TB Clinic. Her report outlines the plans for the TB Clinic. Her recommendations are if you have risks for TB get scanned and if you do get it make sure you seek services from a doctor that is experienced in treating Tuberculosis.

**G. Bailey made a motion and D. Pohl supported accepting and placing the medical director's report on file. Motion Carried.**

G. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT: Mari E. (Liz) Braddock

1. Report

L. Braddock told the board the government is providing free covid tests, you can enter your information

online to have a test sent to you (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>). She went on to say the agency just received the first batch of flu and covid vaccine; three clinics have been scheduled; this information is available on the website. She also told the board we were contacted last week by MDHHS concerning a grant to vaccinate (flu) dairy farm workers. Sarah Doak will start working on this on Monday. She also reminded the board that September is National Preparedness Month. She ended her report discussing Marijuana Outreach and Education.

2. Agreements Signed, August 20 – September 17, 2024

L. Braddock told the board the agreements signed this month were for the WIC program where we do outreach clinics, also the epidemiology contract has been signed by all three health departments.

**Motion made by B. DeLong supported by D. Pohl to accept the health officer's report and place on file. Motion carried.**

H. OLD BUSINESS:

Statewide Septic Code

L. Smith said they are still working on draft seven, there is no new information on this at this time, there should be a draft date coming soon.

I. NEW BUSINESS: -

1. Emerging Issues –

J. LEGISLATIVE ACTION: - None

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. MMDHD Staffing Report

L. RELATED NEWS ARTICLES AND LINKS: <https://www.mmdhd.org/2024-board-of-health-meetings-copy/>

No items this month

M. AGENCY NEWSLETTERS: <https://conta.cc/45n0XZu>

**Petersen asked if there were any further issues to come before the board. S. Sopocy asked L. Smith about properties in Fulton township that have had issues with blight.**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, G. Bailey made a motion to adjourn seconded by S. Sopocy, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Krishna Santana*

Krishna Santana, Board Secretary  
For Adam Petersen, Chairperson  
Mid-Michigan District Board of Health