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MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (MMDHD)
 BOARD OF HEALTH
 REGULAR MEETING
 at
Clinton Office, St. Johns, Michigan

Wednesday, November 27, 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, Matt Murray and Bruce DeLong
- Members Absent: None
- Staff Present: Mari E. (Liz) Braddock, Health Officer; Melissa Selby, Director of Administrative Services; Jennifer E. Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Medical Director; Sarah Doak, Director of Community Health and Education Division (CHED); Lonnie Smith, Director of Environmental Health (EH); Krishna Santana, Board Secretary
- Staff Absent: None
- 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, November 27, 2024, at the Clinton Office of the MMDHD, St. Johns, Michigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by A. Petersen.

A. AGENDA NOTES, REVIEW, AND REVISIONS:

Motion to add I. 2. New Business - Meeting Date, to the agenda.

Motion made by S. Sopocy seconded by M. Murray 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 October 14, 2024
- b. Mid-Michigan District BOH Regular Meeting held October 23, 2024

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

2. Communications

- a. ELPHS LCSA Letter

L. Braddock spoke on the letter from MDHHS for Local Community Stabilization Authority funds to be paid to the agency.

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by S. Sopocy to accept and place the communication on file. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

D. BRANCH OFFICE EMPLOYEES: – None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee – George Bailey, Chairperson

- a. MMDHD’s Expenses for October 16 through November 13, 2024

An overview of the expenses was given by G. Bailey.

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by B. DeLong to approve payment of the MMDHD’s Expenses for October 16 through November 13, 2024, totaling \$932,804.51. Motion carried.

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

M. Selby said this year she will not be making recommendations to the board on how to use any surplus in the budget until after the audit has been completed, the members agreed.

Motion made by G. Bailey seconded by M. Murray to approve the Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expenditure report. Motion carried.

2. Personnel Committee – David Pohl, Chairperson – No Report.
3. Program Committee –Matt Murray, Chairperson - No Report.

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

1. Lead and Universal Testing Laws

J. Morse went over her report for the board, saying the levels of lead in U.S. citizens have dropped over the years, however there is no safe amount of lead in individuals. She noted two laws were passed in October 2023 requiring all physicians to test or order lead tests for children, unless the parents of guardians opt out, these laws should be ready to put in place by the beginning of the year. Her recommendations are if you have a child ages one or two years of age have them tested for lead also children living in high-risk areas should be tested more often, learn how to protect yourself and family from lead and to support efforts to fund lead testing.

**Motion made by G. Bailey seconded by D. Pohl accepting and placing the medical director’s report on file.
Motion Carried.**

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

1. Strategic Plan Update 2024

L. Braddock talked about the strategic plan process, she went over the plan with the board indicating where the agency is with the goals. This plan has been shared in the board packet for November 2024.

2. Kindergarten Oral Health Program Expansion Discussion

L. Braddock told the board the agency will need to hire a registered dental hygienist to accommodate the requirement of the KOHP also that MMDHD is in discussions with Shiawassee County for a partnership to share the cost of the hygienist. There should be additional information concerning this position coming to the board early next year.

3. Agreements Signed

One agreement was noted this month, Region 4 Perinatal Care System Quality Improvement agreement with DHD #10.

**Motion made by D. Pohl supported by M. Murray to accept the health officer’s report and place on file.
Motion carried.**

H. OLD BUSINESS:

Statewide Septic Code

L. Smith told the board on November 4, 2024 the 10th draft of the statewide septic code came out and it should get to committee next Tuesday (December 3, 2024) He gave a synopsis of the 10th draft; systems to be inspected for the first five years of the state septic code going into effect; systems within 500 feet of surface water, high risk erosion area, 100-year flood plain and any premises that does not have a septic permit on record. First 10 years septic permit on record that is 40 years or older. The first 15 years of the state septic code will be systems with permits between 30-39 years old. First 20 years septic records between 20-29 years old. From this point forward any premise that has been evaluated will require reevaluation every 10 years. The commissioners asked if there would be any funding provided to accomplish these requirements, L. Smith told the board there has been no indication of any additional funding. He went on to say the agency will need to hire multiple sanitarians, clerical and a GIS specialist to accommodate the additional workload. He added the vote will take place before the next board meeting so the agency will know if this draft does pass. There was also a discussion concerning EGLE requirements for non-residential onsite septic systems and how reopening MMDHD Environmental Health Regulations would have to happen if a Statewide Septic Code was to pass.

I. NEW BUSINESS: -

M. Selby requested the board schedule January's organizational meeting – It was decided to schedule the organizational meeting for the fourth Wednesday of January, January 22,2025, 9:00 a.m. at the Montcalm County Branch.

Motion made by G. Bailey seconded by B. DeLong to schedule the January 2025 organizational meeting for Wednesday, January 22,2025 at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the Montcalm branch. Motion carried.

1. Emerging Issues – None.

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/>

1. Emails Reveal How Health Departments Struggle to Track Human Cases of Bird Flu – KFF Health News – October 25, 2024.
2. Health Department Offering Free Avian Flu Vaccine – Morning Sun – November 20, 2024.

AGENCY NEWSLETTERS: [https://conta.cc/4flGYsa-](https://conta.cc/4flGYsa)

There being no further business to come before the Board, S. Sopocy made a motion to adjourn seconded by D. Pohl, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krishna Santana

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