

BOARD OF HEALTH:	Bruce DeLong Nicole Fickes	George Bailey Steven Sopocy	Adam Petersen Matt Murray
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MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (MMDHD)
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING
at
Clinton Office, St. Johns, Michigan

Wednesday, May 28, 2025
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, Bruce DeLong and Nicole Fickes
- 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); Sarah Doak, Director of Community Health and Education Division (CHED); 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, May 28, 2025, 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:

Petersen asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by B. DeLong to accept 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 April 8, 2025
- b. Mid-Michigan District BOH Regular Meeting held April 23, 2025

Motion made by S. Sopocy and seconded by B. DeLong to accept Meeting Minutes B. 1. a. and b. and place on file. Motion carried.

2. Communications

- a. Award Letter – Readiness and Response

L. Braddock reviewed the communication item for the board, stating a notice of award was received, the amount of the award is \$74,480.00, these funds are required to be spent by September 30, 2025.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None.

D. BRANCH OFFICE EMPLOYEES: – None.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee – George Bailey, Chairperson

- a. MMDHD's Expenses for April 5 through May 2, 2025

The expenses were reviewed for the board by G. Bailey.

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by S. Sopocy to approve payment of the MMDHD's Expenses for April 5 through May 2, 2025, totaling \$564,775.73. Motion carried.

- b. MMDHD's Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for April 2025

G. Bailey told the board the information was included in the packet and asked for any questions.

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by B. DeLong to accept the Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for March 2025 and place on file. Motion carried.

2. Personnel Committee – Nicole Fickes, Chairperson – No Report.
3. Program Committee – Matt Murray, Chairperson – No Report.

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

1. HPAI Monitoring

J. Morse presented an overview of agency staff efforts in response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), focusing on the three jurisdictions under her supervision: Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD), Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD), and District 10 Health Department (DHD#10). As part of her report, Morse included the results of a survey conducted among the nine nurses who were involved in farm monitoring activities. A key concern highlighted by the respondents was the duration of the monitoring period required for affected herds. J. Morse recommended adopting a One Health approach to the HPAI response. This strategy emphasizes the integration of human, animal, and environmental health to enhance communication and collaboration among public health, veterinary, and agricultural sectors. Additional recommendations include; encouraging farms with livestock to restrict visitor access and supporting prevention and preparedness efforts through education and training for agricultural workers.

Motion made by B. DeLong seconded by N. Fickes to accept and place on file the Medical Director’s report. Motion carried.

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

1. Health Officer’s Report

L. Braddock presented a report to the board covering several public health programs including: Bathing Beach Monitoring, the same beaches as previous years will receive bacteriological water sampling, this is funded by a seasonal grant.

Tick and Mosquito Surveillance: Mosquitoes are sent to the state for identification due to concerns like Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). She also mentioned the state has a website to submit a picture of a tick for identification.

Immunization Rates: A chart comparing county and state immunization rates for children was shared, with no major changes from past years, though improvement is a continuing goal.

Accreditation: L. Braddock presented the agency's state accreditation certificate, highlighting the significant effort required to meet the standards.

N. Fickes asked if a private citizen could request testing of a body of water, in response L. Smith said that the Environmental Health (EH) department can test private bodies of water for a \$65 fee plus lab costs.

2. Agreements Signed, April 17 to May 19, 2025

L. Braddock reviewed the two contracts for the board; Region 7 Perinatal Collaborative with Ingham

County Health Department for \$23,981.00 and an amendment to MSHN, Substance Use Disorder Prevention for \$19,650.00.

Motion made by B. DeLong seconded by N. Fickes to accept and place on file the Health Officer's report. Motion carried.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cabling Project Update.

L. Braddock informed the board the cabling project in Montcalm is coming to an end, this project has taken longer than expected but will be completed soon. She reminded the board that infrastructure funds were used for this project.

I. NEW BUSINESS: - None.

1. Emerging Issues – None.

J. LEGISLATIVE ACTION: - None.

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Mid-Michigan District BOH Action Items, April 2025
2. MMDHD Staffing Report

L. RELATED NEWS ARTICLES AND LINKS: <https://www.mmdhd.org/2025-board-of-health/> - None.

M. NEWSLETTER: - [May 2025](#)

There being no further business to come before the Board, S. Sopocy made a motion to adjourn seconded by B. DeLong, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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