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

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
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, Nicole Fickes and Matt Murray
- 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; Lonnie Smith, Director of Environmental Health (EH); Sarah Doak Director of Community Health and Education Division (CHED); Brady Guilbault, Public Information Officer
- Staff Absent: Krishna Santana, Board Secretary
- 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 27, 2026, 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 S. Sopocy and seconded by M. Murray 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 13, 2026
- b. Mid-Michigan District BOH Meeting held April 22, 2026

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

2. Communications

- a. Award Letter – HIV Prevention

L. Braddock reviewed the award letter for the board.

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 16, 2026

The expenses were reviewed for the board.

Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by M. Murray to approve payment of the MMDHD's Expenses for April 5 through May 16, 2026, totaling \$847,445.61. Motion carried.

- b. MMDHD's Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for April 2026

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 N. Fickes to accept the Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for April 2026 and place on file. Motion carried.

- c. Hepatitis C Labs and Fees

Motion made by S. Sopocy and seconded by M. Murray to authorize the agency to add the lab testing services and fees as proposed. 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. Bed Bugs

M. Morse reviewed her report with the Board. Her recommendations included educating the public on how to prevent bed bugs from being brought into the home and how to detect infestations early. She emphasized the importance of public awareness regarding bed bugs and advised that, if an infestation is suspected, individuals should remain calm, properly identify whether the insects are bed bugs, and seek assistance from qualified pest management professionals or other reliable resources.

Motion to approve and place on file the Medical Directors report made by B. DeLong seconded by M. Murray. Motion carried.

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

1. Health Officer’s Report

L. Braddock reviewed her report which included information about the bathing beach monitoring program, mosquito and tick surveillance as well as kids falling behind data.

2. 2025 Annual Report

The 2025 Annual Report was presented to the board by PIO, Brady Guilbault

Motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report as presented made by S. Sopocy seconded by M. Murray. Motion carried.

3. Agreements Signed, April 19 to May 18, 2026

The two agreements were reviewed for the board, a mini grant from Tobacco Free Michigan in the amount of \$10,000 to be used primarily to educate the public on the dangers of tobacco use and a database licensing agreement with Clinton County.

Motion made by N. Fickes and seconded by M. Murray to accept and place on file the health officer’s report. Motion carried

H. OLD BUSINESS: - None.

I. NEW BUSINESS: - None.

1. Emerging Issues – None.

J. LEGISLATIVE ACTION: - None

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Mid-Michigan District BOH Action Items, April 2026

2. MMDHD Staffing Report

L. RELATED NEWS ARTICLES AND LINKS: <https://www.mmdhd.org/2026-board-of-health/> - None.

M. AGENCY NEWSLETTER: <https://conta.cc/3O6gmtf>

There being no further business to come before the Board, M. Murray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by, S. Sopocy the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Selby, Acting Board Secretary
For Adam Petersen, Chairperson
Mid-Michigan District Board of Health