

**BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:00 p.m.
Leelanau County Government Center
6527 E Government Center
Suttons Bay MI 49682**

Chairperson Gary Sauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Barbara Conley – Leelanau County Member at Large
Rhonda Nye – Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Ty Wessell – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Mark Kuiper – Benzie County Member at Large

Members Excused:

Gwenne Allgaier – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Staff Present:

Dr. Joshua Meyerson – Medical Director
Dodie Putney – Director of Administrative Services
Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health
Dan Thorell – Health Officer
Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health

Staff Excused: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion By: Nye to approve the September 27, 2023, BOH meeting minutes.

Seconded By: Conley

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused **Motion carried**

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion By: Conley to approve the agenda presented as is.

Seconded By: Wessell

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused **Motion carried**

Public Comment – None

Health Officer Update- Dan Thorell

A report was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Please refer to it for details. The Children’s Special Health Care Services has increased eligibility from ages 21 to 26. With this program, health departments will help families coordinate care and write health plans for the participants who suffer from various chronic diseases such as diabetes to more acute diseases such as leukemia. There is an annual fee to register for these services and the fees are based on a family’s income.

Thorell has been asked to join a stakeholders' group to discuss the Statewide Septic Bill with Representative Skaggs. This group's purpose is to assist in the drafting of a sanitation bill that is acceptable for the entire State of Michigan.

Accounts Payable

Motion By: Conley to approve accounts payable and pay the bills in the amount of \$321,175.18.

Seconded By: Sauer

Roll Call Vote: Sauer- yea, Conley- yea, Nye – yea, Wessell – yea Kuiper - yea

5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused Motion carried

Out of State Travel Request

This item will be tabled until the next meeting. Staff will investigate the total cost of this conference and bring that information back to the next meeting for review.

Office Closure

Motion By: Sauer to close the BLDHD offices on December 1, 2023 for the open enrollment/staff meeting.

Seconded By: Conley

Roll Call Vote: Sauer- yea, Conley- yea, Nye-yea, Wessell- yea Kuiper - yea

5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused Motion carried

Staff Reports:

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson

A report was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Please refer to it for details. Lead poisoning is a permanent condition that affects children's development. The number of lead poisoning cases among children has gone down once lead was removed from gasoline. Lead poisoning from paint is generally caused by paint dust in the air, not paint chips. There are programs that will assist families with the remediation of lead paint from their homes. All children should be tested at 12 months and 24 months of age.

Personal Health – Michelle Klein

A report was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Please refer to it for details. A new program, MI-ECHO, was created by MDHHS to address the vulnerability that nursing homes and other congregate care settings have for infectious outbreaks. The need for this was brought to the public's attention during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jamie Strickland will be the nurse in charge of this program for BLDHD.

Environmental Health – Eric Johnston

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. The percentage of permits issued for 2023 was up from 2022. Part of the reason for the increase was the new Sanitation Ordinance in Leelanau County requiring that all wells and septic be inspected at the time of property transfer.

Administrative – Dodie Putney

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. Outstanding receivables were reviewed. BLDHD had approximately \$35,000 in outstanding receivables and roughly 70% of that is between 1-15 days past due. This is exceptionally good.

Public Comment – None

Enter Closed Session: 2:58 p.m.

Reconvene Open Session: 3:59 p.m.

Board Comments – None

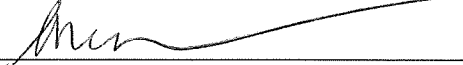
Adjourn:

Motion By: Sauer to adjourn the BOH meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 excused **Motion carried**



Gary Sauer, Chair



Shelley Jablon, Recording Secretary