

**BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, March 22, 2018

**Benzie Community Resource Center, Ingemar Johansson Conference Room
6051 Frankfort Highway
Benzonia, Mi 49616**

The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Lautner at 4:00 p.m.

Those present at the time the meeting was called to order were:

Carolyn Rentenbach, Leelanau County Member at Large
Casey Noonan, Leelanau Board of Commissioners
Dr. George Ryckman, Benzie County Member at Large
Gary Sauer, V. Chairperson, Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Melinda Lautner, Chairperson, Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Roger Griner, Benzie Board of Commissioners

Excused

None

Staff present

Lisa Peacock – Health Officer
Dr. Joshua Myerson – Medical Director
Dodie Putney – Director of Administrative Services
Thomas Fountain – Environmental Health Director

Public present

Ken Talsma, Anderson, Tackman and Company
Nicholas Dow
William Crawford

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion by: Noonan to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Health Meeting of January 25, 2018

Seconded by: Griner

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nay Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by: Sauer to approve agenda.

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nay Motion carried

Public Comment Period

Bill Crawford read from a written statement centering on comments made at a recent Leelanau Board of Commissioners meeting.

Tom Fountain introduced Nicholas Dow, our new Food Sanitarian.

Ken Talsma, from Anderson, Tackman and Company presented his finding for the 2017 audit. The Health Department has again received a Modified Opinion which is the highest level of assurance

Motion by Griner to accept the audit as presented

Seconded by: Rentenbach

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nay Motion carried

Health Officer Update – Lisa Peacock

Public Health Advocacy Opportunities:

SAVE THE DATE for 2 upcoming opportunities to connect with our legislators on issues important to public health. Wednesday, April 18 is Public Health Day at the Capitol. The day opens with a presentation of the County Health Rankings and the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance has scheduled appointments with all State legislators at their offices in Lansing throughout the day. Our advocacy workgroup is working on educational materials and will focus on the importance of full funding for essential services in creating capacity to protect the public from emerging health threats such as infectious disease outbreaks like Hepatitis A and environmental issues such as vapor intrusion. If you would like to attend please register using the attached form.

The Alliance is also planning to host two legislative open houses in the summer for our State and Federal legislators. Save the Date cards will be shared at the Day at the Capitol meetings and will be forwarded to you as well.

Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance:

Memorandum of Understanding revision and renewal): Original MOU

has expired and steering committee made some revisions to reflect the current landscape, including the addition of Central Michigan District Health Department officially to the Alliance membership.

Motion by: Sauer to sign the revised Memorandum of Understanding.

Seconded by: Rentenbach

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nay Motion carried

Strategic Planning: The Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance utilizes a method for developing strategic plans that begins with a Practical Vision. This is a point to guide the organization as it works to achieve its vision of “healthy people in healthy communities”. At its annual meeting participants created this Practical Vision:

By 2020, the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance wants to see the following as a result of its actions--

- a. share expertise, knowledge, and leadership;
- b. link services;
- c. develop prevention programs;
- d. develop communication plans;
- e. expand the scope of public health;
- f. integrate behavioral health and substance use disorder services;
- g. train the public health workforce;
- h. maximize resources;
- i. evaluate health outcomes;
- j. collaborate on public health emergency preparedness;
- k. engage community partners; and

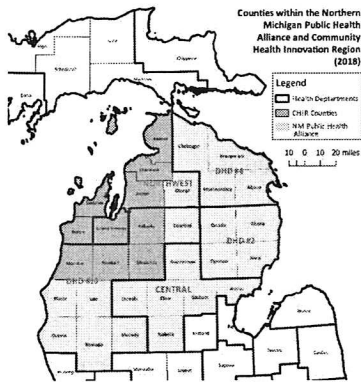
1. focus advocacy efforts.

On April 30, the Steering Committee, Board of Health members, health department leaders, and community partners will convene to identify the barriers to this Practical Vision and actions to take in the next three years to achieve it. We welcome your perspectives and participation! Please let me know if you would like to attend with an email to jane.sundmacher@nwhealth.org.

Community Health Assessment

One of the top priorities for the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance is to conduct uniform community health assessment every three years in partnership with hospitals and other community partners. For the 2018/19 project, the Alliance Steering Committee appointed the Health Department of

Northwest Michigan role as project manager in coordinating Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnerships (MAPP) across their seven jurisdictions. MAPP is considered the “gold standard” community



health assessment framework, meeting all the best practice standards listed at right. The 2018/19 assessment will have several enhancements, such as analysis of age-adjusted mortality rates, trend data for key statistics from sources such as the US Census Bureau, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and Michigan Profile for

Healthy Youth; and an environmental health analysis. Several funding partners are committed to the project and a design team has been established to lead the project. Michelle Klein is representing our Health Department on this team.

Community Health Assessment

A community health assessment is a process that uses quantitative and qualitative methods to collect and analyze data systematically to understand health within a specific geographic region. Best-practice assessments include information on risk factors, quality of life, mortality and morbidity, community assets, forces of change, social determinants of health and health inequity, including analysis of how the public health system provides essential services. These data inform community decision-making, prioritization of community problems, and the development, implementation, and evaluation of community health improvement plans.

They have already convened an initial meeting of a Design Team. It will make recommendations to a regional cross-sector Steering Committee, assuring the community health assessment meets hospital requirements for community benefit from the IRS and health department requirements for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) as well as Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region (NMCHIR) requirements to conduct community health assessment. The NMCHIR will provide additional resources to the project, including funding, consultation from Michigan Public Health Institute and results from a “deep dive” into obesity/overweight and the key social determinants of health/barriers to maintaining a healthy weight in the 10-county region. Within the NMCHIR, the Alliance will pilot aligning additional partners that are required to conduct community assessments, for example, Area Agencies on Aging, community mental health agencies, federally qualified health centers, United Way organizations, as well as coordinating efforts with entities conducting specific assessments on emerging health threats such as substance abuse.

Netsmart update:

As discussed in the past, the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance partners worked with the attorney who represented the Alliance in the contract negotiations with Netsmart originally to draft

and send correspondence putting Netsmart on notice of our concerns regarding their inability to meet the terms of our contract. Their response laid out a timeline of benchmarks that they felt would cure the breach of contract. Unfortunately, the first two benchmarks have already been significantly delayed which contributes to our fear that Netsmart will not be able to complete the intended project.

Motion by: Sauer

Seconded by: Rentenbach that the Health Officer is authorized to work with the other members of the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMA) and the legal team, which represents NMA, to terminate the existing contract with Netsmart, seek damages from Netsmart via litigation or settlement, obtain a replacement for Netsmart to explore and implement other EMR software options and to share costs association with these actions with the other NMA participants.

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nay Motion carried

Personnel and Finance Committee Report

Accounts Payable

Motion by: Rentenbach to pay the bills in the amount of \$225,360.81

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nay Motion carried

February 2018 Financial Statements

Motion by: Rentenbach to accept the financial statements as presented.

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nay Motion carried

Staff Reports

Administrative - Dodie Putney

Phone lines – we are no longer with AT&T. Working on restructuring the current phone system by identifying agency ownership.

Environmental Health Director –Tom Fountain

1. House Bill 5638 regarding the elimination of water withdrawal regulations and permitting has been reviewed by the MALEHA Forum and we have voted unanimously to not support this legislation for the sake of environmental health and public health protection of Michigan's groundwater.
2. Beach monitoring funding is available for the 2018 swimming season. Monitoring will be done weekly for 13 weeks beginning Wednesday June 13, 2018. The same inland lake and great lakes sites will be targeted again this year. The stakeholder group met last week and had a lengthy discussion regarding future funding sources including reaching out to communities and private businesses.
3. The 90th annual MGWA conference was held in Traverse City on February 26-27. Fountain and Nick Dow attended the fundamentals course. The meeting had good public health attendance which is one of the main goals for the MDEQ Directors Well Drillers Advisory Committee of which Fountain is Member. An on-site well drilling demonstration will be held on April 11 in Mesick for regional sanitarians to observe some of the well drilling procedures.
4. A new up and coming potential public health concern is Harmful Algae Blooms. Two of our local lakes will be sampled for HAB's this summer by Oakland University students. Little Glen Lake and Platte Lake are the two water bodies selected in our area. This project is a MDEQ/DHHS project that may impact local public health. Fountain said it is still a new issue with many uncertainties.

5. A large sewage release has occurred on Betsie Lake between Elberta and Frankfort. The BLDHD was notified by the MDEQ on March 7, 2017. A pipe located under the Betsie River near the M-22 Bridge was compromised allowing up to ~1.6 million gallons of untreated raw sewage to enter the lake in recent months. The leak was discovered after some maintenance in a pump chamber in Elberta and a sewage meter at the BLUA plant. The meter, which typically registers ~24,000 gallons a day, was registering only ~7,000 gallons according to the DEQ. A dye test confirmed the broken pipe. Fountain and SOS Analytical collected 5 samples along the Betsie Lake on March 8 and fortunately the e-coli levels met satisfactory levels. No public health threat is presently occurring. Fountain said this would have been a serious situation if it would have occurred during the summer months with people in the water. Fountain said he believes CSO and SSO events contribute more sewage into our Greatlakes than all of the septic systems combined.
6. The lead/copper rules in Michigan are in the process of being changed which will impact local public health as it pertains to our regulated water supplies. Fountain said the MALEHA forums is in the process of submitting a formal opinion to MDEQ regarding these changes and the need for adequate funding and oversight for the expected water systems that cannot meet the new standards. The public comment period was extended by the MDEQ. Fountain urges the Board to become familiar of the issues in Lansing. Fountain explained to the board the water sampling process and that drinking water is only one of the paths lead is introduced into humans...dust, lead paint and some foods can also contribute to high blood lead levels in children.
7. Leelanau Clean Water will be using some funds to hire Joe VanderMeulan to create a short video spotlighting Leelanau County and its water resource. It will be used as an educational tool to bring attention to our water and how to be good stewards. Fountain said VanderMeulan and his company naturechange.org uses videography and journalism to publicize local activities.
8. Vapor Intrusion and PFAS/PFOA locations across Michigan are continuing to cause staffing and financial pains for local health department jurisdictions. Fountain said we are fortunate we have not faced these big issues yet but warns these sites may be lurking and waiting to be discovered. Fountain said these are perfect examples of the never ending public health crisis' that will continue to distract us from our local mandated programs. Fountain gave examples of sites in Michigan including Wurtsmith Airforce Base, Camp Grayling and Wolverine Shoes in Rockford.
9. Fountain updated the Environmental Health software progress which is getting close to launch. Fountain said he is disappointed it has taken this long but attempting this project with existing staff caused the delay right from the start. Healthspace will be a huge, rewarding program once we go live. The big benefit will be the beginning of electronic records.
10. The departments Non-community well program was recently evaluated by MDEQ staff. The draft report was positive showing no "not mets" but we are challenging some of the remarks the evaluator reported. The rules sometimes get interpreted with a slightly different perspective and this report reflects those personal opinion interpretations. We are waiting for a response from MDEQ.
11. Fountain reported on the status of the Statewide Sanitary Code Bill proposed by the Governor's office and MDEQ which will be introduced by Rep. Lower. Draft 2 of the legislation was included in the BOH packet. Just last week Draft 3 was released and discussed at the MALEHA Forum in Okemos. Fountain said the E.H. Directors are very concerned about this Bill and are preparing a Position Statement opposing the Bill. The Northern Michigan Environmental Health Directors have been expressing our concerns for months regarding the language in the Bill and are preparing a position statement as well. It is reported a Draft 4 may be forthcoming and local public health may not get a chance to review it before it is introduced. Public health has not been included during

the initial stakeholder/ special interest group sessions and the Bill seems to be on the fast track similar to other attempts.

12. Fountain reported the Time of Transfer/Sale Ordinance in Barry-Eaton Counties has been repealed after 10 successful years due to politics. Countless sanitary violations and drinking water concerns were identified and corrected. Fountain believes the repeal of their code is in contradiction of the Governor's clean water strategy.
13. Great Lakes Water Quality Laboratory located in Lake Ann has been under investigation by the MDEQ for fraudulent activities pertaining to the Safe Drinking Water Act. Mr. Alan Gray pled no contest plea on several counts. Mr. Gray will have limited duties at the lab because of these charges. Many of our local regulated water supplies utilize GLWQL.
14. Fountain reported he is considering changing the language on our application process for the environmental health programs including a signature clause. The wording changes evolve around the Right of Entry laws and the 4th Amendment. These changes are the result of the conversations and meeting the Northern Michigan Environmental Health Directors have been having along with legal input from several attorneys.

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson - left 5:55pm
Hep C needle exchange program – next meeting

Public Comment Period

None

Board Comments

Sauer requested permission to post Smart 911 and Code Red signs/pamphlets in the lobby of the Benzie Community Resource building. These documents will help direct residents to sign up for this new County service.

Lautner commented on statements Bill Crawford had made during the first public comment.

Adjourn

Motion by: Noonan to adjourn.

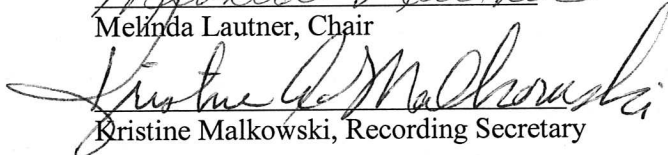
Seconded: Griner

6 yeas 0 nay Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 6:11 p.m.



Melinda Lautner, Chair



Kristine Malkowski, Recording Secretary