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# Daniel Thorell

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### Training and Certifications

**Registered Sanitarian in the State of Michigan**

Dept of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

**NIMS ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800****Certifications**

FEMA

**CDC Point of Distribution Training**

Traverse City, MI

**MALPH CJS Emerging Leadership Training**

Thompsonville, MI

**Public Health Law 101, 201, & 301**

Traverse City, MI

**Performance Management Primer**

Traverse City, MI

**Water Well Inspection Course**

Lewiston, MI

**Advanced Soils Training-MSU**

Traverse City, MI

**Radon Training for Public Service**

Lansing, MI

**Lead Inspector and Risk Assessor Training**

Lansing, MI

**FDA Food Microbiological Control**

Flint, MI

**Wastewater Systems Training**

Tolgate Training Center, Novi, MI

## Public Health Leadership

Interim health officer, deputy health officer and environmental health director with 27 years of progressively responsible experience as a public health professional with an environmental health focus. Proven record of developing and nurturing positive collaborative relationships with local and state government officials and community stakeholders to address complex public health issues. Adept at public health program oversight as well as experience with grant writing and public health program development. Proven leadership through effective communication and problem solving.

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## Experience

### Health Officer

*Health Department of Northwest Michigan and Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department– April 30, 2022 to Present*

- Collaborate to establish and provide day to day leadership, motivation, and management for a high performing team of public health professionals that reflects the mission, culture, core values, and strategic plan of the health department
- Provides leadership to and supports division directors in the management of their programs, services, budgets, and staff.
- In collaboration with the medical director and deputy health officers, serves as senior management for the health department, with responsibility for establishing plans and strategies to achieve the mission and goals of the agency.
- Reports to and collaborates with the Board of Health to provide public health services to the community and respond to public health threats as prescribed in the Michigan Public Health Code

### Deputy Health Officer

*Health Department of Northwest Michigan - January to April 2022*

- Provides support to the Administrative Health Officer and acts as back-up to ensure agency mission and financial goals are met
- Guide and support division directors
- Work on special projects to advance the mission of the agency

### Environmental Health Director

*Health Department of Northwest Michigan -March 2021 to May 2022*

- Division Director for environmental health programs and Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory
- Directly supervise staff of 18 full time and 9 part time employees
- Oversee the implementation of EH division program directives and goals to insure alignment with local public health accreditation standards and EGLE evaluations
- Manage division budget and staffing needs
- Represent the Health Department of Northwest Michigan Administrative Team:
  - Advocate for environmental compliance and stewardship
  - Advance the Health Department's vision and strategic plan to improve the health of the community

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## Organizations and Memberships

### Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators

*Board of Directors*

2017 – Present

### Michigan Association of Local Public Health

*Board of Directors*

May 2022 - Present

### Michigan Environmental Health Association

1996 – Present

### Northern Michigan Environmental Health Directors Workgroup

2017 – Present

### Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay Executive Steering Committee

2018 – Present

### Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council – Elk Rapids Chain of Lakes Septic Committee

2021-Present

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## Recognition

### The Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council Environmentalist of the Year in Public Service

2009

### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, RTI International, and National Network of Public Health Institutes selection of quality improvement project for the national Public Health Quality Improvement

Exchange

2013

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## Technology

Microsoft Office Suite

Google Suite

- Collaborate with community partners and colleagues to form best practices and develop meaningful policies
- Primary media contact for all environmental health related issues
- Primary Health Department representative for environmental response efforts
- Oversight of core environmental health and additional program

## *Environmental Health Director*

*Grand Traverse County Health Department – 2017 to 2021*

- Division Director for Environmental Health, Soil Erosion, and Animal Control Programs
- Directly supervised 15 full time employees
- Responsible for program compliance with all local public health accreditation indicators and other state partner evaluations
- Manage division budget
- Managed environmental response efforts for Health Department
- Served as Logistics Section Chief for Covid-19 pandemic response
- Primary media contact for environmental health related issues

## *Environmental Health Coordinator*

*Grand Traverse County Health Department – 2015 to 2017*

- Responsible for overall coordination of the groundwater protection and land use programs through regulation of on-site water supplies and wastewater dispersal
- Worked on special projects across program lines as directed by Health Officer

## *Environmental Health Sanitarian II*

*Grand Traverse County Health Department – 2001 to 2015*

## *Environmental Health Sanitarian*

*Genesee County Health Department – 1996 to 2001*

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## Professional Accomplishments

- Awarded \$1.7 million grant for Sars-CoV-2 wastewater surveillance project
- CLIA high complexity microbiology lab certification for NMRL
- Developed Region 7 PPE distribution hub
- Logistics and Public Health Compliance Section Chief for Covid-19 response
- Accreditation Coordinator for Powers and Duties Section
- Awarded infrastructure grants for water connections in PFAS contamination areas
- Stabilized and lead HDNW through leadership change and developed positive relationship with the board of health

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## Education

### *Master of Science – Environmental Health Sciences*

*University of Michigan, School of Public Health – 1999*

### *Bachelor of Science – Environmental Health Sciences*

*University of Michigan, Flint – 1996*