

BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 2p.m.
Benzie County Resource Center
6051 Frankfort Hwy.
Benzonia, MI 49616

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

Members Present: Mark Walter – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners-came at 2:08pm
Christina Trigg – Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Gwenne Allgaier – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Dr. David Quimby – Leelanau County Member at Large
Dr. Mark Kuiper – Benzie County Member at Large

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dan Thorell – Health Officer (remote by teams)
Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health
Dr. Joshua Meyerson – Medical Director
Shelley Jablon – Director of Administrative Services

Staff Excused: Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the October 22, 2025 Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Motion By: Trigg to approve October 22, 2025 BOH meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded By: Sauer

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion By: Trigg to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded By: Sauer

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Public Comment: None

Health Officer Update- Dan Thorell

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Accounts Payable

Motion By: Sauer to approve accounts payable and pay the bills in the amount of \$106,156.13.

Seconded By: Trigg

Roll Call Vote: Walter- yea, Allgaier - yea, Trigg- yea, Sauer -yea, Quimby- yea, Kuiper-yea
6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Health Officer Annual Evaluation Discussion

The Board will hold the evaluation in January at the regular BOH meeting during a closed session. A performance evaluation was handed out for the board members and Thorell to complete and will be discussed at the meeting.

Staff Reports:

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Personal Health – Michelle Klein

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Environmental Health – Eric Johnston

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. Dan Thorell briefly talked about January being Radon Awareness Month and the annual Give a Can, Get a Kit campaign that the Health Department has been doing the last few years.

Administrative – Shelley Jablon

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. There was a typo in the report, State/Federal funding predicted for 2026 is 93% of funding that was budgeted for 2025, not 93% less. Possible dates for 2026 BOH meetings were discussed and will be presented at the January BOH meeting.

Public Comment – None

Board Comments – None

Adjourn

Motion By: Allgaier to adjourn the BOH meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Voice Vote: 6 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Gwenne Allgaier, Chairperson

Sanna Johnson, Recording Secretary