

**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- yeas, Allgaier - yeas, Trigg- yeas, Sauer -yeas, Quimby- yeas, Kuiper-yeas
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