

BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH
DEPARTMENT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Thursday, August 3, 2017 4:00 p.m.

Benzie Community Resource Center
Conference Room B
6051 Frankfort Highway
Benzonia, Mi 49616

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Roger Griner.

Roll call showed those present as:

Roger Griner, Benzie Board of Commissioners – present
Casey Noonan, Leelanau Board of Commissioners - present
Carolyn Rentenbach, Leelanau County Member at Large - present
Dr. George Ryckman, Benzie County Member at Large - present
Gary Sauer, Benzie County Board of Commissioners - present

Melinda Lautner, Chairperson, Leelanau County Board of Commissioners – arrived at 4:17pm

Visitors in attendance were:

Victoria Kriskywicz, Ty Wessell, William Fuller, Eric Royston, Ruth Griner

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Rentenbach to approve the May 25, 2017, regular Board of Health meeting as presented. Seconded by Sauer.

Voice vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays 1 absent **Motion carried**

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Sauer to approve of the agenda as amended- striking 3.C. Seconded by Noonan.

Voice vote: 5 Yeas 0 Nays 1 absent **Motion carried**

Public Comment Period – no comments

Health Officer Update — Lisa Peacock

Recognized Kriskywicz and R. Griner who were in attendance, and the two other employees for completing the community health worker certification.

State Innovation Model (SIM): Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region: Public Health Technicians Clarissa Roman, Cyndi Sauer, Ruth Griner, and Vicki Kriskywicz recently completed a rigorous 8 week course to become certified community health workers. During the 130 hours of training they worked with a team across the region to further develop their skills in 8 areas of core competency – this included homework, class presentations, neighborhood scans, training in mental health first aid, and many other assignments. The instructor relayed that the coursework was equal to that of a 3 credit college course and that the assessment to pass this course is difficult and not automatic! The community health worker is a crucial member of the health care team who works with people experiencing multiple challenges to overcome barriers so that they can access the care and services they need. This is a vital role within the Community Connections HUB program which is being scaled up to Grand Traverse, Benzie, and Leelanau counties by September. Thank you CHW's for your commitment to the mission of serving the most vulnerable of our residents and congratulations on this HUGE accomplishment!

Debbie Aldridge, personal health supervisor will be leading the team for the three counties. Six local medical practices across the 10 county region are participating in a pilot of the electronic screening tool which will identify residents with needs that will be referred electronically to the Community Connections programs.

(Chairperson Lautner arrived)

Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance Update:

The NMPHA has been a crucial source of support among the partner health departments and allows an important alignment of vision and values across the region. When best practices are identified there is a concerted effort to bring capacity to the region so that all residents may benefit. Current projects include family planning/STD services outreach, immunization improvement, emergency preparedness, tobacco cessation, SIM, and we are exploring a grant opportunity to implement a systems change for suicide prevention. The Alliance will be holding an Annual Meeting on 8/29/17 at the Otsego Club in Gaylord where we will be reviewing the accomplishments of the past year as well as learning about Public Health 3.0 and the Health Department as the Chief Health Strategist, and updating our strategic plan. As always you are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Northern Michigan Perinatal Collaborative Network

This is a network of clinical and community providers and agencies covering prosperity regions 2 and 3 and is focused on improving the health of moms and babies across the 25 counties. The group was started in 2009 after a regional summit of partners was held to discuss the challenges facing maternal child health in the region. The Alliance health departments were key partners in the development of this group and our health department remains actively involved. The mission states: “Construct a sustainable integrated and coordinated network of care to deliver perinatal services to women and children in northern lower Michigan that builds on the existing structures of care and results in decreased infant

mortality”. Objectives for the current year include:

1. Build a structure of relationships and processes linked to current institutions, positions, and requirements
2. Identify key metrics and a sustainable system for tracking and reporting.
3. Set and track goals.

The group meets monthly in Kalkaska and is comprised of representation from all of the local health department partners within the Alliance, all hospital systems, OB and Pediatric providers, and many community agencies. The current workplan includes activities that are focused on decreasing risks to maternal and infant morbidity and mortality such as perinatal smoking cessation, universal home visiting, improving breastfeeding and immunization rates and reducing the incidence of pre-eclampsia and postpartum hemorrhage. A significant area of focus is reducing the adverse effects of perinatal substance use including opioids. A white paper was developed after a region wide summit on this issue last summer and serves to guide our current work.

Proposed Leelanau County Septic Ordinance Discussion

Fountain distributed a copy of Senate Bill 5732 of 2016 and correspondence from the Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators (MALEHA) Forum. Discussion followed regarding the proposed “State-wide Sanitary Code”. Governor Snyder would like the MDEQ to launch a State Code Bill again. MALEHA has documented what really needs to be included in any Bill relating to a State-wide Sanitary Code, including “point of sale” (POS) inspections.

Rentenbach is asking the Board of Health draft a resolution encouraging Leelanau Commissioners to adopt a point of sale ordinance. Lautner stated that the Leelanau County Commissioners voted 5-2 not to take action regarding this matter. Lautner stated the Board of Health could not take action at this meeting because the septic ordinance was on the agenda as a discussion item only.

Accounts Payable-

Motion by Rentenbach, seconded by Sauer to pay the bills in the amount of \$199945.26

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nays **Motion carried**

June 2017 Financial Statements

Motion by Rentenbach, seconded by Sauer to approve the financial statement.

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nays **Motion carried**

Health Department Leased Space at Connie Binsfeld Resource Center

Dodie Putney introduced William Fuller, Architect and Eric Royston, Head of Leelanau Montessori Public School Academy. Fuller shared preliminary drawings indicating floor plan changes. Royston encouraged the Board members to contact him with questions or concerns.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Noonan to authorize Administration to negotiate a new lease agreement with the Leelanau Montessori School, including appropriate legal counsel review and input, and bring back to the Board of Health for approval.

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nays **Motion carried**

Staff Reports

Administrative — Dodie Putney- nothing else to add

Environmental Health Director — Tom Fountain

Fountain reported the Beach E-coli monitoring is showing elevated levels during rain/wind events. Inland Lake funding became available mid-summer so 11 public beaches are now being sampled weekly. Northport and Beulah Beach both exceeded safe levels last week.

Elberta Village is holding a meeting next week regarding an on-going (decades) problem at the Lake Michigan beach. A wild-out-of-control party occurs there each summer and no potable water or sanitary facilities are available for campers. No temporary campground permits have ever been secured. Party goers left buckets of human waste at the beach during a 4th of July party.

Empire Village continues to research a public sewage system and has asked the Health Department for assistance.

Fountain and Jim Reardon attended the National Environmental Health Association Conference in Grand Rapids in July. The conference was well attended and offered many excellent training opportunities.

The MDEQ has just completed our Type II (Non-Community) public water supply accreditation. The visit determined the Department is in full compliance for the Minimum Program Requirements.

Fountain reported he is updating the job descriptions for Sanitarians. With the upcoming replacement of our Food Service Sanitarian, it was revealed the job description is outdated and references agencies that no longer exist.

Personal Health Director - Michelle Klein

Open house – for the Benzie Community Resource Center, Aug 9, 2017, invitations have been mailed.

Two nurses have been hired since the last meeting. Next week interviewing starts for a new social worker.

Maternal Health Assessment – priorities have been identified. Priorities are perinatal smoking, mental health and breast feeding.

Parenting Communities – to share social worker – which will increase our home visiting capabilities up to age 8.

There will be a fund raiser for Parenting Communities at Aurora Cellars September 7, 2017, from 7-9 pm with live music.

Medical Director - Dr. Joshua Meyerson- was not in attendance

Public Comment Period –

Ty Wessel, Leelanau County Commissioner explained that the Leelanau Board of Commissioners voted against forming a study group and is requesting the Board of Health send a letter of recommendation to the Leelanau Board of Commissioners explaining the need for an evaluation/septic ordinance.

Board Comments

Sauer requests that we add an action item to the agenda for next meeting to address the “point-of-sale” ordinance for Leelanau County.

Adjournment

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Griner to adjourn.

Voice vote: 6 yeas 0 nays **Motion carried**

5:37 p.m.

Melinda Lautner, Chair

Kristine Malkowski, Recording Secretary