

BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Thursday, May 24, 2018 4:00 p.m.
Connie Binsfeld Resource Center,
7401 E. Duck Lake Road
Lake Leelanau, Mi 49653

Chairperson Melinda Lautner called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Present were:

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

Staff Present

Lisa Peacock – Health Officer
Dodie Putney – Director of Administrative Services
Thomas Fountain – Environmental Health Director
Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health

Excused

Dr. Joshua Myerson – Medical Director

Absent

Dr. George Ryckman, Benzie County Member at Large

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by: Rentenbach to approve the Regular Board of Health Meeting of March 22, 2018.

Seconded by: Griner

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by: Noonan to approve agenda as presented.

Seconded by: Sauer

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Public Comment - None

Leelanau Montessori School Update

Peacock gave update on property sale closing timeframe and requested permission to sign the lease when it is ready to be signed.

Motion by: Griner to authorize Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, to act on behalf of the Board and sign this lease.

Seconded by Noonan

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Health Officer Update – Lisa Peacock - report attached to these minutes

Distributed copies of the Public Health Advocacy flier, Save the Date flier, which provide two Public Health Open House meeting dates and a Meet our Health Officers flier. These fliers were given to our State Representatives at the recent Day at the Capitol event.

Discussed Issue Brief, Public Health Advocacy Opportunities, Netsmart Update, Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region- CHIR- access gaps in housing needs. Newly awarded grant used to expand Mompower.

Guest arrived 4:17 pm

Connie McDonald, Vice-President Leelanau Montessori Public School Academy and Facility Committee Chairperson, shared information on the timeline for closing, lease signing and renovation project.

Statewide Environmental Health Code Update – Tom Fountain - supporting documentation attached to these minutes.

Requested the Board of Health to sign a letter opposing House Bill 5752 and 5753.

Motion by: Rentenbach to accept the position statement and supporting documentation as presented and state opposition to HB 5752 and 5753.

Seconded by: Sauer

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Personnel and Finance Committee Report

Motion by: Rentenbach to accept Accounts Payable and pay them.

Seconded by: Sauer

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

April 2018 Financial Statements

Motion by: Rentenbach to approve the Financial Statement as presented.

Seconded by: Sauer

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Budget Amendment 1

Motion by: Rentenbach to adopt Budget Amendment Number 1 as presented.

Seconded by: Griner

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

County Appropriation Budget Request

Putney asked the Board to approve a 3% increase in County Appropriation funding for FY 2019.

Motion by: Rentenbach to approve the County Appropriation Budget request.

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Staff Reports

Administrative – Dodie Putney

Managed phone system update. More information will be presented at the July meeting.

Kris Malkowski is retiring. Renee Youker has accepted the position and will start training June 4th.

Environmental Health Director – Tom Fountain - full report attached to these minutes

Topics included: Health Space software launched. Fountain publicly thanked Eric Johnston for his work on the Environmental Health software - Health Space. Northern Health Alliance grant. Bahia Vista site condominiums update. His own retirement plans.

Personal Health - Michelle Klein

Sharon Husted is retiring. Kerry Turner will start training with Sharon on May 29th.

Community Health Assessment update. We are expanding to include 31 counties, partnering with Health Departments, Hospitals and Federally qualified health centers.

Our Health Department was awarded a Gold Level Award for being a breastfeeding friendly worksite.

Public Comment - None

Board Comments

Sauer: Thank you for the Healthy Communities Award for Elberta.

Rentenbach: Congratulations and best wishes to retirees.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

Melinda Lautner, Chair

Kristine Malkowski, Recording Secretary

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To: Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department Board of Health Members
From: Lisa Peacock, RNC, MSN, Health Officer
Date: 5/24/18

1. Public Health Advocacy Opportunities:

On April 18, 2018 a group of public health professionals, including BLDHD staff, from the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance attended the public health advocacy day at the Capitol. We were able to have individual appointments with our State legislators and shared the attached message and materials (see attached) created by the marketing and advocacy workgroups of the Alliance. The overriding theme of discussion was the importance of funding Essential Local Public Health Services as this is critical to maintaining a firm foundation for public health readiness to respond to emerging health threats including disease outbreaks, environmental health contamination issues, and the current drug abuse crisis. We were able to answer their questions related to budget priorities as well as the proposed Statewide Sanitary Code and also extended personal invitations for visits in the district as well as our summer legislative open houses.

Recent legislation has been proposed regarding work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries. As this change could present many challenges for the people we serve, one of the PIO's from the Public Health Alliance has researched the topic and prepared an Issue Brief to summarize some of the available information – (see attached).

2. Netsmart Update:

Alliance partners have been working closely with the legal team on the steps of proceeding with termination of our contract with Netsmart. As recommended by the attorneys, Alliance IT and project leadership staff have fully evaluated all recent software version releases and documented all deficiencies and have halted all development and phone calls except those related to the current release issues. Under their guidance, we are continuing to move forward with termination according to the contract requirements. As this termination becomes imminent we are narrowing down vendor options and will engage with an appropriate software vendor.

3. Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region:

The Northern "CHIR" has the opportunity to participate in the Michigan Housing and Healthcare Initiative. Evidence suggests that providing housing to certain high need, high cost residents can transform lives and have a very meaningful return on investment. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is partnering with the five community health innovation regions in the State, including the Northern Michigan CHIR, on a new housing initiative.

The "Michigan Medicaid Housing & Healthcare Model" provides combined housing and health care services for the most vulnerable homeless and high Medicaid utilizers.

Goals are to reduce homelessness, improve health outcomes, decrease avoidable Medicaid utilization, and reduce Emergency Departments visits and inpatient hospital stays by—

- Increasing stable housing and supportive housing services
- Improving population prioritization and coordination
- Testing and scaling solutions

Each CHIR will receive funding to hire a System Integration Strategist to conduct an assessment of their local or regional housing system. It will entail documenting the current housing process; identifying who is being served (and who is not); and developing strategies to make the system more efficient and effective.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent supportive housing is a proven solution to homelessness for the most vulnerable chronically homeless people. It is an intervention that combines housing assistance with voluntary support services designed to build independent living and tenancy skills and connect people with community-based health care, treatment and employment services. In addition to ending a person's homelessness and increasing housing stability, permanent supporting housing has been shown to improve health and well-being.

--National Alliance to End Homelessness

Another feature of the assessment is to determine which permanent supportive housing providers are eligible to bill Medicaid and to provide training and technical assistance to support providers who are interested. (Although reimbursement is not currently allowed for housing case management, MDHHS is applying for a federal waiver and expects it to be approved)

Finally, the permanent supportive housing providers in the region may apply to pilot an intervention that—

- Identifies medically fragile, homeless, highly vulnerable resident
- Connects them to permanent housing and support service
- Monitors their housing stability
- Monitors their use of Emergency Department and other high cost healthcare interventions
- Evaluates the efficacy to embed tenant support services for Medicaid beneficiaries in permanent supportive housing

4. Mompower grant:

Benzie Leelanau District Health Department was awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to coordinate implementation of a project called “Mompson” across the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance Region. Mompson is a behavioral health intervention developed by researchers at the University of Michigan and is designed to support parenting and attachment in families whose mothers who have experienced trauma. The first northern Michigan pilot of this program took place in Leelanau county and was led by our social worker, Amanda Stowe. The group demonstrated promising outcomes for the families who participated. This grant is intended to build on what we have learned by creating a model which is both sustainable through partnership, billing revenue and additional grant funding and replicable for other communities around northern Michigan. BLDHD will be sharing funding with 3 additional partner health departments which will each “sponsor” a group in their area over the next 2 years, building future capacity in each geographic area. Each health department will be expected to capture billable revenue, maximize Medicaid match funding and nurture community partnerships to fully implement the intervention.

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Environmental Health Directors Report

- Fountain reported the environmental health software “Healthspace” has gone live within the last two weeks. Staff is familiarizing themselves with the new program and working through issues. Overall the system is working out okay. Eric Johnston needs to be thanked for all of the time and energy he committed to get us to this point. Fountain believes that at some point in the future the department will need to obtain its own internal IT position.
- The Statewide Sanitary Code continues to move forward at the Governors and DEQ level although public health has formally opposed the two legislative bills. Fountain urged the Board to sign a resolution to not support the bills as written.
- The Northern Health Alliance was successful in receiving a Health Endowment Grant to help educate food handlers who volunteer at feeding centers across the region. Many facilities offer meals to needy folks and these meals are prepared and served by volunteers often not being aware of the health risk of foodservice operations. We are currently identifying the inventory of facilities we will be reaching out to. Fountain stated the collaborative efforts across the northern region have been exciting and rewarding and we are being recognized at different levels of government for the projects we take on.
- The department recently had a conference call with our legal team regarding the ongoing issues at Bahia Vista site condominiums in Elmwood Township. The issues pertaining to the master deed language and well drilling responsibilities is the topic in question.
- Fountain reported he began the process to plan his retirement. Presently the leadership position is being posted within the department. The position will consist of both field agent and director responsibilities. The administrative team will select the best candidate to move the environmental health department forward.