

**BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Thursday, July 26, 2018 4:00 p.m.
Benzie Resource Center
6051 Frankfort Highway
Benzonia, Mi 49616**

Vice Chairperson Gary Sauer called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Present were:

Carolyn Rentenbach, Leelanau County Member at Large
Casey Noonan, Leelanau Board of Commissioners
Gary Sauer, V. Chairperson, Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Dr. George Ryckman, Benzie County Member at Large
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
Dr. Joshua Myerson – Medical Director

Excused

Melinda Lautner, Chairperson, Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by: Noonan to approve the Regular Board of Health Meeting of July 26, 2018.

Seconded by: Griner

Voice vote: 5 yeas nay 1 absent Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by: Rentenbach to approve agenda as presented.

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 5 yeas nay 1 absent Motion carried

Public Comment- none

Health Officer Update – Lisa Peacock - report attached below

Distributed copies of the flier from Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region that she presented on the overhead. A Shared Vision. A Culture of Health.

Netsmart Update, Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region- CHIR-actively engaged in sustainability planning, Leelanau County Substance Abuse Preventions, Annual Report presented.

Netsmart Update-

The Alliance Health Officers have an in-person meeting scheduled with Netsmart administration to discuss the terminated contract. Both parties believe it would be most efficient and cost-effective to reach agreement outside of litigation. The Alliance partners who have Insight continue to use it and support for this product until another EMR is in place will be part of the discussion. We have selected a likely vendor for the next EMR and are setting up a meeting to discuss pricing and implementation plans so that the health departments can plan and budget for this.

Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region-

The Northern "CHIR" is actively engaged in sustainability planning. See attached PowerPoint which will be presented at the meeting. This PowerPoint was shared at recent meetings with MDHHS as well as Northern Health Plan. The impact of both individual and population health strategies will take time to be demonstrated however initial data is showing that the work of the CHIR is effective in establishing strong connections between clinical and community resources and therefore improving access to needed care. Advocacy efforts surrounding reimbursement for services provided under the clinical community linkages model also actively continue however this is an area that also needs time to develop. Therefore, the CHIR backbone organization staff are working on identifying a 5-year funding strategy to allow these efforts to continue beyond the life of the current grant. This will likely involve baseline grant funding combined with reimbursement and local grant resources. One of the opportunities the CHIR funding has brought to northern Michigan is a comprehensive Community Health Worker training. Recently, 2 more of our BLDHD employees participated in this rigorous 8-week course. Congratulations to Carolina Tabora-Cortez and Rachel Pomeroy for their successful completion of the course!! Their knowledge and experience will bring great benefits to the people of Benzie and Leelanau Counties.

Leelanau County Substance Abuse Prevention-

The Leelanau County Commission has established Substance Abuse Prevention as a priority and has worked with a consultant and community stakeholders to establish a strategic plan to prevent and reduce substance abuse. BLDHD was invited to participate in many facets of the development, planning, and implementation of the project and we are pleased to do so. The project involves several different elements of action including the establishment of the Leelanau County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, the focus of which is to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse. There are also 4 action teams designed to implement short term strategies that can have an immediate impact on the problem of opioid abuse. These teams consist of a medical workgroup whose strategies are aimed at harm reduction in opioid users as well as supporting improvement in provider prescribing practices, a prevention workgroup focusing on community education and awareness, a treatment and recovery workgroup to support access to care and resources for those needing treatment, and an enforcement workgroup aimed at developing effective enforcement strategies as well as advocacy for law enforcement needs to adequately address this growing problem.

Annual Report-

I am pleased to present the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department 2017 Annual Report to the community (attached). 2017 was a year of growth, change, and connections to our community in many ways. We continue to strive to meet the needs of our community with the highest level of excellence and innovation. As you read through the pages you will see examples of how our talented and hardworking staff are hard at work every day protecting the environment, providing care and resources to our most vulnerable residents, and promoting health and wellness through outreach and prevention programs. We sincerely appreciate the support of our dedicated Board of Health.

Personnel and Finance Committee Report

Accounts Payable

Motion by: Rentenbach to approve payment for accounts payable in the amount of \$244,206.36

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Klein informed the board that the facility breakroom at the BCRC needs a new refrigerator. This purchase would be shared by all agencies in the building and paid out of the contingency fund for the replacement.

June 2018 Financial Statements

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

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Health Department Phone System

Semi-Managed phone system update. Putney brought attention to two companies to choose from, Anavon and Teoma. Current telephone line contracts are through Charter until January 2020. Because of this, Anavon is unable to work with us to provide us with a managed phone system. Putney recommends the company Teoma as the new company to service phones in both office location buildings. Received a total bid for project through Teoma of \$21,441.79 not to include wiring upgrades in the Benzie building. We have secured funds from a grant for \$15,325.00 from Northern Health Foundation to help to complete the phone system project. We have also applied for a grant through CMS for just under \$10,000. This will determine the need for some local appropriation dollars to complete the project.

Motion by: Rentenbach to adopt new phone system serviced by Teoma Company in the amount of \$21,441.79.

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Putney explained that there may be a need to use local appropriation dollars to complete the upgrade if grant dollars are not secured. Discussion focused to approve costs associated to the new phone system not to exceed a total cost of \$25,000 with local appropriations not exceed \$10,000 without board approval.

Motion by: Rentenbach to approve the use of County appropriations for the telephone upgrade project not to exceed \$10,000 without Board approval.

Seconded by: Noonan

Voice vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 1 absent Motion carried

Staff Reports

Medical Director Report- Dr. Meyerson

Topics include: Opioid Addiction and the rise of Hepatitis C., testing needs for Hep C. and discussion of needle exchange programs.

Administrative – Dodie Putney

Health insurance update- more information to come with changes becoming effective Jan. 1st, 2019.

Environmental Health Director – Tom Fountain - full report attached below

Topics included: Health Space software launch has been working well, Leelanau Clean Water and Bahia Vista site condominiums update. Tom shared a short video on water quality.

Introduced Eric Johnston as the new EH Director to take his position at his upcoming retirement. Still in search of a new General Sanitarian. Need to revamp his expectations for a job description to get some applicants for interviewing for a new Sanitarian to take over his role.

Fountain updated the board on the activities Leelanau Clean Water has been involved with. A three-minute nature change video was introduced and highlights Leelanau County water resources and how residents and visitors need to be good water stewards. Joe Vandermuelen was hired to produce the video.

Beach monitoring is into the seventh week for 2018 and only two water quality advisories have been issued to date. The region is fortunate to have high water quality. The environmental health software which was introduced in April continues to improve. Staff is becoming more familiar with Healthspace and the department is working out the bugs.

The legal issue at Bahia Vista may be coming to a close. Legal counsel Jim Young has been working on a settlement agreement which hopefully will satisfy all parties involved including BLDHD.

Fountain reported the MDEQ will be performing its annual site visit for the residential well program on August 6-7. The DEQ evaluator will conduct a joint visit of new well installations with each sanitarian and conduct an office review.

A vapor intrusion issue has come to the department's attention in a Suttons Bay business. A recently opened restaurant which is located within the village has elevated TCE and PCE in the air entering the building through the ground. The site was an old dry-cleaning facility. The department is waiting results of further indoor air testing to determine what further action is needed. MDEQ and MDHHS agents are also involved with the investigation.

The Statewide Sanitary code driven by the Gov. Office and DEQ continues to move forward. According to resources a new Draft Code will be introduced which may address some of the concerns local public health officials have outlined. The driving force behind the current language of the two bills is the real estate community.

Fountain reported that no experienced applicants have submitted interest in the vacancy that will be created upon his retirement. It is very discouraging the lack of educated and experienced people to replace the outgoing sanitarians in Michigan.

Community Health Assessment, community input boards, programs that personal health services monthly, worksite wellness.

BLDHD is working on a regional Community Health Assessment. The next steps will be to set up Community Input boards at events in each county.

Information was distributed on the number of residents we serve in each of the personal health programs.

Through our Worksite Wellness program, we have partnered with 3 local businesses to help them complete an assessment and implement wellness activities for their employees.

Introduced Rachel Pomeroy and Carolina Tabora and spoke about their trainings they have completed. The Community Connections team now has 5 Certified Community Health Workers on staff. We are working with the health plans to be able to bill for CHW work.

Hired a new social worker this week and recently welcomed back Kerry Turner who was previously employed by the Health Department.

Public Comment –

Eric Johnston publicly thanked everyone for the opportunity to come on board as the EH Director. As well as personally thanked Tom and wished him a Happy Retirement.

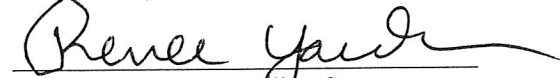
Board Comments-

Roger Griner thanked Tom for his services at the Health department.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm



Gary Sauer, Vice-Chair



Renee Youker, Recording Secretary