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BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING  
at  
Mid-Michigan District Health Department  
Gratiot County Branch Office  
Ithaca, Michigan

Conference Room A

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

## MINUTES

*We take action to assure the health and well being of our community and the environment  
by responding to public health needs and providing a broad spectrum  
of prevention and educational services.*

Members Present: Ken Mitchell, Tom Lindeman, Bruce DeLong, George Bailey (Vice Chairperson), and Betty Kellenberger (Chairperson)

Members Absent: Sam Smith

Staff Present: Mark W. (Marcus) Cheatham, Ph.D., Health Officer; Melissa Bowerman, Director of Administrative Services; Jennifer E. Morse, M.D., Medical Director; Cynthia M. Partlo, Board Secretary

Staff Absent: None

Guests: Jordon Smith, CPA, Abraham & Gaffney

B. Kellenberger, Chairperson called the regular meeting of the Mid-Michigan District Board of Health (BOH) to order at 10:06 a.m., on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at the Gratiot County Branch Office of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, Ithaca, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by B. Kellenberger.

A. AGENDA NOTES, REVIEW, AND REVISIONS:

*Your Public Health Team,  
Connecting with our Communities to Achieve Healthier Outcomes.*

T. Lindeman requested that item E. 1. c., FY 14/15 Audit be moved to the first order of business.

**Motion made by T. Lindeman and seconded by B. DeLong to move item E. 1. c., FY 14/15 Audit to the first order of business and approve the Agenda as amended.**

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee – Tom Lindeman, Chair

c. FY 14/15 Audit – *Abraham & Gaffney*

Jordan Smith, CPA from Abraham & Gaffney reported that the FY 14/15 Audited Financial Statements were consistent with the prior year noting the process and working with staff went well. He reviewed portions of the Financial Statements noting that the opinion given was an unmodified, clean opinion. He indicated the Federal award program examined was Women, Infants, and Children's Program (WIC). There were no findings reported from this Federally-funded program.

T. Lindeman questioned the change in net position from 2014 of (\$96,885) on the management discussion and analysis. Jordan explained that the changes in reporting due to GASB 68, which is new with this audit, show a change of net position between FY 2014 and 2015. He reported the Medicaid Full-Cost Reimbursement received in 2015 accounted for the large surplus in FY 2015. M. Bowerman stated that as some of the surplus was spent in fiscal year 2016 as approved by the Board of Health.

**Motion made by B. DeLong and seconded by T. Lindeman to receive and place the FY 14/15 Audited Financial Statements on file. Motion carried.**

B. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Meeting Minutes

a. Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) Board of Directors Meeting held February 8, 2016

b. Mid-Michigan District Board of Health Regular Meeting held February 24, 2016

K. Mitchell attended his first MALPH meeting and provided observations of the Board meeting.

1. Communications

a. Families and Addiction, a Community Forum on Narcotic & Heroin Addiction, I/M (Ionia/Montcalm) Families Against Narcotics (FAN), Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Greenville First Congregational Church

b. Spring Prevention Forum, Clinton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers Conference Center, St. Johns

- c. A Public Health Conference: Intergenerational Risk From Environmental Contamination, Alma College, April 27-28, 2016

M. Cheatham reviewed the Communications and stated that our communities are hosting some great events.

**Motion made by T. Lindeman to accept and place on file Meeting Minutes B. 1. a. and b. and Communications B. 2. a. through c. Motion seconded by B. DeLong. Motion carried.**

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

D. BRANCH OFFICE EMPLOYEES: None.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee – Tom Lindeman, Chair

- a. Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Expenses for February 20 – March 4, 2016

**Motion made by T. Lindeman to approve payment of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Expenses for February 20 – March 4, 2016, totaling \$163,732.07. Motion seconded by K. Mitchell. Motion carried.**

- b. Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for February 2016

**Motion made by T. Lindeman to approve and place on file the Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for February 2016. Motion seconded by K. Mitchell. Motion carried.**

- d. Reschedule Special Finance Committee Meeting from May 11, 2016 at 2 p.m.

**Motion made by T. Lindeman and seconded by B. DeLong to reschedule the Special Finance Committee meeting to May 11, 2016, 9 a.m. at the Gratiot Branch Office in Ithaca. Motion carried.**

- e. Local Appropriation Policy

M. Cheatham explained that the Local Appropriation Calculation Policy was prepared to clarify the funding formula contained in the Intergovernmental Agreement, to ensure that all three counties had a clear understanding of the formula calculations.

**Motion made by T. Lindeman and seconded by G. Bailey to forward the Local Appropriation Calculation Policy to the County Administrators. Motion carried.**

2. Personnel Committee – Ken Mitchell, Chair – No report.

3. Program Committee – Sam Smith, Chair – No report.
4. Mid-Central Coordinating Committee – Tom Lindeman, Vice Chair – No report.

F. MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Jennifer E. Morse, M.D.

1. Family Planning

Dr. Morse provided an overview of her report regarding Family Planning. She stated that Michigan has House Bill 4145, currently in the House of Representatives, which would essentially take away funding for Planned Parenthood. Of the services that Planned Parenthood provides, 97% are contraception and preventative care. She stated that prevention keeps the costs of unplanned pregnancies and childbirth down. She stated that currently, teen pregnancies are at the lowest point seen in 40 years.

She reported that in 2013, Texas passed a similar bill and stopped providing public funds to their Planned Parenthood affiliates. A recently-published article in the New England Journal of Medicine reported that since Texas ceased funding to Planned Parenthood, a disproportionate increase was seen in the rate of childbirth covered by Medicaid compared to births covered by other insurances. The article also notes that the rates of childbirth increased in the counties that lost Planned Parenthood affiliates, while the childbirth rate decreased in the rest of the State.

Dr. Morse recommended the following be adopted as the BOH Monthly Healthy Living Recommendation for April:

- *Continue to support access to effective, safe, and reliable contraceptive methods. Family Planning is one of the Ten Great Public Health Achievements in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.*

**Motion made by B. DeLong and seconded by T. Lindeman to adopt the BOH Monthly Healthy Living Recommendation for April as proposed and accept the Medical Director’s Report and place on file. Motion carried.**

G. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT: Mark W. (Marcus) Cheatham, Health Officer, Ph.D.

1. Michigan’s Premier Public Health Conference, October 11-13, 2016, Kalamazoo Radisson

M. Cheatham encouraged Board members to consider attending the Michigan’s Premier Public Health Conference and mentioned that the deadline for early registration was September 19, 2016.

2. State Innovation Model

M. Cheatham stated that a 70 million dollar grant was available from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to improve health outcomes and reduce costs by reforming the way we pay for healthcare. Although most of the funding was for hospitals, some of it could be used for public health Community Health Workers. The agency applied for the first round of funding. Clinton County applied with Eaton and Ingham. Gratiot County applied with Saginaw and Midland Counties. He reported that

both applications were not funded. B. Kellenberger asked if we would be eligible for second-round funding. M. Cheatham stated that he had heard that there was a reduction in the amount of funding available for the second round and the opportunity to apply might be delayed.

#### H. OLD BUSINESS:

1. MALPH Day at the Capitol, <http://www.malph.org/advocacy/day-capitol-and-county-health-rankings> - Attached.

M. Cheatham stated that B. Kellenberger, K. Mitchell, and T. Lindeman are attending the MALPH Day at the Capitol. He indicated that he would clarify the starting time and place, as well as schedule appointments with local legislators. He discussed the Talking Points with the Board and distributed a chart regarding Essential Local Public Health Services (ELPHS) funding. T. Lindeman added that we should also be talking to legislative candidates about these public health topics.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Local Ordinance Regulating E-Cigarettes

M. Cheatham stated that he would like to have a discussion with the Board regarding a proposed ordinance regulating e-cigarettes to keep them out of the hands of minors. He reviewed the statements supporting regulation of electronic cigarettes from the American Public Health Association, American Lung Association, and Tobacco Control Consortium. He also reviewed the model regulation stating that there are two parts: banning sales to minors and protecting the environment. He stated that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Tobacco Program is urging local jurisdiction to take action to approve an ordinance and resolution based on the model. Dr. Morse recommended that the agency's general counsel review any proposed ordinance before approval by the BOH.

M. Cheatham also discussed the lessons learned from Washtenaw County after their Public Hearing on a proposed ordinance to regulate e-cigarettes. After discussion, Dr. Morse and M. Cheatham offered to present information regarding the regulation of e-cigarettes to County Commissioners if desired. The BOH agreed that would be a good approach. T. Lindeman asked if Dr. Morse and M. Cheatham could attend the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners meeting on March 28. He said he would confirm the date after speaking with the Board of Commissioners. B. DeLong offered to check with the Clinton County Board of Commissioners to see if they would be interested in learning more.

2. Board Statement on E. Coli in Water

M. Cheatham asked that the topic be tabled to the April Regular Board Meeting.

**Motion made by T. Lindeman and seconded by G. Bailey to table item G. 3. to the April Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.**

2. Emerging Issues – None

#### J. LEGISLATIVE ACTION: None

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Mid-Michigan District Board of Health Action Items, February 2016
2. Staffing Report

M. Cheatham mentioned that Hailey Brewer was recently hired to fill the position of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. She is currently part-time while still in school for a Master's Degree in Public Health and will become fulltime at the beginning of May.

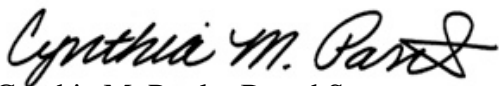
L. RELATED NEWS ARTICLES:

1. MMDHD News Articles available online at [www.mmdhd.org/boh-news-2016.html](http://www.mmdhd.org/boh-news-2016.html)

M. AGENCY NEWSLETTERS: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cynthia M. Partlo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "C".

Cynthia M. Partlo, Board Secretary  
For Betty Kellenberger, Chairperson  
Mid-Michigan District Board of Health