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<b>BOARD OF HEALTH:</b>	Bruce DeLong David Pohl	George Bailey Steven Sopocy	Phil Kohn Adam Petersen
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MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (MMDHD)  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING  
at  
**Montcalm Office, Stanton, Michigan**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

*We take action to protect, maintain, and improve the health of our community.*

- Members Present: Adam Petersen, Chairperson; George Bailey, Vice Chairperson; Steven Sopocy, David Pohl, Phil Kohn and Bruce DeLong
- Members Absent: None
- Staff Present: Mari E. (Liz) Braddock, Health Officer; Melissa Selby, Director of Administrative Services; Jennifer E. Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Medical Director; Lonnie Smith, Director of Environmental Health (EH); Sarah Doak, Director of Community Health and Education Division (CHED); Krishna Santana, Board Secretary
- Staff Absent: None
- Guests: Montana McMullen

Adam Petersen, Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan District Board of Health (BOH) to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at the Montcalm Office of the MMDHD, Stanton, Michigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by A. Petersen.

A. AGENDA NOTES, REVIEW, AND REVISIONS:

**Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by B. DeLong to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

B. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Meeting Minutes

- a. Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) Board of Directors Meeting held March 12, 2024
- b. Mid-Michigan District BOH Regular Meeting held March 27, 2024

**Motion made by D. Pohl and seconded by S. Sopocy to accept Meeting Minutes B. 1. a. and b. and place on file. Motion carried.**

2. Communications - None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

D. BRANCH OFFICE EMPLOYEES: –

L. Braddock introduced Montana McMullen, a PHR based in our Montcalm Branch for the CHED department.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee – George Bailey, Chairperson

- a. MMDHD’s Expenses for March 9 through April 5, 2024

**Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by B. DeLong to approve payment of the MMDHD’s Expenses for March 9 through April 5, 2024, totaling \$519,152.05. Motion carried.**

- b. MMDHD’s Monthly Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for March 2024

**Motion made by G. Bailey and seconded by S. Sopocy to accept the Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditure Report for March 2024 and place on file. Motion carried.**

- c. Solarwinds Server Replacement

M. Selby told the board one of the servers is aging out and will need to be replaced. She stated there is still over \$12,000.00 in the computer supplies line item so it will fit into the budget. She told the board there was a question at the finance meeting about a cloud-based server, she said we have 6 servers that are not cloud-based and 10 or 11 virtual servers. She said this is a needed upgrade as technology advances. D. Pohl asked how long we have had this server; she replied, six years.

**Motion made by G. Bailey seconded by D. Pohl to approve upgrading the Solarwinds Server not to exceed \$6,000.00. Motion carried.**

2. Personnel Committee – David Pohl, Chairperson – No Report.

3. Program Committee –Phil Kohn, Chairperson

On-site sewage disposal alternative design technology.

L. Smith said he met with the company on April 10, 2024, and went through what they proposed to bring to the board for approval on a new onsite septic technology. He received a communication from their legal department yesterday, once he reviews it, he will get that information to P. Kohn for his review and from there set up a program committee meeting date with this company.

F. MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Jennifer E. Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP

1. Measles

J. Morse reviewed her report for the board which went over the history of measles, vaccine development, what the disease is like and status of the disease. She told the board there have been five cases in Michigan, and as of April 18, 2024, there are 125 cases in the U.S. She went on to speak on the importance of vaccines to prevent a measles outbreak, a map of Michigan was included in the report indicating the vaccine numbers for 16-month-olds that have been vaccinated (data as of march). She also said the statewide average for at least one does of the MMR vaccine for children 16 months old is 68.7%, Clinton County is 69.6%, Gratiot County is 85% and Montcalm County is 54.7%. D. Pohl ask if there was another chart for school age children, she said there was, but she had not included that because the information includes only immunization waivers, so it can’t be identified what vaccines have not been administered. Her recommendation was to make sure you are immune to measles especially if planning any international travel (she indicated there is a link in her report that explains this), consider being a pro vaccination voice in your community, protect yourself from misinformation by using inoculation theory, learn how to recognize fake information (there is also a link and games in her report concerning inoculation theory). P. Kohn asked if there were different kinds of measles, she told the board there is only one, this means the vaccination will work to prevent it.

S. Sopocy asked about bird flu in our dairy cows, L. Braddock told the board there is information concerning this issue in the press articles, also there was a state call this morning, the nurse supervisor attended, concerning this issue. J. Morse told the board H5N1 has been a pandemic since 2022. Originally it was found in a cow herd in Texas earlier this spring, cows from that farm came to a farm in Montcalm County, we were made aware of this in late March. There was also a second herd in Montcalm that tested positive with no apparent links to the first herd. Currently there are five cow farms in the state and several poultry farms with the virus. Our job as public health is to monitor the workers to make sure they do not become ill, even though the risk is very low we will test the workers that may show symptoms. L. Braddock told the board we issued a press release concerning this issue included in the board packet. We have also just received a list of all the dairy farms in the district so, if necessary, we can go to each farm. One of the big issues right now is having the workers wear PPE (personal protective equipment). She also noted MSU extension has information on their website.

**G. Bailey made a motion and B. DeLong supported accepting and placing the medical director’s report on file. Motion Carried.**

G. HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT: Mari E. (Liz) Braddock

1. 2024 County Health Ranking

L. Braddock told the board the report is different as they have not rated the counties in the same way. This year instead of numbers it is coded with colors and has been compared with the state and national standards. The report is included in the board packet with the current rankings that have not changed much over the last few years with Clinton being ranked higher than Gratiot and Montcalm. The report also includes the areas of concern, MMDHD is taking steps in hopes to improve each of these areas.

2. Quarterly Service Report

L. Braddock went over the second quarter service report, she noted our numbers have been consistent with previous quarters. She noted we would like to increase our family planning services and immunizations. She went over the EH numbers, noting the complaints have risen slightly and with the change in seasons the well and septic permits will begin to increase. D. Pohl ask what kinds of complaints are received, L. Smith said it could range from food borne illness, septic systems not functioning properly, restaurant complaints to tenet landlord disputes.

3. Agreements Signed, February 20 – March 21, 2024

L. Braddock told the board one agreement was signed this month with County of Ingham / Region 7 Perinatal Collaborative.

**Motion made by B. DeLong supported by D. Pohl to accept the health officer’s report and place on file. Motion carried.**

H. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Statewide Septic Code

L. Smith said not much has happened; they had been told a fourth draft should come out this month but now they don’t expect to see the new draft until mid to late summer.

I. NEW BUSINESS: -

1. Emerging Issues – None

J. LEGISLATIVE ACTION: - None

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Mid-Michigan District BOH Action Items, March 2024
2. MMDHD Staffing Report

RELATED NEWS ARTICLES AND LINKS: <https://www.mmdhd.org/2024-board-of-health-meetings-copy/>

1. Free Narcan/first aid kits flying off the shelves at public libraries – *Daily News*, March 30, 2024
2. Public Health Advisory for Fish Creek – April 5, 2024
3. Public Health Advisory for Fish Creek FOLLOW UP – April 8, 2024
4. Community Foundation Awards \$87,508 in Spring Grant Cycle – *Gratiot County Herald*, April 11, 2024
5. Press Release – Avian Flu Awareness and Guidance – April 12, 2024
6. Press Release – Tri County Survey Launches to Identify Community Health Concerns – April 15, 2024
7. Avian Flu detected in two dairy cattle herds in Michigan – *Daily News*, April 17, 2024

L. Braddock reviewed the public health advisories and the press releases for the board.

M. AGENCY NEWSLETTERS: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/April-2024-Newsletter.html>

**There being no further business to come before the Board, S. Sopocy made a motion to adjourn seconded by D. Pohl, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Krishna Santana*

Krishna Santana, Board Secretary  
For Adam Petersen, Chairperson  
Mid-Michigan District Board of Health