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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, July 16, 2025

I. Call to Order

Present: BOH Chair Dr. Lorrie Tritt, BOH Vice Chair Commissioner Collins, Aimrie Ream-Taylor, Lee Ann Minton

Also Present: Monica Hunt, Kasee Johnson, Jaime Greenwald, Natalie Johnson, Courtney LaCourse, Medical Director Dr. Chernin, County Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott.

The July 16, 2025, BOH meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by BOH Chair Dr. Lorrie Tritt

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Collins, supported by Aimrie Ream-Taylor, to approve the July 16, 2025, BOH agenda as presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: May 21, 2025

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, supported by Aimrie Ream-Taylor, to approve the May 21, 2025, BOH meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

IV. Reports - Board of Health

A. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Chernin provided an update on COVID-19 and current vaccination rates. The newest variant, NB 1.8.1, is a strain of Omicron. Currently, only 23% of adults and just 13% of children are getting the COVID-19 vaccine. In June, there were around 550 COVID-related deaths nationwide. Vaccination efforts are mainly focused on people over 65 or those who are considered vulnerable. He also mentioned that current numbers may not be fully accurate due to the lack of case reporting, since it's no longer a requirement.

Dr. Chernin allowed an opportunity for questions at this time.

B. Review of Accounts Payable Report

Accounts Payable (AP) Invoice Report [May and June 2025] - The monthly AP Invoice Report (Full text on file) was reviewed.

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, supported by Aimrie Ream-Taylor, to accept the May Accounts Payable Report as explained. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion by Aimrie Ream-Taylor, supported by Commissioner Collins, to accept the June Accounts Payable Report as explained. Motion carried, 4-0.

C. Health Officer's Report

Health Officer Monica Hunt provided updates on respiratory illness and infectious diseases. COVID-19, influenza, and other respiratory illnesses remain low throughout the state and county. There have been no detections of avian influenza in the last 30 days. There have been 18 measles cases reported in Michigan, but none currently in Lenawee County.

Monica reported that accreditation was successful. The department is currently waiting for the final report. Strategic planning remains ongoing, with recent leadership and all-staff meetings held. Another staff survey is planned to help assess criteria, and a draft of the five-year strategic plan is expected by the end of August.

The CDC infrastructure grant is in progress, and an RFP has been released for the projects, and final approval is expected next month.

Monica also provided legislative updates. House Bill 4577 would change how hearing, vision, and oral health funds are allocated, removing them from local health department distribution and reallocating them directly to schools. If passed, there may still be an opportunity to negotiate contracts with schools to continue providing these services through the health department.

At the federal level, MDHHS announced that it will be rescinding the 1998 interpretation of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA). If implemented, this change could potentially impact the individuals served in our clinics.

Monica shared that MDHHS has advised local health departments to prepare for possible funding delays and stop-work orders. Additionally, a 30% reduction in Emergency Preparedness (EP) funding is expected.

Despite any funding uncertainties, the department remains committed to continuing to serve the community.

V. Existing Business

No discussion.

VI. New Business

No discussion.

VII. Program Reports - Board of Health

A. Personal Health

Nursing director Natalie Johnson reported that all nursing programs received exceptional reviews during the recent accreditation process. The Director of MDHHS also expressed that they were very impressed with the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) program. The department recently received an additional \$10,000 in nutrition funding to support the community. In the last quarter, 136 Veggie Mobile coupons were distributed. The department is searching for opportunities to partner with other local entities to expand this program through winter.

It was also mentioned that the Nurse Practitioner will soon be going on maternity leave.

B. Environmental Health

Environmental Health Director Kasee Johnson provided updates on the properties that were presented at last month's meeting. The Alamo Court property completed the well evaluation process, received an approved water sample, and had its plans for unsuitable soils for the septic system approved with an engineered design. After all permits were approved, the property is now on track to receive a building permit.

The Robb Highway property that requested a deviation for the hauled water supply has submitted all required plans and received final approval.

There is no update at this time on the Statewide Septic Code.

Kasee also provided a brief overview of the Environmental Health Reports for May and June 2025 (full report on file).

A few Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) were reported, including one on Devil's Lake. The department has provided the public with educational materials in response to news releases.

Accreditation for Environmental Health also went well, with positive feedback received during exit interviews.

C. Emergency Preparedness

Health Officer Monica Hunt has submitted several year-end Emergency Preparedness reports. A staff assembly was conducted, and the Year Two Work Plan was received. The department will begin working on the plan's requirements in the upcoming months.

D. Finance

Finance Director Jaime Greenwald reported that Quarter 3 had ended on June 30th, and the third quarter FSRs will be included in the packet next month. There have been no vaccine price changes to report for this quarter. The state has released preliminary funding allocations for next year. State budget submissions were due last Monday, and county budget submissions are due by the end of the month. Contracts for the increased infrastructure funding have been received, as well as the \$74,000 in bridge funding for emerging health threats.

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

IX. Adjournment

The Lenawee County BOH meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM by BOH Chair Dr. Lorrie Tritt.