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Minutes of the Board of Health
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2022
3981 E. Clinton Trail, Charlotte, MI 48813

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mulder at 3:01 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	All present joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attendance Roll Call	Board Members Present: Commissioner Bruce Campbell, Commissioner Joe Brehler, Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, Commissioner Blake Mulder, and Commissioner Ben Geiger. Staff Present: Colette Scrimger (Health Officer), Laura Fox (Personal and Community Health Director), Taresa Lucas (Finance Director) Milea Burgstahler (Public Health Operations Manager), Lauren Metcalfe (Outreach Supervisor), Liz Hatt (Nurse), & Aurelia Pena (Epidemiologist)
4. Motion to Approve the Agenda	Motion by Commissioner Brehler, supported by Commissioner Whittum to approve the agenda as written. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Limited Public Comment (3 minutes per person)	NONE
6. Regular Board Items	<p>a. <u>Motion to Approve the November 22, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes</u> Motion by Commissioner Brehler, supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the November 22, 2022 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.</p> <p>b. <u>Motion to Approve Payables in the Amount of \$247,088.12</u> Motion by Commissioner Whittum, supported by Commissioner Brehler to approve the payables in the amount of \$247,088.12. All Ayes, motion carried.</p> <p>c. <u>Motion to Approve Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report</u> Taresa Lucas presented October 2022 expenditures and noted that Health insurance was not included in this report due to an internal timing issue. Motion by Commissioner Whittum, supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the monthly revenue and expenditures report for July 2022 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.</p>

<p>7. Division Reports and Requests</p>	<p>a. <u>Environmental Health (EH) Division</u></p> <p>NONE</p> <p>b. <u>Personal and Community Health (PCH) Division</u></p> <p>i. HRA Program Update</p> <p>Lauren Metcalfe presented a Health Resource Advocate (HRA) Program Update, sharing that BEDHD hired a total of 6 non-clinical HRA positions. HRA staff have worked with several schools and community partners including Grand Ledge Public Schools, Delton Kellogg Schools, Maple Valley Schools, Waverly Community Schools, Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force, Eaton County Substance Awareness Advisory Group, and United Way to address health concerns in schools. Colette Scrimger announced that funding for this program has been extended through July 2024. Discussion followed, and questions were answered.</p> <p>ii. Impact Story</p> <p>Liz Hatt presented an Impact Story relating to BEDHD offering vaccines to individuals who are homebound. Liz shared that BEDHD staff began administering COVID vaccines in home for clients who had difficulty leaving their home to receive the service elsewhere in April 2021. Clients who have been administered a COVID vaccine at home by BEDHD staff range from 2 years to 103 years old. In October of 2022 the homebound individuals were requesting Bivalent COVID vaccines and adult influenza vaccines. At the end of November 2022, BEDHD started offering homebound influenza vaccination, in addition to COVID vaccination. So far this fall, BEDHD has administered 39 COVID and influenza vaccines to homebound individuals.</p> <p>c. <u>Administrative Division</u></p> <p>i. Funding Updates</p> <p>Colette Scrimger informed the Board that BEDHD has been awarded 2 grants; a \$50,000 grant from the State to help with Community Health Assessment and Community</p>
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	<p>Health Improvement Plan work, and a \$40,000 grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for overdose prevention and health equity work. Colette reminded the board that the HRA program has been funded through July 2024 and shared that there will be 2 additional pots of money coming in fiscal year 2023. The first pot of money will be from the State for ongoing water protection efforts. The second pot of money is from a CDC infrastructure grant the State will be receiving and that will trickle down to BEDHD to expand public health staffing infrastructure. BEDHD should know how much will be awarded for these pots of money in January 2023. Discussion followed, and questions were answered.</p> <p>ii. Fall/Winter Communicable Disease Update Aurelia Pena reported that Barry and Eaton County are seeing a surge in respiratory illnesses earlier this year and saw a surge after the Thanksgiving Holiday in schools. She stated that BEDHD has been working to reeducate schools and help them prepare for illness when students and staff return from Christmas break. COVID community levels have remained “low” but are still increasing. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) hospitalizations and emergency department (ED) visits are declining. RSV cases have been decreasing for the last 3 weeks. Discussion followed, and questions were answered.</p>
<p>8. Other Business</p>	<p>a. <u>Consideration of One-Time Economic Recognition Payment</u> Commissioner Geiger proposed offering a \$1500 one-time economic recognition payment for all employees. Motion by Commissioner Brehler, supported by Commissioner Whittum to approve a one-time economic recognition payment in the amount of \$1500.</p> <p>Colette stated that the payment can be issued by the end of the calendar year by direct deposit.</p>

	<p>Roll Call – Commissioner Brehler – YES, Commissioner Mulder – YES, Commissioner Whittum – YES, Commissioner Campbell – YES, Commissioner Geiger – YES, Commissioner Getty – ABSENT. Motion Carried.</p>
<p>9. Limited Public Comment (3 minutes per person)</p>	<p>The board heard comments from 1 member of the public.</p>
<p>10. Board Member Comments</p>	<p>Commissioner Whittum thanked EH staff for their work and appreciated their support with a septic system issue at Narrow Lake. He commended staff for working with the homeowner and finding a temporary solution.</p> <p>Commissioner Geiger shared that he has been on the Board of Health for 10 years and sees no benefits to splitting the district. He praised BEDHD for being PHAB accredited and regrets not defending BEDHD staff more during the pandemic.</p> <p>Commissioner Brehler recognized BEDHD staff's hard work.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell wished everyone happy holidays and thanked Commissioner Geiger for his time on the board.</p> <p>Commissioner Mulder thanked Commissioner Geiger and Commissioner Whittum for their service.</p>
<p>11. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 pm.</p>

Chair  Colette Scrimger, Health Officer 