



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

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Minutes of the Barry-Eaton District Board of Health April 21, 2023

1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813

1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mulder at 1:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	All present joined for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Attendance Roll Call	<p>Board Members Present: Commissioner Joe Brehler, Commissioner Jim Mott, Commissioner Catherine Getty, Commissioner Bruce Campbell, Commissioner Bob Teunessen, and Commissioner Blake Mulder.</p> <p>Staff Present: Colette Scrimger (Health Officer), Milea Burgstahler (Planning and Promotion Director), Emily Smale (Communications Specialist), Laura Fox (Personal and Community Health Director), Taresa Lucas (Finance Director), Rebekah Condon (Public Health Operations Manager) Rhonda Geething (Billing Clerk), Julee Fuller (Accounting Specialist), Kami Sanders (Accounts Payable Specialist), Diane Slocum (Public Health Registered Nurse).</p>
4. Motion to Approve the Agenda (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Getty, supported by Commissioner Mott to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Limited Public Comment (3 minutes per person)	1 comment
6. Regular Board Items	<p>a. <u>Motion to Approve March 17, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes (ACTION)</u> Motion by Commissioner Brehler, supported by Commissioner Teunessen to approve the March 17, 2023 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.</p> <p>b. <u>Motion to Approve the Payables in the Amount of \$ 205,209.24</u> Motion by Commissioner Brehler, supported by Commissioner Motto to approve the March 2023 payables in the amount of \$205,209.24. All Ayes, motion carried.</p>

	<p>c. <u>Motion to Approve Monthly Revenue/Expenditure and Quarterly Budget Amendments</u></p> <p>Taresa Lucas (Finance Director) presented the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report and Quarterly Budget Amendments.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Brehler, supported by Commissioner Getty to approve the Monthly revenue and expenditures report for March 2023 as presented. All ayes, motion carried</p>
<p>7. Division Reports and Requests</p>	<p>a. Personal and Community Health</p> <p>i. <u>Impact Story – Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)</u></p> <p>Diane Slocum (Registered Nurse) explained that CSHCS attempts to make the cost of having a child with special health care needs no different than that of a child who does not additional health care costs. Currently there are 675 clients enrolled in Children's (290 in Barry, 385 in Eaton). CSHCS Covers hospital admissions, medications, lab work, specialists, and trips for specialty appointments/treatment. Diane is working with a parent now who has over \$200,000 in medical bills that have gone to collections. She has been able to assist this client with completion of a required letter, sent it to their HR, reached out to the hospital to resend bills, and now back bills are being paid. She anticipates the debt will be fully resolved soon. Diane also worked with a pediatrician's office to complete an application for the CSN Fund in hopes to attain \$10,000 toward the purchase of a wheelchair-accessible van for a local family. For families participating, CSHCS can be life-changing in assisting in covering medical bills and other expenses of providing care for that child. Many parents express their extreme gratitude that this program is available to them.</p> <p>ii. <u>WIC Evaluation</u></p>



The Personal and Community Health Division recently went through a week-long Management Evaluation/Accreditation (ACME) for the WIC Program. The ACME and quality assurance activities are designed to maintain compliance with Federal Regulations and MDHHS/ WIC Division Policies as well as improve client services, clinic flow, and program efficiency. Under the leadership of Laurel McCamman, the staff seamlessly passed the ACME with a near-perfect report despite there being over 100 indicators the program must meet. This is phenomenal!! The evaluator had many great things to say about our WIC program and so did the clients that were interviewed as part of the evaluation.

Special acknowledgments include:

- Excellent customer service by the staff. Clients described them as understanding, respectful and wonderful!

b. Administration Division

i. Board Education – Finance Team

Taresa Lucas (Finance Director) gave an overview of the finance team. Taresa introduced all members of the team to the board and extended sincere gratitude and pride for the work they do.

ii. Impact Story – Economic Payment Impact

Emily Smale (Communication Specialist) shared with the board a community impact story of an employee who used the economic payments and longevity payments to buy a condo after fifteen years of renting an apartment. This employee is excited to own their own home in Eaton County.

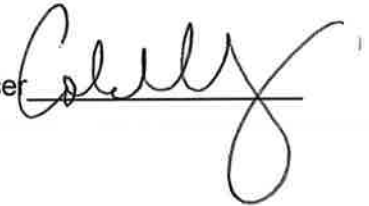
iii. Proposal to contract with Public Sector Consultants for \$39,497.00 (ACTION)

	<p>Colette asked the board to approve \$39,497.00 for Public Sector Consultants to facilitate our 5-year strategic planning process. This process will begin in May and will hopefully be completed by September.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Brehler, supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the purchase, not to exceed \$40,000.00 for Public Sector Consultants. All ayes, motion carried.</p>
8. Other Business (If needed)	NONE
9. Limited Public Comment (3 minutes per person)	NONE
10. Board Member Comments	The board had some discussion about the benefits/value/efficiencies of operating a district health department versus a single-county health department.
11. Adjournment	Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 1:47 pm.

Blake Mulder, Chair



Colette Scrimger, Health Officer



NEXT MEETING: MAY 19, 2023 HASTINGS, MI

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