



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

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Minutes of the Barry-Eaton District Board of Health
 April 18, 2025
 1033 Health Care Dr, Charlotte MI 48813
 1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Catherine Getty at 1:00 pm
2. Attendance Roll Call	<p>Board Members Present: Commissioner Catherine Getty, Commissioner Jim Mott, Commissioner Bob Teunessen, Commissioner Jane Whitacre and Commissioner Keith Barber.</p> <p>Staff Present: Colette Scrimger (Health Officer), Milea Burgstahler (PPE Director), Rebekah Condon (Operations Manager), Kali Nichols (Personal and Community Health Director), and Jay VanStee (Environmental Health Director).</p>
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Commissioner Tuenessen to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carries.
4. Approve the March 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Mott, Supported by Commissioner Whitacre to approve the March 21, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Limited Public Comment	None
6. Finance Report	<p>Colette Scrimger (Health Officer) gave the Board an overview of the recent financial and staffing reductions. Board members asked questions and some discussion took place. Sarah Jennings (Maner Costerisan) reviewed the monthly financial statement and gave an overview of the quarterly budget amendments.</p> <p><u>Motion to approve the Quarterly Budget Amendments</u></p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Mott to approve the quarterly budget amendments. All Ayes, motion carries.</p> <p><u>Motion to approve the Payables in the amount of \$279,296.68</u></p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen, Supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the payables for \$279,296.68. All ayes, motion carries.</p>



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7. Standing Reports

a. Environmental Health Division

i. FDA Food Grant Award

Jodi Pessell (Environmental Health Supervisor) and Amy Sharrow (Environmental Health Data Specialist) presented an overview of the recently awarded FDA food grant. They outlined the grant's objectives and detailed BEDHD's strategic approach to meeting the required standards within the five-year timeframe. Amy provided an in-depth explanation of the implementation process, noting that BEDHD is one of only two health departments in Michigan pursuing these elevated food program standards. Commissioners engaged with questions throughout the presentation.

b. Planning, Promotion and Evaluation Division

i. Day at the Capitol

Milea Burgstahler (Public Health Preparedness and Education Director) reported on her recent participation in Public Health Day at the Capitol. She emphasized the critical importance of public health representation at such legislative events and presented a detailed overview of the Michigan Association for Local Public Health's (MALPH) current legislative priorities. Following a productive discussion of these priorities with the Board, Burgstahler proudly announced that BEDHD had received the prestigious Jean Chabut Award in recognition of the department's successful re-certification through Project Public Health Ready (PPHR), highlighting the department's continued excellence in emergency preparedness.

c. Personal and Community Health Division

i. Measles Update

Paige Strang (Public Health Nurse) provided the Board with a comprehensive update on the current measles outbreak, addressing both national trends and the specific situation in Michigan. She detailed BEDHD's response protocols and



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	<p>intervention strategies, specifically identifying confirmed cases within Barry and Eaton Counties and their community impact. Strange outlined the department's contact tracing efforts and presented evidence-based recommendations for outbreak containment. Board members participated in a discussion and asked relevant questions.</p> <p>ii. WIC Food Dollar Update</p> <p>Leslie Bagneschi (Registered Dietitian) presented current metrics and outcomes from BEDHD's WIC program, sharing key performance data. She introduced the Produce Connect Program to the Board, explaining its implementation framework and nutritional objectives. Commissioners engaged in a thorough discussion about the program's logistics and community health benefits, exploring both immediate impacts and long-term potential for improving nutritional outcomes among vulnerable populations.</p>
<p>8. Health Officer Report</p>	<p>Colette Scrimger (Health Officer) provided a comprehensive analysis of Essential Local Public Health Services (ELPHS) funding. She detailed the structural framework of this critical funding stream and presented a strategic overview of how BEDHD allocates and leverages these resources to maximize public health impact throughout the service area. Her presentation clarified the relationship between state funding priorities and local implementation.</p>
<p>9. Other Business</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair Catherine Getty adjourned the meeting at 2:27 pm</p>

Catherine Getty, Chair Catherine Getty Colette Scrimger, Health Officer Colette

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