



# Barry-Eaton District Health Department

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Minutes of the Barry-Eaton District Board of Health  
 May 16, 2025  
 330 W. Woodlawn Avenue, Hastings, MI 49058  
 1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Getty at 1:08 pm
2. Attendance Roll Call	<p>Board Members Present: Commissioner Catherine Getty, Commissioner Jim Mott, Commissioner Keith Barber and Commissioner Bruce Campbell.</p> <p>Staff Present: Rebekah Condon (Operations Manager), Kali Nichols (Personal and Community Health Director), and Milea Burgstahler (PPE Director).</p>
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda	Motion by Commissioner Mott, Supported by Commissioner Barber to approve the agenda as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Approve the April 18 2025, Board Meeting Minutes (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Campbell, Supported by Commissioner Barber to approve the April 18, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Retirement System Annual Report - 2024	Rebekah Condon, Operations Manager, gave the board the Annual Retirement Report from MERS.
6. Limited Public Comment	None
7. Finance Report	<p>a. Review of the Monthly Financial Statement</p> <p>Sarah Jennings, Maner Costerisan, gave a financial update including an overview of the Budget Amendments. Commissioners asked clarifying questions; all were answered.</p> <p>b. Approve Budget Amendments (ACTION)</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Mott to approve the Budget Amendments. Roll Call vote:</p> <p>Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Keith Barber: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye</p> <p>c. Approve Payables in the Amount of \$434,132.51 (ACTION)</p>



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	<p>Motion by Commissioner Mott, Supported by Commissioner Tuenessen to approve the payables. Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Keith Barber: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye</p> <p>d. Approve purchase over \$5,000 – Vaccine Fridge (Action)</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Barber to approve the purchase of a vaccine refrigerator not to exceed \$15,000.00. Supported by Commissioner Mott. Roll Call vote:</p> <p>Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Keith Barber: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye</p>
<p>e. Standing Reports</p>	<p>a. Planning, Promotion and Evaluation Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milea Burgstahler, PPE Director, delivered an update to the board regarding strategic plan progress. Her report confirmed that all key initiatives remain on schedule for successful completion by the end of fiscal year 2025.</li> <li>ii. Aurelia Pena (Epidemiologist) and Maddie Vervaeke (Emergency Preparedness Coordinator) presented a comprehensive overview on the BEDHD Emerging Threats Team's current initiatives. Their presentation highlighted five priority areas under active monitoring and strategic planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communicable Disease Surveillance - Tracking infectious disease patterns and implementing early detection systems</li> <li>2. Vector-borne Disease Management - Monitoring and controlling diseases transmitted by mosquitoes, ticks, and other vectors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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3. Climate-Related Health Impacts - Addressing health consequences of extreme weather events and changing environmental conditions
4. Emergency Communications Systems - Enhancing information dissemination during public health emergencies
5. Overdose Prevention and Response - Implementing data-driven strategies to combat substance abuse crises

The team outlined specific preparedness protocols and intervention strategies deployed for each threat category, emphasizing a proactive, evidence-based approach to community health protection.

b. Personal and Community Health Division

- i. Kristen Rayner (Health Access Supervisor) provided insight into her work with the Connections Program. During her presentation, she outlined the program's structure and mission, shared a compelling case study that illustrated its practical impact, and highlighted the extensive network of community partnerships she has developed to enhance health access services. Her overview demonstrated how these collaborative relationships strengthen the program's ability to connect individuals with necessary health resources and support.
- ii. Amy Wright (Community Health Worker) presented a moving impact story to the Board highlighting her comprehensive support for a vulnerable resident. She addressed multiple challenges faced by her client, including food insecurity, transportation limitations, and grief. Amy's holistic approach included organizing home cleanup assistance, securing food resources, helping with Medicaid reapplication, facilitating connections to faith-based support, and arranging grief counseling services. She further improved the client's situation



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	<p>by coordinating with the Commission on Aging to provide Meals on Wheels, demonstrating how effective community health work can transform lives through persistent advocacy and resource coordination. Amy's efforts showcased the meaningful difference compassionate intervention can make in addressing complex client needs.</p>
<p>f. Closed Session</p>	<p>Closed Session (ACTION)                  Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Mott to enter Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss a written legal opinion from counsel (exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(g)). Roll Call vote:                  Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye                  Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye                  Commissioner Keith Barber: Aye                  Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye</p>
<p>g. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 2:25 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Mott to direct counsel to proceed as discussed in Closed Session (ACTION). Roll Call vote:                  Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye                  Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye                  Commissioner Keith Barber: Aye                  Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye</p>
<p>h. Other Business</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>i. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chairperson Getty adjourned the meeting at 2:29 pm.</p>

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NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2025 in Charlotte, MI

Should any person attending this meeting require accommodations, please notify the office three business days prior to the meeting at 517-541-2694.