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Minutes of the Barry-Eaton District Board of Health
October 17, 2025
1033 Health Care Dr, Charlotte, MI 48813
1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Getty at 1:00 PM
2. Attendance Roll Call	Board Members Present: Commissioner Catherine Getty, Commissioner Jim Mott, Commissioner Bruce Campbell, Commissioner Jane Whitacre, and Commissioner Bob Tuenessen. Staff Present: Rebekah Condon (Health Officer), Milea Burgstahler (PPE/EH Director), and Kali Nichols (PCH Director).
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda	Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Commissioner Tuenessen to approve the agenda as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Approve the September 19, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen, Supported by Commissioner Whitacre to approve the September 19, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Limited Public Comment	None
6. Finance Report	a. Review of the Monthly Financial Statement Sarah Jennings, Maner Costerisan, gave a financial update. b. Approve Payables in the Amount of \$262,106.50 (ACTION) Motion by Commissioner Mott, Supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the payables. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Standing Reports	a. Environmental Health i. Amy Sharrow provided background on the Retail Food Standards Grant, including its purpose and development. She explained the role of the Food Safety Advisory Council, which brings together public health professionals, industry representatives, and consumers to discuss food safety issues. While previous meetings had low participation, this year's virtual meeting had 12 registrants and 6 attendees—all industry owners and operators. The group discussed



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upcoming regulatory changes, including requirements for food safety training, challenges around rising food costs and maintaining food safety, and data on common violations. The council agreed to meet twice per year moving forward. A discussion followed, and all questions were addressed.

b. Personal & Community Health

- i. Laura described a confirmed tuberculosis (TB) case at a facility in Eaton County. She explained TB as a disease and outlined public health steps for testing and treating exposed individuals. Staff contacted the facility to assess the number of employees, shift structure, and working environment to determine the scope of potential exposure. Public health staff conducted onsite follow-up for testing and treatment, collaborating with the Medical Director and neighboring health departments. Barriers included language differences and lack of access to primary care providers.
- ii. Laura also presented a case of Salmonella Typhi in a student. She described the disease, follow-up testing protocols, and public health response. The team worked with the Washtenaw County Health Department to provide education to providers and students in high-risk populations. Efforts in Eaton County focused on household contacts and follow-up testing, with guidance and support from MDHHS. Questions were asked and answered.
- iii. Chris Chesla-Hughes introduced an updated immunization waiver process that has shifted from an in-person model to a hybrid format. Clients now complete an online, self-paced educational session covering vaccines, disease symptoms, risks, history, interactive quiz questions, and additional resources. Upon completion, clients schedule an appointment at the health department to finalize paperwork. This new process has saved significant staff hours to date, reduced scheduling delays during peak periods, shortened



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	client wait times, and improved overall efficiency and service capacity. Questions were asked and answered.
8. Health Officers Report	a. Proposal to add 0.2 FTE to PCH Supervisor (ACTION) Rebekah proposed an additional 0.2 FTE (8 hours) added to one of the current PCH Supervisor positions assisting with reorganization of tasks. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye Commissioner Jane Whitacre: Aye Commissioner Bob Tuenessen: Aye Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Commissioner Tuenessen. All Ayes, Motion passes. b. Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Commissioner Mott to exit closed session at 2:00 PM. All Ayes, motion carried.
9. Other Business	None.
10. Adjournment	Chairperson Getty adjourned the meeting at 2:03 PM.

Catherine Getty, Chair

Rebekah Condon, Health Officer

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 21, 2025 in HASTINGS, MI

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