



# Barry-Eaton District Health Department

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Minutes of the Barry-Eaton District Board of Health  
November 21, 2025  
330 W. Woodlawn Ave, Hastings, MI 49058  
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	<p>Board Members Present: Commissioner Catherine Getty, Commissioner Keith Barber, Commissioner Bruce Campbell, and Commissioner Bob Tuenessen.</p> <p>Staff Present: Rebekah Condon (Health Officer), Milea Burgstahler (PPE/EH Director), and Kali Nichols (PCH Director).</p>
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda	Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Tuenessen to approve the agenda as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Approve the October 17, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen, Supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the October 17, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Limited Public Comment	None
6. Finance Report	<p>a. Review of the Monthly Financial Statement Sarah Jennings, Maner Costerisan, gave a financial update.</p> <p>b. Approve Payables in the Amount of \$270,838.58 (ACTION) Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Tuenessen to approve the payables. All ayes, motion carried.</p>
7. Standing Reports	<p>a. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Award Presentation – Jim Yarger, retired Barry County Emergency Manager, presented Maddie Vervaeke, BEDHD Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, the Rising Star Award on behalf of the Michigan Emergency Management Association. The board acknowledged and congratulated Maddie for her achievement.</p> <p>b. Environmental Health</p>



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i. Milea Burgstahler provided a staffing update for the Environmental Health Division. The department is recruiting for three Environmental Health Specialist positions following recent staff resignations due to employees accepting positions at EGLE and Ingham County. Milea outlines strategies to maintain continuity of services during this staffing shortage, including coordination with other health departments to support inspection activities and consultation with MDARD and EGLE. Discussion followed and questions from the board were addressed.

c. **Personal & Community Health**

i. Laurel McCamman, Maternal Child Health Supervisor, presented an overview of the WIC program in Michigan. She reported that the Barry-Eaton WIC program serves approximately 2,000 clients per month, the majority of whom are children ages 1–5, with infants representing about 20% of the caseload. Laurel reviewed current food benefit levels, noting that children ages 1–5 receive \$26 per month, while pregnant women receive approximately \$47–52 per month. In 2024, WIC funding resulted in approximately \$1.6 million in food expenditures by Barry-Eaton clients.

Courtney Madalinski, WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, provided an overview of the Peer Counselor role and shared several examples of client impact. She assisted an 18-year-old first-time mother with limited family support who successfully breastfed for over a year, and also supported a working mother who, after job loss and enrollment in Medicaid and WIC, regularly attended the Baby Café and breastfed for more than a year. Additionally, Courtney described her work with a mother experiencing transportation barriers and no family support, conducting weekly virtual visits to provide breastfeeding



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	guidance and assisting her with enrollment in Medicaid and WIC. Commissioners expressed appreciation to Courtney for her dedication and support to mothers in the community.
8. Other Business	a. December Meeting Discussion occurred regarding the December meeting date and anticipated attendance. It was confirmed that there will be no change to the scheduled December meeting.
9. Adjournment	Chairperson Getty adjourned the meeting at 1:36 PM.

Catherine Getty, Chair

Rebekah Condon, Health Officer

NEXT MEETING: December 19, 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.

