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Minutes of the Barry-Eaton District Board of Health
March 20, 2026
1033 Health Care Dr, Charlotte, MI 48113
1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Catherine Getty at 1:09 pm
2. Attendance Roll Call	Board Members Present: Commissioner Catherine Getty, Commissioner Jim Mott, Commissioner Bruce Campbell, Commissioner Jane Whitacre and Commissioner Keith Barber. Staff Present: Rebekah Condon (Health Officer), and Kali Nichols (Personal & Community Health Director), Sarah Jennings (Maner Costerisan)
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Commissioner Barber to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carries.
4. Approve the January 16, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Mott, Supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve January 16, 2026, 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) reviewed the monthly financial statement and provided an overview of the current budget. b. <u>Motion to approve the January & February Payables in the amount of \$627,216.41.</u> Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Whitacre to approve the payables for \$627,216.41. Roll Call Vote: Barber – Yes Getty – Yes Mott – Yes Campbell – Yes Whitacre – Yes Motion carried.
7. Standing Reports	a. Environmental Health Division



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i. Rebekah Condon (Health Officer) provided an environmental health enforcement update on two separate situations. The first property had sanitary code violations and health and safety concerns, including an unapproved hand-dug well servicing an Airbnb and an unapproved septic system. An imminent health threat order was issued in September 2025, resulting in immediate court intervention and a compliance order in November 2025. A hearing was held in January 2026, and in February 2026, a preliminary injunction was granted. The dwelling's order vacated, and the Airbnb was ordered to cease operations. The health department outlined compliance requirements for the property owner. The second property had a failed septic system with a collapsing tank and was currently unoccupied. A violation was issued, and the owner was required to pump, crush, and fill the system and connect to the municipal sewer. The issue was not corrected, and an order to condemn was issued in February 2026.

b. Personal and Community Health Division

i. Childhood Lead Program and Abatement Update: Liz Hatt, RN, provided an update on lead and abatement efforts. She shared statistics on children tested for lead and those with elevated blood lead levels. Liz also provided a closing update on a client abatement case ongoing since summer 2023 involving two young children with elevated blood lead levels. The State of Michigan provided abatement support to the family, including new bathroom and kitchen faucets, home cleaning, replacement windows and doors, painting, flooring replacement, and new siding and roofing. Liz highlighted the success of nursing case management and abatement efforts by showing that the children's blood lead levels have steadily decreased and are now within the optimal range.



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	<p>ii. HIV Education: Liz provided an update on the health department's HIV services. BEDHD offers free HIV screening, and the CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 be tested at least once. Additional services include testing for STIs such as chlamydia and gonorrhea, assessing eligibility for PrEP, providing referrals for further testing if needed, and connecting clients to prevention and treatment resources. Liz explained the partnership between BEDHD and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) for clients who test positive for HIV. This partnership provides follow-up support for individuals and their partners.</p>
<p>8. Health Officer Report</p>	<p>a. Rebekah Condon (Health Officer) presented a staff update. She announced two upcoming retirements of long-term staff, introduced several new staff members, and celebrated an internal promotion. Retirements: Jodi Pessel, Community Services Supervisor, celebrating 26 years of service and Bea Popp, Hearing & Vision Technician, celebrating 10 years of service. New Hires include Rachel Emmons, Lexy Porter, Taylor Vorman, Montana Krukowski, and Brook Foland. Amber Ghiardi has been internally promoted to Community Services Supervisor.</p> <p>b. FY25 Audit Report: Rebekah Condon (Health Officer) reviewed the recent preliminary audit findings with the board. There was a chance for questions or comments, some discussion was had. The final report will be presented to the board once the audit is finalized.</p>
<p>9. Other Business</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion by Commissioner Mott to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm</p>

Catherine Getty, Chair

Rebekah Condon, Health Officer

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