



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

Barry County: 330 W. Woodlawn Ave., Hastings MI 49058
Phone: 269-945-9516 Fax: 517-543-7737
Eaton County: 1033 Health Care Dr., Charlotte, MI 48813
Phone: 517-543-2430 Fax: 517-543-7737

Minutes of the Barry-Eaton District Board of Health

May 28, 2026

330 Woodlawn Ave., Hastings, MI, 49058

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	Board Members Present: Commissioner Catherine Getty, Commissioner Jim Mott, Commissioner Bob Teunessen, Commissioner Jane Whitacre and Commissioner Keith Barber. Staff Present: Rebekah Condon (Health Officer), Kali Nichols (Personal and Community Health Director), Milea Burgstahler (Planning and Promotion Director, Interim Environmental Health Director), and Sarah Jennings (Maner Costerisan) Motion by Commissioner Teunessen, Supported by Commissioner Barber to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carries.
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Commissioner Barber to approve the March 20, 2026 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Limited Public Comment	None
6. Finance Report	a. <u>Review of the Monthly Financial Statement</u> Sarah Jennings (Maner Costerisan) reviewed the monthly financial statement and provided an overview of the quarterly budget amendments. b. <u>Motion to approve the Payables in the amount of \$464,073.87</u> Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Commissioner Mott to approve the payables for \$464,073.87. Roll Call Vote: Teunessen – Yes Barber – Yes Getty – Yes Whitacre – Yes Mott – Yes Motion carried.



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

Barry County: 330 W. Woodlawn Ave., Hastings MI 49058
Phone: 269-945-9516 Fax: 517-543-7737

Eaton County: 1033 Health Care Dr., Charlotte, MI 48813
Phone: 517-543-2430 Fax: 517-543-7737

	c. <u>Motion to approve the Quarterly Budget Amendments</u> Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Commissioner Teunessen to approve the quarterly budget amendments. Roll Call Vote: Whitacre – Yes Getty – Yes Teunessen – Yes Barber – Yes Mott – Yes Motion carried.
7. Standing Reports	a. Environmental Health Division i. <u>Household Hazardous Waste Event</u> Montana Krukowski (Environmental Health Supervisor) provided an overview of BEDHD's role in the recent Household Hazardous Waste Event. Discussion included the grants and funding sources that support the event, as well as future plans. ii. <u>Approval For a Colilert System</u> Milea Burgstahler (Environmental Health Director) reported that the Environmental Health Division anticipates receiving state funding for beach monitoring activities. As part of this effort, the department is proposing the purchase of a Colilert System to analyze water samples collected during routine beach monitoring for the presence and concentration of E. coli. Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Teunessen to approve the purchase of the Colilert System and associated equipment for an amount not to exceed \$14,000. Roll Call Vote: Barber – Yes Teunessen – Yes Getty – Yes Whitacre – Yes Mott – Yes



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

Barry County: 330 W. Woodlawn Ave., Hastings MI 49058
Phone: 269-945-9516 Fax: 517-543-7737

Eaton County: 1033 Health Care Dr., Charlotte, MI 48813
Phone: 517-543-2430 Fax: 517-543-7737

	Motion carried. b. Personal and Community Health Division i. <u>Children's Special Health Care Services Update</u> Diane Slocum (Nurse) provided an overview of the Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) program. Rachel Clark (CSHCS Program Representative) shared a recent success story involving families of children with Type 1 diabetes who were facing extended enrollment wait times. Through coordination with the program, enrollment was expedited, allowing families to access needed medications and receive assistance with associated costs. Diane also discussed concerns surrounding negotiations between Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Michigan Medicine, which had created uncertainty for families receiving specialty care. She reported that an agreement has been reached, allowing families to continue accessing specialist services without disruption. ii. <u>Centering Program Collaboration</u> Laurel McCamman (Maternal and Child Health Supervisor) highlighted a recent partnership with Corewell Pennock's Centering Pregnancy Program. She provided an overview of the program and BEDHD's role in supporting participants. BEDHD staff participate in the first and final program sessions, providing information on WIC, department programs and services, breastfeeding support, and immunizations.
8. Health Officer Report	a. <u>Updated Organizational Chart</u> Rebekah provided an overview of proposed changes to the organizational chart. The changes include moving the Epidemiologist under the direct supervision of the Health Officer and placing the Personal and Community Health (PCH) Data Specialist under the supervision of the Epidemiologist. The restructuring is intended to strengthen and coordinate data-related activities across the agency.



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

Barry County: 330 W. Woodlawn Ave., Hastings MI 49058
Phone: 269-945-9516 Fax: 517-543-7737
Eaton County: 1033 Health Care Dr., Charlotte, MI 48813
Phone: 517-543-2430 Fax: 517-543-7737

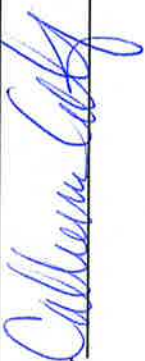
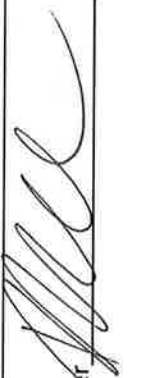
	Motion by Commissioner Mott Supported by Commissioner Whitacre, to approve the updated organizational chart. All ayes, motion carried. b. <u>Job Description Update</u> Rebekah reported updates to the Epidemiologist and PCH Data Specialist job descriptions to reflect expanded agency-wide responsibilities for data support. The Epidemiologist will also have direct staff oversight responsibilities. Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Mott to approve the job description updates as presented. All ayes, motion carried. c. <u>Union Pay Band Update Approval</u> Rebekah presented a proposed update to the union pay bands, including a 7% increase for the Epidemiologist position and a 3% increase for the PCH Data Specialist position. Motion by Commissioner Barber, Supported by Commissioner Mott to approve the proposed union pay band adjustments. All ayes; motion carried. d. <u>Add BOH August 21, 2026 Meeting</u> Motion by Commissioner Whitacre, Supported by Teunessen to add a Board of Health Meeting to the calendar for August 21, 2026. All ayes, motion carried. e. <u>Discussion on National Volunteerism Day</u> Rebekah discussed the possibility of adding a paid volunteer day for staff in recognition of National Volunteerism Day. She noted that she has consulted with legal counsel and the union and has received support. The Board expressed support for the proposal. Rebekah indicated if implemented, a letter of understanding between the Board and the union would be required to implement the benefit in the interim, with the intention of incorporating the provision into the next contract negotiations.
9. Other Business	None



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

Barry County: 330 W. Woodlawn Ave., Hastings MI 49058
Phone: 269-945-9516 Fax: 517-543-7737
Eaton County: 1033 Health Care Dr., Charlotte, MI 48813
Phone: 517-543-2430 Fax: 517-543-7737

10. Adjournment	Motion by Commissioner Teunessen, Support by Commissioner Barber to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Chair Catherine Getty adjourned the meeting at 2:17 pm
-----------------	---

Catherine Getty, Chair  Rebekah Condon, Health Officer 

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