

**Minutes of the Board of Health
Health Department of Northwest Michigan
September 7, 2010**

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Conference Room at the Health Department in Charlevoix, Michigan on September 7, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M., Chairperson, Jack Jones presiding and Gerald Chase, Secretary. Six members of the Board of Health were in attendance, establishing a quorum.

Members in attendance: David Howelman, Jack Jones, Les Atchison, Robert Harkness, Shirlene Tripp, Robert Drebenstedt

Members Excused/Absent: Larry Bargy, Doug Johnson

Staff in attendance: Gerald Chase, Linda Yaroch, Dr. Josh Meyerson, Christie Vogelheim, Carol Paxton, Patricia Fralick, Lynda Bockstahler, Jane Sundmacher

Staff excused/absent: Scott Kendzierski

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Shirlene Tripp and supported by Robert Drebenstedt to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Public comment: None.

STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were distributed with Agenda for review prior to the meeting from the following staff:

- Gerald Chase, MPH, Health Officer
- Linda Yaroch, RN, MPH, Deputy Health Officer
- Joshua Meyerson, M.D., MPH, Medical Director
- Lynda Bockstahler, RN, Director of Adult Health Services
- Carol Paxton, RN, MSN, Director of Emergency Preparedness
- Patricia Fralick, RN, MBA, Director of Family and Community Health Services

Motions from Staff Reports: None

GAYLORD REGIONAL LAB - Gerry reported that he was notified of the accreditation evaluation of the bio-terrorism testing component of the lab by the federal government. They found some deficiencies and wanted a correction plan by September 3rd. The State Director of the Lab felt that we could not make the date for a corrective plan. The State has decided to temporarily close that component of the lab until we can correct those deficiencies and submit the required corrective plan. There was discussion.

FLU SHOTS - Pat Fralick reported that the flu shot will be available to Board members before the October Board of Health meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Motion: Motion was made by Robert Drebenstedt and seconded by David Howelman to approve for payment the month of August, 2010 bills in the amount of \$843,189.19 and employee expenses of \$29,445.03. All yeas. Motion carried.

Unfinished business: Gerry wanted the Board to be aware of the concern of the construction of more oil pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac. The same company that was at fault for the oil leak downstate in the Kalamazoo River has submitted a proposal. The lack of maintenance and the failure of the automated monitoring systems were self-evident in that situation. It is not clear that these issues are being adequately addressed in the current proposal. Since the pipeline encompasses several counties, the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments will review and comment on the proposal. There was discussion.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment:

Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room of the Health Department, Charlevoix., Michigan was fixed as the time and place of the next regular meeting of the Board of Health and the September 7, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerald M. Chase, Health Officer

Jack Jones, Chairperson