

STATE LEGISLATORS ATTEND DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Cadillac, MI, December 15, 2017– Every year in December, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) invites state legislators to attend their Board of Health meeting to hear about legislative priorities for the coming year. This year, five legislators attended, including Senator Darwin Booher (District 35); Senator Judy Emmons (District 33); Representative Curt Vanderwall (District 101); Representative Michele Hoitenga (District 102); and Representative Daire Rendon (District 103).

Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for DHD#10, asked that legislators continue to support the funding partnership established by the public health code so that DHD#10 can continue to provide mandated *Essential Local Public Health Services*, including:

- Drinking Water Safety
- Food Safety
- Communicable Disease Control
- Immunizations
- Hearing Screening
- Vision Screening
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Control
- On-Site Sewage Monitoring/Control

“Without this partnership, we would be hard-pressed to effectively provide these mandated services,” stated Hughes. “Today’s meeting allowed us to provide legislators useful information on the issues we are prioritizing in 2018 and to ask them questions about what they are facing in the coming year.”

Some of the initiatives DHD#10 is asking legislators to support include chronic disease prevention as defined by the Governor’s 4x4 Health & Wellness Plan; maternal and child health outcomes as defined in the Governor’s Infant Mortality Reduction Plan; legislation to assure immunization coverage by all insurances regardless of immunization provider; and comprehensive tobacco legislation to include e-cigarette regulations. Additionally, support is requested for emerging public health issues including Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), vapor intrusion, and prevention of Hepatitis A outbreaks.

“The state of Michigan recognizes the importance of local public health in dealing with, not just their mandated services, but emerging health issues as well,” stated Senator Booher. “As an example, a supplemental budget was recently passed to help address the statewide PFAS issue. This will provide much needed resources to local public health to tackle this issue without having to pull funding from other important programs.”

About DHD #10

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) is Michigan's largest geographical health department, mandated to promote and protect the public from unsafe and hazardous conditions and provide methods of promoting good health and disease prevention.



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Some of the vital programs provided by DHD #10 include Immunizations, Infectious Disease Control, STI Testing and Counseling, WIC, Maternal Infant Health Program, Healthy Families Northern Michigan, Children's Special Health Services, Hearing and Vision Screening, Family Planning, Cancer Screening, Worksite Wellness, Smoking Cessation, Substance Use Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Environmental Health Services. DHD #10 serves Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford counties. For more information, visit www.dhd10.org.

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Image included - from left to right: Kevin Hughes, DHD#10 Health Officer; Representative Daire Rendon; Representative Curt Vanderwall; Representative Michele Hoytenga; Senator Judy Emmons; Senator Darwin Booher

