



Board of Health

Serving Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford Counties.

Notice of Meeting

Friday, April 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
521 Cobb St., Cadillac, MI 49601; 2nd Floor Conference Room

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** (*Richard Schmidt, Chair*)
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Review and Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Review and Approval of the Board of Health Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2025** 1
5. **Public Comment** – *Designated for topics on the Agenda only.*
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Executive Committee (*Richard Schmidt*)
 - b. Finance Committee (*Bryan Kolk*)
 - i. Finance Report (*Christine Lopez*)
 - ii. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll (*Action Item*)
 - c. Personnel Committee (*Robert Baldwin*)
 - d. Legislative Committee (*Nick Krieger*)
7. **Accreditation Certificate – Laura De la Rambelje, MDHHS**
8. **Division Reports**
 - a. Community Health Division (*Christy Rivette*) 5
 - b. Environmental Health Division (*Max Bjorkman*) 8
 - c. Family Health Clinical Division (*Sheila Parker*) 10
 - d. Family Health Home Visiting (*Britney Wright*) 15
 - e. Family Health WIC Division (*Anne Bianchi*) 17
 - f. School Health Division (*Katy Bies*) 19
9. **Administration Reports**
 - a. Medical Director (*Dr. Jennifer Morse, MD*)
 - b. Deputy Health Officer (*Sarah Oleniczak*)
 - c. Health Officer (*Kevin Hughes*) 21
10. **Public Comment** – *Open for any public comment.*
11. **Other Business**
12. **Next Board of Health Meeting – Friday, May 30, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.**
13. **Adjournment**

Members: Please notify Megan Kujawa, at mkujawa@dhd10.org, if you are unable to attend the meeting to be excused. Please arrange for the alternate to attend if you cannot.



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Public Comment Rules

- District Health Department #10 Board of Health meetings will comply with the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.
- District Health Department #10 Board of Health meetings public comment will comply with the public comment rules adopted by the Board of Health on February 21, 2025. They are as follows:
 1. At each Board of Health regular meeting that is open to the public, there shall be a public comment period. It shall be held at the beginning of the meeting following the approval of the meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes, and after administration reports.
 2. The first public comment is designated for topics on the agenda only. The second public comment is open for any public comment.
 3. Any individual desiring to make a public comment shall be requested to first state their name for the record and request that they give their address to the secretary before leaving the meeting.
 4. An individual is limited to three (3) minute time period per public comment. The individual is not limited to one topic.
 5. An individual will not be allowed to speak more than once during a public comment period.
 6. An individual may not transfer, reserve, delegate, or yield any public comment time to other individuals.
 7. All public comments shall be directed to and through the Chairperson of the Board of Health. Individuals shall not directly address any other member of the public, other Board of Health members, or staff.

The Public Comment Rules have been incorporated with the posted agenda for each public meeting of the Board of Health so that they are readily available to each person who desires to speak at the meeting. The Board of Health expects that each person desiring to speak at the meeting will have read and will comply with these rules.



BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health regular meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2025
Wexford County Health Department: 521 Cobb St., Cadillac, MI 49601

A. Call to Order (*Richard Schmidt, Chair*)

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Phil Lewis, Robert Baldwin, David Persons, Shayne Machen, Richard Schmidt, Ron Bacon, Nick Krieger, Gary Lambrix, Star Hughston, Roger Ouwinga, Bryan Kolk, Jim Maike, Paul Erickson, Robert Walker, Gary Taylor, Julie Theobald.

Members Absent: Shawn Kraycs, Dawn Fuller, Chris Jane

Members Excused: Kristine Raymond

Staff Present: Dr. Jennifer Morse, Kevin Hughes, Sarah Oleniczak, Christine Lopez, Max Bjorkman, Terry Felty, George Davis

Guest(s): Members of the Public

C. Review and Approval of the Agenda

Addition of MT Plate Diner in Arcadia Discussion

Addition of F.2.d. DHD#10 Financial Accounts Authorized Signatures

Motion by Jim Maike and seconded by Nick Krieger to approve the Agenda as amended. All in favor, Motion Carried.

D. Public Comment – *Designated for topics on the Agenda Only*

Dyllan Walker from the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, shared his support for Matt and Tracy Catlin and their need to expediate their appeal process to open their diner in Arcadia.

Andrew Stafford, Manistee Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Director, shared his support for Matt and Tracy Catlin and their need to expediate their appeal process to open their diner in Arcadia.

E. MT Plate Diner Arcadia Discussion

Matt Catlin, owner of MT Diner shared the struggles that he encountered trying to open the diner. They were granted a Type II well permit. However, he was issued a notice of non-approval of well installation due to it not meeting the requirements of the permit. He was told that he could have a new well drilled, pursue an Administrative Rules appeal process or hire an engineer to review well construction and current environmental risks on site and determine whether the well is not a risk to public health or contamination. Mr. Catlin did this and is asking the board for support in EGLE's support of his data.

Max Bjorkman informed the board that the appeal went to EGLE and EGLE must approve the appeal. Then he and the health officer would be able to issue an approval letter.

Motion by Jim Maike and seconded by Gary Lambrix to approve the Environmental Health Director and Health Officer issuing an approval letter contingent upon EGLE's approval.

It was recommended that the individuals seek support from their State Legislation Representatives.

Roll Call

Phil Lewis	Yes	Ron Bacon	Yes	Bryan Kolk	Yes
Robert Baldwin	No	Nick Krieger	Yes	Jim Maike	Yes
David Persons	Yes	Gary Lambrix	Yes	Paul Erickson	Yes
Shayne Machen	Yes	Star Hughston	Yes	Robert Walker	Yes
Richard Schmidt	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes	Gary Taylor	No
				Julie Theobald	No

Motion Carried.

F. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee (*Richard Schmidt*)

No Meeting. Kevin had no updates.

2. Finance Committee (*Bryan Kolk*)

- a. Audit Presentation (Luke Downing, Clark Schaefer Hackett)

Mr. Downing reviewed the audit report that was provided to the board by Christine. The audit was favorable.

Motion by Ron Bacon and seconded by Paul Erickson to accept the audit.

Roll Call

Phil Lewis	Yes	Nick Krieger	Yes	Paul Erickson	Yes
Robert Baldwin	Yes	Gary Lambrix	Yes	Robert Walker	Yes
David Persons	Yes	Star Hughston	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Shayne Machen	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes	Julie Theobald	Yes
Richard Schmidt	Yes	Bryan Kolk	Yes		
Ron Bacon	Yes	Jim Maike	Yes		

All in favor, Motion Carried.

- b. Finance Report

Report provided. Christine Lopez presented the finance report through February 28, 2025. The balance sheet reflects a cash balance of \$13.07 million, total assets of \$16.7 million and total liabilities of \$6.9 million. The statement of revenue and expenditure reflects revenues of \$12.6 million and expenses of \$12.2 million. A cash flow analysis through March 27, 2025, reflects a cash balance of \$12.7 million. The accounts payable and payroll expenses are \$2,580,777.70.

- c. Accounts Payable

Motion was made by Ron Bacon and seconded by Chris Jane to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,580,777.70.

Roll Call

Phil Lewis	Yes	Nick Krieger	Yes	Paul Erickson	Yes
Robert Baldwin	Yes	Gary Lambrix	Yes	Robert Walker	Yes
David Persons	Yes	Star Hughston	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Shayne Machen	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes	Julie Theobald	Yes
Richard Schmidt	Yes	Bryan Kolk	Yes		
Ron Bacon	Yes	Jim Maike	Yes		

All in favor, Motion Carried.

- d. DHD#10 Financial Accounts Authorized Signature

Christine explained that due to the retirement of an employee there needs to be a new authorized signer and some of the banks that hold our accounts are requiring board approval.

Motion by Paul Erickson and seconded by Byran Kolk to approve removing Steven Marks as an authorized signer from all of District Health Department #10 financial accounts and replace with Douglas Reed.

Roll Call

Phil Lewis	Yes	Nick Krieger	Yes	Paul Erickson	Yes
Robert Baldwin	Yes	Gary Lambrix	Yes	Robert Walker	Yes
David Persons	Yes	Star Hughston	Yes	Gary Taylor	Yes
Shayne Machen	Yes	Roger Ouwinga	Yes	Julie Theobald	Yes
Richard Schmidt	Yes	Bryan Kolk	Yes		
Ron Bacon	Yes	Jim Maike	Yes		

All in favor, Motion Carried.

3. Personnel Committee (*Robert Baldwin*)

a. Personnel Committee March 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

b. Earned Sick Time Act Plan

Kevin Hughes explained that it was determined that 72 hours leave would be front loaded on January 1 of each year. In addition, an additional code was added for sick time, and this would meet the requirements of documentation and reporting without having to create a whole new bank or taking time away from employees. Employees will not lose any time with the front loading and will continue to accrue the same total amount of PDO annually.

c. Approval of Handbook Policy Changes & Process for ESTA

Motion by Robert Walker and seconded by Ron Bacon to approve the presented policy and process changes for earned and paid sick time in accordance with the law and presented plan.

All in favor, Motion carried.

4. Legislative Committee (*Kevin Hughes*)

- Senate Bill 122 that proposed limiting the ability of health officers to issue emergency orders, changing it to being only able to make suggestions or recommendations.
- House Bill 1169 for a Rare Disease Advisory Council, which is supported by MALPH and Medical Directors.
- The Statewide Sanitary Code is potentially being reintroduced in April.

G. “Fetch” for Use in Site Pans and Contamination Review – Terry Felty, Environmental Health Sanitarian

Terry Felty demonstrated the use of “Fetch” and how it is being implemented in Environmental Health and how they utilize it.

H. Administration Reports

1. Medical Director (*Dr. Jennifer Morse*)

Dr. Morse’s report on Measles and Declining Vaccination Rates, was provided at the meeting. Dr. Morse shared that the effects of COVID, and misinformation, has led to the decline in vaccines and an increase in vaccine preventable infections.

Motion by Nick Krieger and seconded by Julie Theobald to accept Dr. Morse’s recommendations contained within her report. All in favor, Motion Carried.

2. Deputy Health Officer (*Sarah Oleniczak*)

The Regional Planning Team is wrapping up community health assessment reports for MITHrive. The Epi Team is working on preparing a one-page report to be able to share with counties when Kevin does the County updates. The Chronic Disease Summit is open for registration, it is at Ferris State University on May 2, 2025.

3. Health Officer (*Kevin Hughes*)

- a. Epi Team – Continuing to keep an eye on the flu and measles.
- b. PFAS Update – Current focus is on Cadillac/Wexford County for sampling.
- c. Enforcement Actions – None
- d. Prosecutor Meetings - Has been able to meet with all prosecuting attorneys except for one county.
- e. Committee and Board – Has been asked to serve on the MCDC (Dental Clinics) Board For a three-year term and on the Accreditation, Standards Review Committee Board for cycle 9.
- f. County Meetings with Staff – wrapped those staff meetings up and will share feedback with leadership. April there will be regional emergency preparedness trainings taking place, counties are divided up into three sections. Representatives from MDHHS will be at the April Board meeting to present the agency with Accreditation Certificates.

I. Public Comment – *Open for any public comments.*
None.

J. Other Business
None.

K. Next Board of Health Meeting

- Friday, April 25, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

L. Adjournment
A motion was made by Ron Bacon and seconded by Roger Ouwinga to adjourn the meeting.

Richard Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Richard Schmidt, Chair

Date

Paul Erickson, Secretary

Date

**Board of Health
Community Health Division
2nd Quarter FY 2025 Report**

Community Connections

	Referred Participants		Enrolled Participants*		Resource Pathways	
	Q2	YTD	Q2	YTD	Q2	YTD
Crawford	38	82	5	9	46	128
Kalkaska	85	152	8	13	47	75
Lake	16	27	5	11	28	110
Manistee	105	201	10	40	56	158
Mason	22	42	9	14	37	59
Mecosta	36	73	10	17	25	27
Missaukee	22	58	6	10	17	25
Newaygo	19	35	0	4	28	34
Oceana	19	40	2	6	2	15
Wexford	76	175	9	35	22	81
TOTAL	438	885	64	159	308	712

*Still contacting Q2 referrals; enrollment tracked by date of original referral

Most frequent resource needs for pathways include food security, housing, transportation, and utility assistance. Staff completed 1,127 Medicaid Health Plan outreach calls in Q2. Wait times for resource navigation were reduced by half due to onboarding of new staff (2 replacements, one new position).

Substance Use Prevention

- Provided Catch My Breath vaping prevention programming to 86 students in Oceana County
- Provided 3 lunch-n-learns on substance use prevention to 145 students at various Mason County schools
- Provided The Teen Room Project to 137 parents/youth at Shelby MS in Oceana County

Harm Reduction

- Distributed 253 Naloxone boxes via DHD#10 free vending machines; 512 Naloxone boxes distributed YTD
- Distributed 256 safe use kits in Q2; 447 safe use kits distributed YTD

Oral Health –

- Oral health outreach presentations and events reached 1,236 youth and families in Oceana (524), Newaygo (259), Missaukee (176), Manistee (6), Crawford (238), and Mecosta (33) Counties.
- 112 oral health assessments were completed on youth in Oceana County
- 33 school aged children were treated with fluoride and sealants in Oceana County

Tobacco Control, Prevention, and Cessation Efforts –

- 11 referrals received in Q2 with 4 enrollments; YTD received 24 referrals and 5 enrolled. In Q2, 5 clients have reduced/quit tobacco.
- Staff started a pilot vaping cessation program in Wexford and Missaukee Counties as an alternative to suspension program with 4 students reached.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) –

- Staff partnered with local schools to complete Cooking with Kids curriculum with 92 students in Crawford (36), Kalkaska (29), and Mecosta (27) Counties.
- Riverview Elementary in Mecosta County purchased new crosswalk signs and bike racks to install around the school campus in response to results of an active community assessment previously completed by DHD#10 staff. These enhancements encourage physical activity and active transportation, as well as improve safety. A healthy food pantry assessment was completed at Manna Pantry (Mecosta County) and staff are identifying improvements based on assessment findings.

National Diabetes Prevention Program –

- DHD#10 was approved by the CDC to offer the program through a hybrid model which participants can engage in a cohort both in-person and online through a live virtual platform.
- The Kalkaska County cohort completed their year-long program with 89% of participants meeting CDC program recognition benchmarks.
- Staff implemented DPP cohorts in Newaygo (5 participants) and Crawford (10 participants) Counties.
- An informational recording about the Diabetes Prevention Program is posted on the LiveWell 4 Health website for public viewing: <https://www.livewell4health.org/diabetes-prevention>

Environmental Health Outreach and Education –

- Staff promoted “Radon Action Month” in January and distributed 305 radon testing kits across the jurisdiction.
- Staff responded to 18 home health complaints and navigated them to useful resources related to mold, bed bugs, pests, etc.
- Staff presented information on various environmental health topics at 17 community sites across the jurisdiction, reaching over 750 people.

LiveWell REACH (Lake, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties) – The REACH leadership team approved a \$5,000 mini grant RFP from Village of Baldwin Down Development authority to implement a policy, system, or environmental (PSE) change focusing on crosswalks in Lake County. The cooperative agreement allocates funds to support partner PSE efforts in the communities of focus through an RFP process.

PLEASE JOIN US – The Northern Michigan Chronic Disease Prevention Coalition Summit, supported by DHD#10 and the LiveWell REACH project, will be held at Ferris State University on Friday, May 2nd. See attached flyer for more information. To register, contact Travis Stenger: tstenger@dhd10.org or 231-465-1934.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Rivette*



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION: A PATHWAY TO WHOLE PERSON HEALTH

2025 NMCDPC SUMMIT

Join us for an event full of collaboration, learning, and networking with a focus on chronic disease prevention as a pathway to whole person health.

▶ **May 2nd, 2025**

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

▶ **The Ballroom at Ferris State University David L. Eisler Center**

805 Campus Dr.

Big Rapids, MI 49307

SCAN ME!



*Scan the QR code or follow the link to register:
<https://forms.office.com/r/eNBrW1q9fn>

*Registration is required. For more information, contact Travis Stenger: tstenger@dhd10.org.

**Board of Health
Environmental Health Division Report
2025 2nd Quarter Report**

Water Well Private and Type III

Number of Well Permits Issued	260
Number of Wells Drilled	282
Number of Abandoned Wells Plugged	106
Number of Field Predrilling Site Evaluations	260
Number of Random Construction Inspections	0
Number of Final Inspections with Well Construction	66
Number of Final Inspections with Well Construction Code Violations	18

Sewage Residential

Number of Parcels Evaluated	235
Number of Onsite Sewage Treatment Permits Issued	197
Number of Alternative or Engineered System Plans Approved	0
Number of Appeals Processed	0
Number of Inspections Conducted during and/or after Construction	233
Number of Failed System Evaluations Conducted	128
Number of Complaints Received	13
Number of Complaints Investigated	4

Sewage Non Residential

Number of Parcels Evaluated	11
Number of Onsite Sewage Treatment Permits Issued	9
Number of Alternative or Engineered System Plans Approved	0
Number of Appeals Processed	0
Number of Inspections Conducted during and/or after Construction	0
Number of Failed System Evaluations Conducted	7
Number of Complaints Received	0
Number of Complaints Investigated	0

Food Service

Food Inspections Conducted	327
STFU/Mobile Inspected	9
Temps Done	12
Reinspection	64
Plan Received	17
Plans Approved	9
Pre-Opening Inspections	12
Food Complaints	12
Suspected Foodborne Illness Investigated	3

1. Type II	
a. Permit	3
b. Well Final Inspections	7
c. Sanitary Surveys	37
d. Paid Level 2 Assessments	26
e. MR Violations Issued (Monthly and Quarterly)	40
2. Tanning Inspections	11
3. Body Art Inspections	
a. New Facility Inspections	3
b. Temporary Facility Inspections	4
c. Routine Annual Inspection	0
d. Body Art Complaints	0
4. Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring Sampling Events	1
5. Pool Inspections	4
6. Campground Inspections	
a. Facility Inspection	0
b. Temporary Campground License Issued	0
7. Septage Inspections	0
8. HAB Investigation	
a. Sampling Event	0
b. Public Health Advisory Issued	0
9. Inland Lakes Beach Monitoring	
a. Sampling Event	0
b. Public Health Advisory Issued	0
10. Great Lakes Beach Monitoring	
a. Sampling Event	0
b. Public Health Advisory Issued	0
11. DHHS Inspections (Per Clerical/EH Log)	6

*Respectfully Submitted,
Max Bjorkman*

Board of Health Family Health Clinical - Division Report 2025 2nd Quarter (Jan 1 – March 31st) Report

Immunizations:

- Announcing the Launch of Our Immunization Coalition: We are excited to collaborate with local provider offices to enhance immunization efforts in our communities. Our first meeting in Wexford was a great success, bringing together provider offices and our immunization nurses for valuable updates and shared strategies.
- Vaccination efforts this quarter were focused on COVID, Flu, RSV, and Measles.
- 1503 Immunizations and 280 TST tests administrated in the 2nd quarter. See the separate Imms. Monthly stats for specific data.



FP/STI/HIV:

- Training for all clinical staff has begun and officially started Hepatitis C treatment with the community. This is a service that has been unavailable in our immediate area for many years. Nurse Practitioner Noel has been busy doing outreach in the northern counties to provider offices and urgent cases.

Communicable Disease:

- The increased focus on Measles, due to outbreaks in other states, has resulted in us seeing a number of suspected measles cases who have been tested, but thankfully all have been negative and/or NOT DETECTED in our jurisdiction. We continue to provide awareness and education on prevention in all counties.
- Outreach included an educational in-service to Wexford County – Mackinaw Trail Pediatric office. Communicable Disease Coordinator, Northern Supervisor, and Public Health Nurse provided education on measles, varicella, and other vaccine preventable diseases.

Family Planning

October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Age Group	Female Users	Male Users	Total Users
Under 15	7	0	7
15-17	50	5	55
18-19	58	1	59
20-24	88	13	101
25-29	54	12	66
30-34	54	6	60
35-39	44	8	52
40-44	38	8	46
Over 44	21	6	27
Total Users	414	59	473

- Telehealth visits are available for all patients is appropriate (patient still needs to come in for pap and specimen collected if they need those services).

STI/HIV

October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Age Group	Female Users	Male Users	Total Users
20-24	1	0	1
25-29	3	0	3
30-34	5	0	5
35-39	6	0	6
40-44	21	0	21
Over 44	98	0	98
Total Users	134	0	134

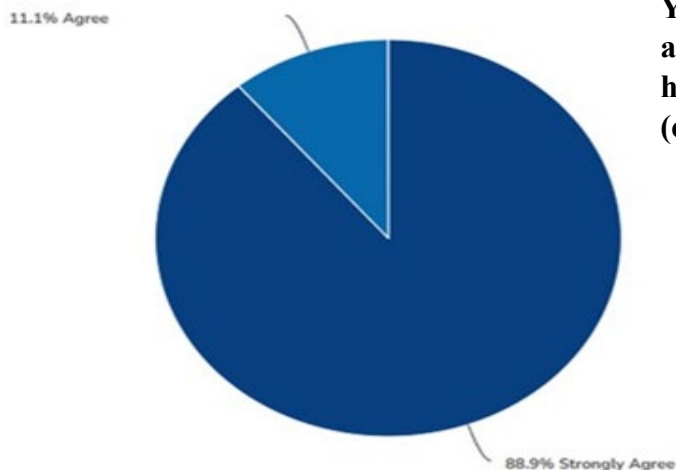
- PrEP services continue. PrEP is a medication used to help prevent the spread of HIV. There is currently four patient on PrEP through our offices.
- As of April 1st, we are now offering Hepatitis C treatment to Hep C positive patients. Before this was offered typically positive Hep C patients from our jurisdiction would have to go to Traverse City, Grand Rapids, or Muskegon area with long wait times to see the GI specialist.

BC3NP

October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Age Group	Female Users	Male Users	Total Users
15-17	2	4	6
18-19	8	1	9
20-24	11	11	22
25-29	10	16	26
30-34	7	7	14
35-39	11	9	20
40-44	5	11	16
Over 44	11	10	21
Total Users	65	69	134

Satisfaction Survey for Medical Clinics



“I want to thank you for saving my life. You sent me a postcard for a mammogram and found my breast cancer. If I would not have got it, I never would have found it (cancer).”

Total Vaccines Given – Fiscal Year 2024-2025

County	1 st Quarter		2 nd Quarter		3 rd Quarter		4 th Quarter	
	Oct – Dec	Total YTD	Jan – March	Total YTD	Apr – Jun	Total YTD	Jul – Sept	Total YTD
Crawford	590	590	78	668				668
Kalkaska	640	640	63	703				703
Lake	338	338	51	389				389
Manistee	1031	1031	159	1190				1190
Mason	1424	1424	247	1671				1671
Mecosta	1012	1012	215	1227				1227
Missaukee	554	554	78	632				632
Newaygo	522	522	176	698				698
Oceana	1028	1028	154	1182				1182
Wexford	961	961	147	1108				1108
WAWC	25	25	21	46				46
SAHC	65	65	27	92				92
LC WC	19	19	13	32				32
MCE WC	49	49	2	51				51
Viking WC	10	10	6	16				16
CHWC	59	59	49	108				108
Manton WC	59	59	17	76				76
Totals	8389	8389	1503	9889				9889

**Board of Health
Family Health Clinical Division
Reportable Disease Data Update
Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 2 (Jan. 1 – March 31)**

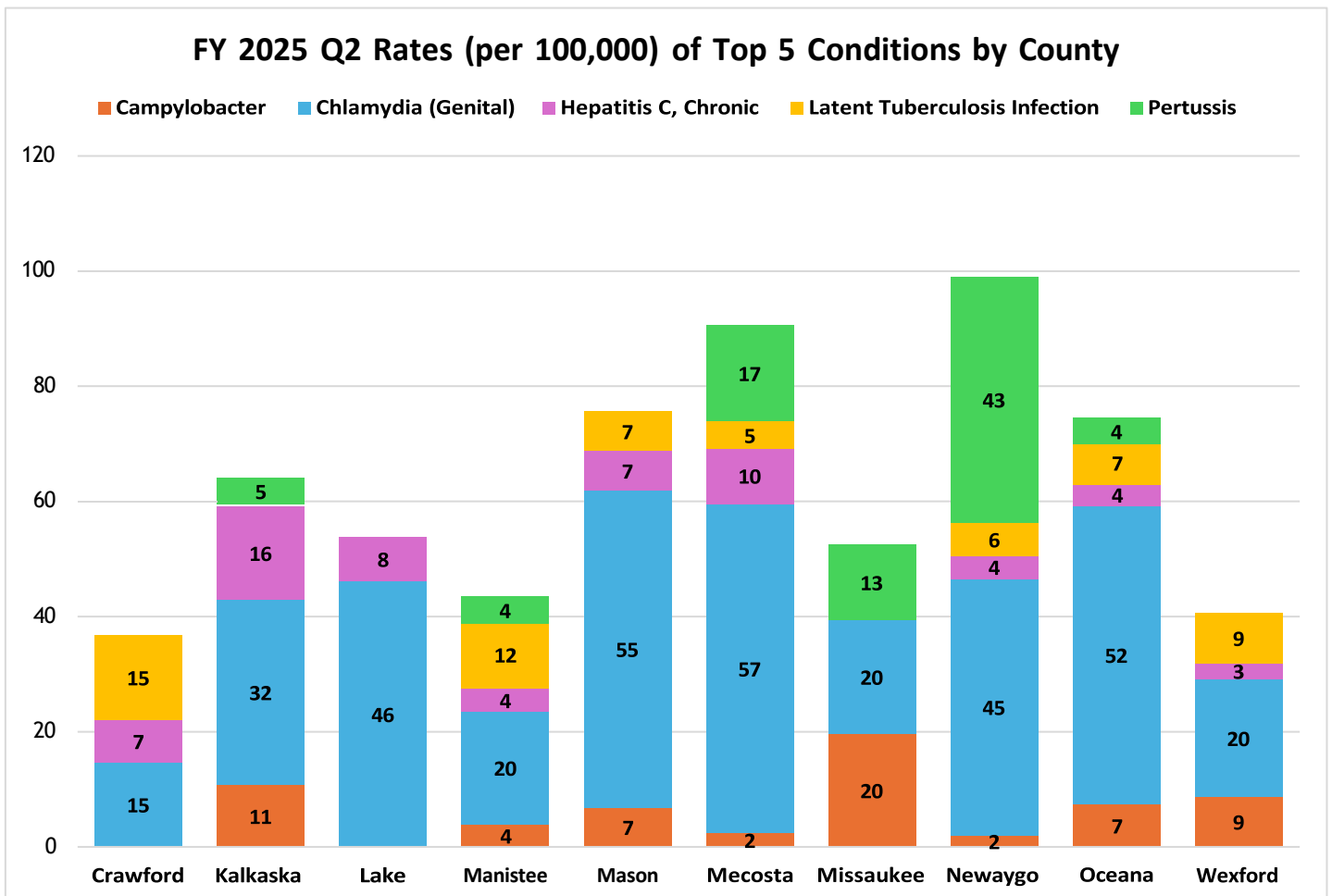
This Reportable Disease Data Update is intended to communicate to DHD#10 healthcare partners, recent trends in communicable diseases and to identify emerging diseases that may impact the DHD#10 community.

Disease News

District Health Department #10 has continued to monitor pertussis in the region. At the end of 2024, 99 confirmed and probable cases had been reported. From January 1st to March 31st 2025, 34 additional confirmed and probable cases were reported in the DHD#10 jurisdiction. In DHD#10, case reporting has been declining in 2025 since it peaked in December 2024 with 32 cases. March of 2025 saw the fewest reported cases (7 cases) since September of 2024 (5 cases). Since this spike in pertussis began last spring, 1 in 7 cases (14.3%) have occurred in children less than 1 years old, with 1 fatality occurring in this age group. The majority of cases have occurred in Newaygo County (44%), followed by Mecosta County (14%), and Kalkaska County (11%). All counties in DHD#10 have had at least 1 reported case in the last 12 months. Additionally, 68.4% of cases identified as non-Hispanic Caucasian, 13.5% Hispanic or Latino, and 3% non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native.

DHD#10 Disease Resources

- [Pertussis Information for the Public \(MDHHS\)](#)
- [Whooping Cough \(Pertussis\) Vaccination \(CDC\)](#)



Reportable Conditions	FY Q2 (Jan. 1 – Mar. 31) 2022-2025				FY 2025 (Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025)				
	Q2 2022	Q2 2023	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Enteric Diseases									
Campylobacter	13	10	11	15	20	15			35
Cryptosporidiosis	4	3	5	2	5	2			7
Giardiasis	1	6	2	4	6	4			10
Salmonellosis	6	6	6	8	5	8			13
STEC*	1		3	3	3	3			6
Shigellosis	2	1	1		2				2
Listeriosis					1				1
Norovirus	2		5		1				1
Yersinia enteritis	5	1	9	8	4	8			12
Respiratory									
Blastomycosis	1	1	1						0
Legionellosis				1		1			1
Tuberculosis					1				1
LTBI*	4	7	12	17	12	17			29
Nontuberculous Mycobacterium	3	5	4	2	6	2			8
Coccidioidomycosis			1	1	1	1			2
RSV*			1	1		1			1
Histoplasmosis	6	2	2	3	3	3			6
COVID-19	14,555	1,756	1,191	636	892	636			1,528
Hepatitis									
Hepatitis B, chronic		3		1	1	1			2
Hepatitis C, acute	1								0
Hepatitis C, chronic	13	13	12	16	21	16			37
Vaccine Preventable									
Chicken Pox (varicella)	2	2	4	1	1	1			2
Shingles			3	4	2	4			6
Pertussis		4		34	74	34			108
H. influenzae - invasive	1	3	1	5		5			5
Sexually Transmitted									
Chlamydia	145	136	141	106	122	106			228
Gonorrhea	17	30	11	8	16	8			24
Vector Borne									
Lyme Disease	2	5	1	5	9	5			14
West Nile Virus									0
Anaplasmosis				2	4	2			6
Zoonotic									
Rabies (animals)									0
Rabies (PEP)	7	9	107	96	114	96			210
Meningitis									
Meningitis - aseptic	3	2	1	1	1	1			2
Meningitis - bacterial other		2	2	1		1			1
Other									
Strep* pneumoniae, invasive	4	12	10	14	11	14			25
Strep* disease, inv, Grp A	3	16	8	4	2	4			6
Candida Auris			1		1				1
CPO*		1	2	1	2	1			3

Note: *Abbreviations: STEC (Shiga-toxin e. coli), LTBI (latent tuberculosis infection), RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), Strep (streptococcus), CPO (carbapenemase-producing organism). Case counts include confirmed, probable, suspect cases that are active, completed, or completed follow-up.

**Board of Health
Home Visiting Division**
Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 2, April 25, 2025

Children's Special Healthcare Services

We were able to internally fill our open Mecosta Registered Nurse position and she started April 1st, 2025, she will cover Missaukee and Mecosta Counties. Staff provided program materials at 5 outreach events sharing information with 79 families. 221 services were provided by staff, generating \$22,201.48 in billables.

Healthy Families America

DHD #10 HFA Administrative team worked on completing policy updates and sharing out with the State Home Visiting System, Healthy Families Michigan office and DHD #10. The home visitors also attended a virtual training on the "Plan of Safe Care" and began to offer Plans of Safe Care to families who may be struggling with substance use disorder. HFA completed 565 visits during quarter 2 with an 89% home visiting completion rate.

Program Coordinators attended an in-person Program Manager/Supervisor HFA Community of Practice meeting in Saginaw. The HFA home visitors will have 2 staff attend an in-person HFA Community of Practice meeting for home visitors in the coming month.

Program Coordinators are working together to recruit more parent representatives for the HFA CQI work and the DHD #10 HFA Community Advisory Board. We still have parents (2-3) that are continuing to participate and another 3 parents who are interested in participating. We are SO thankful to the parents who want to partner with our HFA program to continuously improve services to families. We are working to improve the process of engaging these parents.

Hearing & Vision

Wexford based Technician completed her Vision certificate and started screening in schools on her own in February. Oceana and Mason based Technicians had their state TOP review for hearing and passed with outstanding reviews and no corrections from the state. Hearing and Vision staff have been able to start attending Kindergarten round ups and providing outreach and screenings for the first time since pre-covid. Having the 4 technicians has allowed us to meet state criteria and provide screenings at all required grade levels.

During quarter 2: 7,342 vision services were provided, 1,069 vision referrals made. Hearing services provided 4,583 with 91 referrals made.

Lead Nurse Case Management

Lead NCM visits have continued to increase. Case management services were provided for 25 families of children with EBLL's. This equaled \$5,543.50 in billable services. 85 elevated capillary and venous cases under case management and the team has completed 132 family and provider contacts for quarter 2.

Maternal and Infant Health Program

New Social Worker was hired in January for Mason County. Her training is going very well. In the process of training a new WIC Registered Nurse to complete MIHP enrollments. Total MIHP caseload is 532, with 1,365 visits completed for quarter 2. Enhanced services provided for this quarter include 173 Complex visits (which are paid at an extra \$40 per visit), 44 Discharge visits, 13 1 time additional visits, 43 Care Coordination \$78 each that we could not bill for previously.

MIHP Coordinator and Home Visiting Supervisor will attend the annual MIHP Coordinator Meeting in May. MIHP will begin Cycle 10 scheduled for August 1, 2025, and more information will be made available during that meeting. The MIHP Coordinator & HV Supervisor have been attending Western MI MIHP Coordinator meetings to discuss the changes proposed in Cycle 10 and have helped to gather questions to ask the state partners.

MIHP staff continue to do outreach in each county with the hopes of increasing their caseloads. MIHP staff are working hard to support families during some of the most difficult times.

Western Michigan Perinatal Collaborative

The Collaboratives quarterly summit had 69 attendees in January. With presenters on topics including safe sleep and state updates.

Webpage was developed and released in February 2025. Webpage has information on activities and a calendar for events. Intent is for the collaborative and partners to have space for advertising community focused activities. Social media connections are made. We now have presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Linked In. We are working to train a select group from the Leadership team on how to populate and interact with all outreach tools. Activity reports will be generated quarterly to assess reach.

***Respectfully Submitted,
Britney Wright RN, MSN***

Board of Health Family Health – WIC Division Report FY 2025 2nd Quarter Report

Produce Connection-WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Food Program

The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), formerly known as WIC Project FRESH is now known in Michigan as WIC Produce Connection and administered by the WIC program. WIC Produce Connection helps to provide healthy and nutritious produce to Michigan WIC clients, while fostering economic development of our state's diverse agricultural products. The program provides WIC clients with eligible, locally grown, fresh, unprepared fruits and vegetables from Authorized Growers at farmers markets and roadside stands throughout Michigan. This is the second year WIC client will receive these benefits on their WIC EBT card to be used through November 30. Additionally, WIC Clients may use their WIC Cash Value Benefits (CVB) for fruits and vegetables at an Authorized Grower. I am collaborating with State WIC and Mary Galvanek, Cadillac Farmers Market Master to host a regional Produce Connection meeting for local growers. Growers would complete the application process and required training, expediting the authorization process and their ability to accept WIC Produce Connection EBT benefits this summer. Our goal is to greatly expand local authorized growers, improve client access, and benefit redemption rates.

Kaleva WIC Clinic Set to Open in May 2025

We are pleased to announce that the Maple Township Board approved our request for an outreach WIC clinic at the Kaleva Community Center in Manistee County. We have been working with State WIC Consultants, Wayne Baldo, Maple Township Supervisor, and our IT department to prepare for the first Kaleva clinic scheduled for May 29th. There has been several enquiries and referrals surrounding Kaleva WIC and we anticipate growing our caseload in northern Manistee County and nearby communities.

MDHHS WIC Division Receives Community Innovation and Outreach Grant

Michigan WIC State agency has been awarded WIC Community Innovation and Outreach (CIAO) grant round 2 funding. DHD #10 is one of five local agencies to collaborate with MDHHS on this grant. The WIC CIAO project is part of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) broader WIC program modernization efforts. Through a cooperative agreement with FNS, the Food Research and Action Center will provide technical assistance and project evaluation expertise for the subgrantee projects. CIAO aims to expand community partnerships to increase WIC program awareness, participation, and benefit redemption, and reduce disparities in program delivery. Specifically, Michigan WIC plans to develop and implement local agency WIC Client Ambassador pilot programs. WIC Ambassadors will be employed by the Michigan Public Health Institute. Recruitment will begin once state contracts are negotiated and finalized. We are looking forward to working with the State

Regional Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) & Nurse Case Management (NCM) Grants

Staff distributed multiple communications from MDHHS to LHD CLPPP liaisons in the region, including information about the pending universal blood lead testing rule and law. Heather Howey, Community Health Worker (CHW) and Jessica Grace, NCM completed 125 elevated blood lead level (EBLL) family phone contacts, 22 EBLL outreach education mailings, 10 lost to follow up mailings, and 12 health care provider contacts in efforts to convert capillary draws to venous draws and provide education. Lead prevention educational materials were provided at five major outreach reaching 79 families including at the Wexford-Missaukee Local Interagency Collaborative Council (LICC), "Wild Wex", and the Local Provider "Thank You" luncheon.

Breastfeed Peer Counselor Program

Colleen Unsal, Breastfeeding Senior Peer Counselor was a speaker at the Michigan WIC Senior Peer Counselor Training in March. In addition, planning has started for 3 regional celebrations of August National Breastfeeding Month that will be happening in Newaygo County, Manistee County and Wexford County in collaboration with other events and/or breastfeeding coalitions.

Professional Development and Staff Recognition

In March DHD #10 celebrated National Nutrition Month with clients and staff which special educational materials, press releases, and displays. In addition, we recognized and honored the important work of DHD #10 International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) staff, Janelle McGinnis, and Mary Volger and our seven Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

FY2025 WIC Caseload

WIC Measure	Current Mo/Yr	Total Clients	Comparison Mo/Yr	Difference	
				#	%
Resident Enrollment	March 25	6,590	March 24	- 355	-5.4%
Resident Participation	Feb 25	6,445	Feb 24	-289	-4.3%
Migrant Participation	Feb 25	124	Feb 24	-13	-9.9%

FY2025 1st & 2nd Quarter Enrollment by County/Clinic & Region

County/Clinic	FY 2025 10/24 – 3/25	FY 2024 10/23 – 3/24	# Clients change	% Change
Crawford	360	369	- 9	- 2.4%
Kalkaska	423	446	- 23	- 5.2%
Missaukee	305	333	- 28	- 8.4%
Wexford	1,103	1122	- 19	- 1.7%
Northern Region	2,191	2,270	- 79	- 3.5%
Lake	260	276	- 16	- 6.9%
Manistee	404	464	- 60	- 12.9%
Mason	545	603	- 58	- 9.6%
Oceana-Hart	682	754	- 72	- 9.5%
Lakeshore Region	1,891	2,097	- 206	- 9.8%
Mecosta	1,095	1,204	- 109	- 10.7%
White Cloud	782	882	- 100	- 15.5%
Grant	772	865	- 93	- 14.0%
Southern Region	2,649	2,951	- 302	- 10.2%
DHD #10 TOTAL	6,731	7,318	- 587	- 8.0%

Statewide WIC caseload has also declined. February 2025 Michigan Closeout Participation was 185,640 clients as compared to February of 2024 of 189,060 – a 1.8% decline. Our WIC staff utilize available reports and resources to stabilize and rebuild our WIC client caseload. We also anticipate an increase in WIC client services at our new Kaleva clinic launching in May.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anne M. Bianchi, MS, RD
Family Health WIC Director*

Board of Health School Health Division Report FY 2025 2nd Quarter Report

School Community Health Alliance Advocacy Day in Lansing

On Tuesday, March 11th a group of School Health Staff along with a Youth Advisory Committee Member from McBain went to the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan's Advocacy Day in Lansing. It was a busy day with 7 meetings. When meeting with them or their staffers, we were able to thank the Representatives and Senators for their support of school-based health centers, ask them for their continued support, and invite them to tour our School-Based Clinics. Representative Fox is scheduled to visit the brand-new Wexford Adolescent Wellness Center on May 12th and we are working on a date to have Congressman Moolenaar visit a few of our clinics in his district.



Group photo of some DHD#10 School Health Staff with Student Advisory Committee Member



School Health Staff with Rep. John Roth

Evidence-Based Programs – Making an Impact

In addition to providing physical and mental health services, the school-based health centers are required to provide evidence-based programs in the schools. The topic or “focus” of these programs is determined by looking at the Risk Assessment Data for each clinic and school where we have clinics. Depression and anxiety along with other mental health concerns are a consistent top risk among students. The program that is taught in all but one of the schools this school year is called “Signs of Suicide”.

The goals of the Signs of Suicide curriculum are to decrease suicide and attempts of suicide by increasing knowledge and adaptive attitudes about depression, to encourage individual help-seeking and help-seeking on behalf of a friend, to reduce the stigma of mental illness, to engage parents and school staff as partners in prevention through education, and to encourage schools to develop community-based partnerships.

A new curriculum that is being taught in Lake City Schools is called Digital Citizenship focused on helping students make smart choices online and in life. It helps them to understand media balance, online privacy, cyberbullying, relationships and communication, digital footprint and identity, and news and media literacy.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Katy Bies*

School Health Programs FY 2025 Q2						
	Unduplicated Students Served	Medical Services		Mental Health Services		Total Services
School Clinic Site	YTD	Current	YTD	Current	YTD	Oct '24-Sept '25
Cadillac Schools Medical & Mental Health	163	98	207	78	182	389
Chippewa Hills Schools Medical & Mental Health	283	210	384	297	580	964
Grayling Schools Medical & Mental Health (Vacant Medical Clinician Position, 4 Nursing Services)	74	4	11	177	399	410
Lake City Schools Medical & Mental Health	148	94	222	71	162	384
Mason County Eastern Schools Medical & Mental Health	111	59	155	55	127	282
Shelby Schools Medical & Mental Health	197	108	248	177	360	608
McBain Schools Medical (Nursing) & Mental Health	236	339	646	159	159	805
Mesick Schools Medical (Nursing) & Mental Health	199	191	368	222	393	761
Manton Schools Medical (Nursing) & Mental Health	245	270	564	117	179	743
Brethren Schools Mental Health	50			202	460	460
Ludington Schools Mental Health	42			122	213	213
Pentwater Schools Mental Health	28			184	222	222
Hart Schools Mental Health	41			196	371	371
Totals	1817	1373	2805	2057	3807	6612

School Nurse					
Location	Visits this Quarter	Visits YTD	Imms YTD	Unduplicated this Quarter	Total
Mackinaw Trail Middle School Nurse	122	291	32	83	144
Bear Lake School Nurse	7	32	0	5	27
Brethren School Nurse	61	200	3	47	124
Morely-Stanwood School Nurse	106	171	80	86	129
Total	296	694	115	221	424

Q2	HRA Lunch & Learn/Ed Activities	CPR/First Aid Classes	IMMS w/ HRAs Non-Nurse
Wexford	5	3	
Manistee	2		
Mason	9		
Mecosta		2	
Missaukee		1	27
Newaygo			
Oceana	2	1	
Online CPR		2	

District Health Department #10
BOARD OF HEALTH

Health Officer Report

April 25, 2025

1. **Epi Team Update:** Information on current case counts, vaccination efforts, outbreaks and other CD related issues will be shared at the meeting.
2. **PFAS Update:** Site specific updates will be shared at the Board meeting based upon recent and ongoing developments.
3. **Enforcement Actions:** Updates on recent enforcement actions taken by DHD#10 will be shared at the meeting.
4. **Agency Operations:** The Leadership Team has been meeting weekly to try and navigate through and plan for the on again, off again Federal Funding cuts as well as potential States funding cuts for next year. It is recognized that we will need to make structural changes to our operations not only for the remainder of FY 25 but also FY 26. As such, we did initiative the layoffs of three staff on April 11th. Additional reductions of staff and/or work hours will be phased in as we move forward. I will keep the Board informed as these occur.
5. **Annual DHD#10 Update:** I have started the process of providing the annual DHD#10 update to the County Boards of Commissioners. Oceana, Manistee and Mecosta have been completed to date. One of our epidemiologists is accompanying me on these updates to share information on the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment.

Respectfully submitted:

Kevin Hughes, MA
Health Officer