

Erie County Board of Health

Monday, August 5, 2024

Erie County Department of Health - 2nd Floor Conference Room

606 West 2nd Street, Erie, PA 16507

5:00 pm

Present:

Timothy Pelkowski, MD

Timothy Zieziula, JD

Mary Jean Taylor, PhD

Richard A. Ortoski, DO, Chair

Absent:

Carla Picardo, MD, MPH

Also In Attendance:

Erin Mrenak

Amy Machinski

Ellen Schauerman

Alex Whipple

- I. **Call to Order** - Dr. Ortoski, Board Chairperson, called a meeting of the Board of Health to order at 5:10 p.m.
- II. **Public Comments** - None
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The Board of Health meeting minutes and division reports from May 6, 2024, were approved on a motion from Dr. Timothy Pelkowski and seconded by Tim Zieziula, All in favor.
- IV. **Presentations** - Health Improvement and Preparedness *presented by Alex Whipple*.
 - i. HIP Director, Alex Whipple, provided an overview of services and programs in which the Health Improvement & Preparedness division provides, including focused data collection for Health Department improvements.
- V. **Board Updates**
 - i. **Division Reports** - Verbal Reports Provided by Erin Mrenak on behalf of the divisions.
 - a. **Administration**
 - i. Preparing draft of 2025 Erie County Budget.
 - b. **Community Health Services**
 - i. Preparing for back-to-school immunizations and maintain clinical services.

c. **Environmental**

- i. Currently monitoring Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB) and beach programs.

d. **Health Improvement and Preparedness**

- i. Lead screening event, first Community Advisory Board meeting held, and emergency preparedness kits distributed.

VI. **Director's Report** – Verbal updates provided by ECDH Director, *Erin Mrenak*.

- i. Community Health Needs Assessment survey updates.
- ii. Staffing and pending capital improvements.

VII. **Old Business**

- i. Board position is vacant with Dr. Mary Jean Taylor's resignation.
 - a. Will stay on through 2024 until a replacement is identified.

VIII. **New Business** - None

IX. **Adjournment** -The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Ortoski and seconded by Tim Zieziula. All in favor.