



CALHOUN COUNTY  
**Public Health Department**

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**Calhoun County Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2023**

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**Board of Health**

Mary Jo Byrne, Chairperson  
Mark Crawford, Vice-Chair  
Vivian Davis  
Sonja Elder  
Rebecca Fleury  
Jeannie Goodrich  
Derek King

**Health Department**

Eric Pessell, Health Officer  
Hailey Black  
Kevin Green  
Victor Jovanovich  
Erika Larsen  
Brigette Reichenbaugh  
Shanay Settles

**County**

Kelli Scott, County Administrator  
Megan Banning, Finance Director  
Ruth Reese

**Absent**

**Meeting called to order**

Byrne called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Agenda**

Davis moved for agenda approval. Crawford supported. All in favor, motion passed.

**Consent Agenda**

Crawford requested a correction to the August 2023 Meeting Minutes to reflect that he was present at the August BOH meeting. Crawford moved for approval of the consent agenda. Davis supported. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Financials**

Banning presented a FY23 financial update. The update included:

- Revenues
- Expenditures

**Presentation**

Black presented an update on STI testing and Hepatitis C treatment.

- 12 Patients were cured of Hepatitis C.

- STI at-home testing pilot project was a great success in Calhoun County but was discontinued.
  - Crawford asked for an explanation as to why the self-test was highly successful but not moving forward. Black explained that the state is discontinuing the project.
- In the past, incarcerated patients often dropped off. As a result, we are partnering with the jail to continue treatment for these patients.
- Calhoun County ranks in top 5 in gonorrhea and chlamydia cases
- COVID-19:
  - COVID-19 vaccine is now private; We are offering only Pfizer are limited to small amounts of private vaccine. We continue waiting on Bridges program to help under/uninsured to help w/cost.
  - Pessell mentioned that Calhoun County has a low hospitalization rate.
  - Pessell stated concern that the calls are rising and interest in the vaccine still shows a need.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.**

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Brigette Reichenbaugh at 269-969-6366 or via email at breichenbaugh@calhouncountymi.gov.