



CALHOUN COUNTY  
**Public Health Department**

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**Calhoun County Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes**

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**January 22, 2024**

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**Board of Health**

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

**Health Department**

Eric Pessell, Health Officer  
Brigette Reichenbaugh, Deputy Health Officer  
Stephanie Freeman  
Kevin Green  
Victor Jovanovich  
Lauren Lewandowski  
Ruth Reese  
Heather Schumacher  
Shanay A. Settles

**County**

Megan Banning, Finance Director  
Kelli Scott, County Administrator/Controller

**Absent**

Jeannie Goodrich

**Meeting called to order**

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

**Agenda**

Radon and Lead update was added to the agenda. Agenda will be approved at the same time as the consent agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

Crawford noticed that Elder's status was not noted and needs to be included in the November BOH meeting minutes that she was in attendance. Davis moved for approval of the consent agenda and agenda. King supported. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Financials**

Banning presented a financial update. The update included:

- Closing out fiscal year 2023
- Revenues
- Expenditures
  - TB expenditures are high
  - Immunization action plans are high
  - Clinic expenses are high
- Grants
  - Infrastructure grant is for \$175,000
  - Workforce development grant is for \$110,000
- General Fund budgeted at \$360,000

### **BOH/CCPHD January Update**

- Strategic plan input will be the topic for February meeting.
- Crawford questioned the low uses of naloxone. Lewandowski mentioned that the numbers are lower in the winter due to low program participation.

### **Presentation**

- Radon
  - January is Radon action month.
  - Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer.
  - Several social media posts/videos were created as well as 42 free radon kits were given to individuals who requested a kit.
  - Scott asked what should you do if someone has a high amount of radon in their house? Green answered that they will need to ventilate the house.
- Lead
  - Green introduced Heather Schumacher, Lead Nurse and Stephanie Freeman, Community Health Worker for the CCPHD lead program.
  - All kids between 12-24 months get tested two times to check for elevated blood levels (EBL).
  - Nineteen cases reviewed prior to COVID but it has now increased to between 40-50 cases loads.
  - Cleaning tips and lead remediation are some of the topics discussed with families of children with EBL.
  - Green mentioned the Albion “Get Ahead of Lead” faucet replacement program, which will check the plumbing only for approximately 400 homes.

### **Meeting adjourned at 9:19am.**

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Shanay A. Settles at 269-969-6477 or via email at [ssettles@calhouncountymi.gov](mailto:ssettles@calhouncountymi.gov).