



# Health Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
Livingston County Administration Building  
304 E. Grand River, Conference Room 1, Howell, MI 48843

**Members Present:** Nancy McGuire, Holly Austin, Thomas Latchney, Lee Ann Blazejewski, Dawn Smith

**Non-Voting Members Present** Lindsay Kalberer

**Non-Voting Members Absent** Wes Nakagiri

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### 1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dawn Smith at 6:01 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

Roll Call by Dawn Smith indicated the presence of a quorum.

### 3. Call to the Public

One comment from public.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### 4.1 Meeting Minutes dated: June 19, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by: N. McGuire  
Seconded by: H. Austin

Yes (5): N. McGuire, H. Austin, T. Latchney, L. Blazejewski, and D. Smith; No (0): None;  
Absent (0): None

**Motion Carried (5-0-0)**

### 5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: H. Austin  
Seconded by: N. McGuire

Yes (5): N. McGuire, H. Austin, T. Latchney, L. Blazejewski, and D. Smith; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**Motion Carried (5-0-0)**

### 6. Reports

## **6.1 Online Journal Access**

D. Smith shared an online database to access peer-reviewed journal articles through the Cromaine Library in Hartland, MI. MEL.org (Michigan eLibrary) can be access via the library to provide access to some journals that are not regularly provided online without cost. The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) does not have “all-access” subscriptions to any databases.

## **6.2 Transparency Regarding Health Department Communication with Schools - Communicable Diseases**

L. Kalberer shared a draft document that the LCHD is planning to create regarding information to parents and students who have been identified with a reportable communicable disease. The documents will provide recommendations (not requirements) describing mitigation measures to consider for specific communicable diseases. These will be available on the LCHD webpage in the future.

L. Kalberer shared a Michigan Department of Health and Human Service document, “Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools”, that highlights local health department duties and responsibilities determined by the State of Michigan. This document is available publicly online.

The Health Advisory Committee (HAC) agreed that the plan for the LCHD to create and publicly post communicable disease documents satisfies the prior concerns of the committee regarding transparency of information and communication with schools. There is no need currently for the HAC to draft a resolution for this topic.

## **6.3 Review of Scientific Literature Regarding Prior Interventions to Control COVID-19**

H. Austin summarized her literature review of intervention effectiveness related to controlling COVID-19. Most studies examined masking and lockdowns as intervention strategies. H. Austin stated that many studies show the lack of statistical significance regarding these measures. Randomized control trials were available in a short timeframe when these mandates were occurring. H. Austin will provide links to the studies for the HAC to review and discuss during future meetings.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Vaccines**

N. McGuire will continue to research the difference between traditional vaccines and emergency use vaccines. The risks associated with the emergency use vaccines will be highlighted and, in the future, it will be a priority to include an informative document on the Livingston County website.

### **7.2 Chemical Application on School Grounds**

The HAC will research current protocols related to the distribution of information regarding chemical applications (e.g., pesticides, fertilizers, etc.) on school grounds.

### **7.3 Avian Flu (H5N1)**

T. Latchney will review the recent CDC Clinician Outreach Call regarding the emerging avian flu (H5N1) and share notes next meeting. L. Kalberer will also provide insight, as she is involved in regular discussions with the State of Michigan.

**7.4 Literature Review - Engineering Controls to Improve Indoor Air Quality Related to Communicable Disease Prevention**

T. Latchney will initiate a literature review to determine if studies have been conducted to show the effectiveness of engineering controls (e.g., air scrubbers, differential pressure systems, etc.) on the prevention of communicable diseases. The goal is to determine if these methods can be recommended for future use in buildings with vulnerable populations (e.g., schools, nursing homes, etc.).

**8. Second Call to Public**

Moved by: L. Blazejewski  
Seconded by: N. McGuire

Yes (5): N. McGuire, H. Austin, T. Latchney, L. Blazejewski, and D. Smith; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**Motion Carried (5-0-0)**

The second Call to Public was unscheduled, thus, the motion was made, seconded, and voted for unanimously. One public comment was made. The comment specifically mentioned the importance of including mental health awareness items for discussion.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM

Moved by: H. Austin  
Seconded by: L. Blazejewski

Yes (5): N. McGuire, H. Austin, T. Latchney, L. Blazejewski, and D. Smith; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**Motion Carried (5-0-0)**

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Thomas Latchney, Secretary