

MARQUETTE COUNTY 2017 BOARD OF HEALTH



Kim Alanko

Current Term: 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2019

Ms. Alanko is retired from Cliffs Natural Resources where she was a manager in labor relations and human resources. During her career at Cliffs, she led both the Employee Assistance Program and Employee Wellness teams, whose purpose was to make counseling services easily accessible and to encourage overall healthy living. After retiring from Cliffs, she worked for Bell Hospital as community relations manager.

Kim has a Master of Public Administration degree and previously served on the boards of the United Way of Marquette County, the Medical Care Access Coalition and the Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce. Presently she serves as treasurer of her church. She is married with two grown and married sons, and has two grandchildren.



James Alderson Chairperson

Current Term: 1/01/2015 – 12/31/2017

Mr. Alderson is retired from the United States Air Force and Northern Michigan University, where he was a Political Science instructor. Additionally, Mr. Alderson has been a member of the Marquette Elders Committee of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. This committee is responsible for the health and welfare of all natives living in Marquette, Alger, and Delta Counties. He has served on the Board of Health for fourteen years.



Robert J. Kulisheck, Ph.D.
Vice-Chairperson

Current Term: 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2019

Dr. Robert Kulisheck is an emeritus Professor of Political Science and former Department Head and Director of the Graduate Programs in Public Administration at Northern Michigan University. Bob is a former Marquette City Commissioner, and mayor. He served as chair of the City's Charter Commission and the Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee. Bob currently chairs the County's new Climate Adaptation Task Force.

Bob's volunteer work has focused on housing issues. He is president of the Board of Directors of Propylon: Nonprofit Housing Corporation, a residential home for 18 low income, physically disabled residents. He is a co-founder and vice president of the Janzen House, a local homeless shelter and transitional hotel providing housing for approximately 30 low income individuals. Most recently, Bob joined the Board of Trillium House, a group that is in the early stages of planning to build and fund an eight-bed residential hospice facility in Marquette. Finally, Bob is an active member of the Marquette Noon Kiwanis Club.

Bill Nordeen, J.D.
Board of Commissioners Liaison

Current Term: 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2017



Mr. Nordeen is a Civil Attorney at O'Dea, Nordeen and Burink, P.C. He currently serves on the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and was appointed by the Governor to the Iron Industry Museum. In previous years he has served on the following: Gwinn School Board, Forsyth Township Board, Forsyth Fire Department, VFW Post 5670 Men's Auxiliary, Teaching Family Homes, North Star Academy, YMCA of Marquette, Habitat for Humanity, Forsyth Planning and Zoning Commission, and Sawyer Operations Authority. Bill is married and has five children, ages 22, 14, 9, 7, and 4.



Karlyn Rapport

Current Term: 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2017

Ms. Rapport is a retired Speech and Language Pathologist. Karlyn Rapport and her colleague Sara McClellan started the Communication Rehabilitation Department at Marquette General Hospital. She has served on the Board of Health from 1976-1980, 1982-1996, and 2001 to the present. Karlyn was a Marquette County Commissioner from 1995-2001. She was a founding board member of the Medical Care Access Coalition (MCAC), the Marquette County Spouse Abuse Shelter (now Harbor House), Propylon, and the Marquette-Alger Alzheimer's Association. She has served as chair of MCAC, The Women's Center, American Association of University Women, and Planned Parenthood of Marquette and Alger Counties. Karlyn Rapport presently serves as the Board Public Policy representative for the Marquette branch of the American Association of University Women and the Michigan AAUW Public Policy Committee, and is a member of the Upper Peninsula Children's Coalition.



Arthur Saari, M.D.

Current Term: 01/01/2016 – 12/31/2018

Dr. Saari is a physician in Marquette who has a busy private practice and is also on staff at UP Health System – Marquette. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine. He has served on the Board of Health since 1986 and his special concerns as a Board Member include people taking more responsibility for their health and family well-being, balancing government and personal property rights, and environmental protection.



Harvey Wallace, Ph.D.

Current Term: 01/01/2016 – 12/31/2018

Dr. Wallace has recently retired from his career as professor and dean of the College of Health Sciences & Professional Studies at Northern Michigan University. He has served on the Board of Health since 1988, with twelve years as Board of Commissioners Liaison. He has also served as president of the National Association of Local Boards of Health (2001), the Michigan Association of Local Public Health (2003), and the National Public Health Foundation (2013). He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the National Public Health Accreditation Board.