

MARQUETTE COUNTY 2020 BOARD OF HEALTH



Leonard Bodenus Jr.

Current Term: 01/01/2020 – 12/31/2022

Mr. Bodenus currently works for Marquette Township where he oversees the operation of their drinking water wells. In the past, he has worked at a variety of wastewater treatment plants and has served a term on the Forsyth Township board.

Leonard obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Public Administration from Northern Michigan University. He currently holds MDEQ S-2 and D-2 drinking water licenses as well as Michigan Construction and Industrial Stormwater certifications. Mr. Bodenus currently resides in Forsyth Township and is married with a 17 year old daughter and a 24 year old son.



Robert J. Kulisheck, Ph.D. Chairperson

Current Term: 01/01/2020 – 12/31/2022

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.

Robert Kulisheck, Ph.D.
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Bob currently chairs the Marquette County 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. Bob is a founding Board Member of Trillium House, 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: 01/01/2020 – 12/31/2020

Mr. Nordeen is a Civil Attorney at O’Dea, Nordeen, Burink and Pickens, 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 25, 17, 12, 10, and 7.



Karlyn Rapport
Vice-Chairperson

Current Term: 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2020

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: 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2021

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 Sleep Medicine. Previously he largely served as Director of Critical Care Medicine and Respiratory Therapy at the former MGH System. His practice now focuses on outpatient services in Sleep and Pulmonary 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.



Dennis Smith

Current Term: 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2021

Dennis came to the UP in 2003 to become CEO of the Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) and its related companies. He retired from UPHP in July 2018. His community involvement has included United Way Board member and President, Marquette County Economic Club member and twice President, Lake Superior Community Partnership Board member and Chair, Marquette County EDA, Marquette City Brownfield Redevelopment commission, Chairperson of the Medical Care Access Coalition, both for Marquette County and the UP Wide Holding company, President of the UP Children's Museum and currently on the Board of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Service Corporation Board, MHA Smaller Hospital Council, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Board as well as the Marquette County Health Department Board.