



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270
April 12, 2016

Board Members Present

Loren Young - Commissioner
Shane Gorder – Commissioner
Duane Mitchell-Commissioner
Ray Trumpower
Melissa Boyer
Kari Johnson

Advisory Members Present

Julie Brodhead
Jeff Hintz
Deb Gilbert
Judy LaPan
Stephanie Ler – Sanitarian
Jacquelyn Free-Health Office
Mike Weber

Board Members Absent

Terry Meldahl

Advisory Member Absent

Heidi Moran-Recording Secretary
John Dynneson

Shane Gorder called the Board of Health meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and established that there was a quorum.

INTRODUCTIONS: There were no introductions made.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved. Duane made a motion to approve the agenda and Ray 2nd the motion.

MINUTES: Shane asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 8, 2016 minutes. There being none, Ray motioned to approve the minutes and Loren 2nd the motion.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Jacquelyn reported that there were several deaths due to influenza in Billings. These people were positive for the H1N1 strain. Hospital staff who have not received a flu shot are required to wear a mask, but they cannot enforce that rule for the public. She also reported that lice in the schools is controlled at this time.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Quality Improvement Efforts and Performance Management and Performance Management Report – Judy reported that Natalie Roth, Accreditation Assistant, will be in town starting April

15th to help with the last pieces of documentation for Accreditation. All documentation should be completed by the end of April and submitted by mid-May. The Health Department will be inviting mock site visitors sometime between July and September.

The Alcohol and Mental Health Conference had 138 participants and brought energy to those issues. 24 people were train in ARIDE; 17 dispatchers trained; 30 people trained in Mental Health First Aid; 9 people in SBIRT. Having the training in Sidney saved the county about \$1000 per person. Judy mentioned that the state AMDD is putting funding into training providers in SBIRT, but that there is a lack of places to send people for treatment. The LAC will be putting together a table top exercise to look at mental health issues and identify existing resources.

There will be a board development training on April 21st at 530 through MSU Extension. Judy encouraged board members to attend and to turn in their certificate to her to be uploaded as documentation of leadership training.

The county adopted a resolution that prohibits smoking and the use of e-cigarettes within 15 feet of any county building. Judy thanked the Commissioners for their assistance.

This week is public health week.

There will be an ACES training on Saturday, April 16th that will talk about how childhood trauma affects health later in life.

The Bra Auction will be April 22nd with music by Josh Kehr. Judy thanked the Commissioners for their donation toward the event.

Communicable Disease- Julie Brodhead reported the following:

Disease count for 2016 for Richland County

12 Chlamydia

1 Gonorrhea (another one from out of state)

1 Chicken Pox

8 dog/cat bites (1 started vaccination series)

11 Chronic Hep C

1 syphilis (out of state)

2 people were tested in Richland County for Zika virus (1 result was negative; the other is pending). Neither individual had symptoms.

1 suspected mumps. The child had 1 shot on record, child had swollen sides of face but the test came back negative. The test came back within 36 hours because Stephanie Ler, Sanitarian was willing and able to drive the sample to Miles City where the Sate Lab courier comes to daily.

This helped to get the test ran quickly.

Influenza:

For Richland County as of April 12, 2016.

16 people with influenza- 8 were suspected (so not tested), and 8 were actually tested and were positive. All 16 did not have a flu shot. There were 3 hospitalizations, 2 were flown out to other area hospitals, had no shot on record, and were very sick.

State of MT has 3081 confirmed cases of influenza since Sept 2015. 259 have been hospitalized and 9 have passed away as of April 2, 2016. (2 deaths were pediatric, 3 were below the age 65 and 4 were above age 65)

Julie mentioned that these numbers are not unusual and that there are about 36,000 deaths from flu each year on average nationally. It is not too late to get a flu shot.

Emergency Preparedness update: Julie reviewed the Lab Specimen Transport Policy, which outlines how the Health Department will work with other agencies to ensure transport of lab samples to Helena for testing. There is a water testing kit (DWES kit) and a chemical/biological specimen kit (CBAT) in the Sanitarian office, and a DWES kit at Sidney water treatment plant. Julie has the "white box" for human samples as does SHC LAB. She needs to add information to the policy that indicates the agreement with Sidney Health Center to exchange expired tubes. SHC has an Ebola collection kit and trained staff. Dry ice will be purchased/gathered from Glendive or Williston if and when needed.

Julie passed around the "significant events list" needed for accreditation for anyone to add events she may have missed. Nothing was added.

SANITARIAN: Stephanie reported that the Septic Installer Workshop held on April 8th went well, with 28 attendees and 11 people who completed the septic installer exam. Jeff said he would like to be involved in the next training because some of those installers also work on some city services.

Stephanie requested a public hearing for the board to set fees for temporary food establishments. She proposed fees of \$85 for those with 2 or fewer employees and \$115 for those with 3 or more employees, based on the current state fees for retail establishments. She and Mike will work on the newspaper announcement and the hearing was planned for the May meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Clean Indoor Air Act Policy was reviewed by BOH Member Melissa Boyer and Judy LaPan. It will be presented at the May meeting.
- b. Town Hall Meeting- Judy reported that Town Hall meetings had been going well. There were 50 people at Sidney, and 5 people at Elm Dale. The remaining meetings are as follows: 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Lambert at Fox Lake Senior Center, and 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Fairview at the Waterhole #3, April 14th 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Savage at the

- Savage Fire Hall. Information gathered at each should be filtered through the action groups and into the strategic plan. Duane suggested contacting the Sidney Herald.
- c. Judy mentioned that Kris Smith, the PhD student working on the Town Hall meetings will be in town doing work during May, and is looking for a place to stay.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will May 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Steering Committee Meeting is May 12, 2016 at 3:30 pm at the Community Services Building Conference Room 201.

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Shane Gorder, Commissioner

Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary