



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

Board Members Present

Loren Young - Commissioner
Duane Mitchell-Commissioner
Ray Trumpower
Melissa Boyer

Advisory Members Present

Julie Brodhead
Deb Gilbert
Judy LaPan
Stephanie Ler – Sanitarian
Jacquelyn Free-Health Office
John Dynneson

Board Members Absent

Shane Gorder – Commissioner
Terry Meldahl
Kari Johnson

Advisory Member Absent

Jeff Hintz
Mike Weber
Heidi Moran

Guest

Lesley Thiessen, BSN, RN, WIC and Family Planning, Richland County Health Department

Loren Young called the Board of Health meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and established that there was a quorum.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved without correction. Duane made a motion to approve the agenda and Melissa 2nd the motion.

MINUTES: Loren asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 10, 2016 minutes. There being none, Duane motioned to approve the minutes and Ray 2nd the motion.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: No report. Duane asked if Jacquelyn was seeing migrant workers. She said she was but not as frequently as before, and they have special paperwork to be completed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Quality Improvement Efforts- Everybody finishing up employee plans and PDSA's. Almost everything is entered into the dashboard, so by next meeting will have a report to see how we are doing on them.

We will be looking at a QI effort on rabies reporting process. All entities need to get together to review statutes and requirements to develop a process to follow for reporting. Rabies is deadly, and generally the animal doesn't have rabies, but the one time the animal did, and the person could die. Cascade County has just revamped their procedures, so Judy would like to review that with the group to develop a way to better manage dog bites. There seems to be an increase in dog bites that is causing pressure on areas that are not clearly defined. The shots cost close to \$3000 per person that is the patient's responsibility to fund, and there is a specific process to take to administer the immunoglobulin. John suggested having Julie get an attorney opinion to enter someone's home and take the animal without a search warrant. A warrant may be required from the BOH (as a last resort). People think the department will kill the dog so sometimes they hide the animal. If they do not have rabies shot records for the animal, it is impounded. If they have records, it may be quarantined at home. The objective is to ensure that all entities are handling the issue the same way. How a warrant would be issued must be outlined in the policy. A judge warrant may be possible if the person is in violation of City code. Judy will work with staff, Board of health, and the county attorney to develop a procedure that all parties can agree on.

Performance Management-People will be completing employee plans and we will be doing evaluations based on those.

Policy Development- No report

Program Update-WIC and Family Planning- Lesley Thiessen reported on WIC and Family Planning. WIC stands for Women, Infants, and Children, and is a supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women, babies until age 5, and breastfeeding moms until baby age 1 and non-breastfeeding moms until baby age 6 months. The number of clients is up to the highest Lesley has experienced, peaking at 179 Richland County participants in February 2016, and issuing \$189605.71 in benefits. She also does WIC for Plentywood over the phone, in conjunction with an agent in Plentywood. The program is piloting an EBT card for benefits in February 2017 in Western Montana.

Family Planning- the program was audited in May, which went well but determined that Lesley will update local policies. Wendy Wiltzen and Patti Iversen do the FP exams at a discounted price. #'s of clients. Busiest in the area. STD testing is on a sliding fee scale for certain age group, other testing is not at a discount, so is a revenue source. Numbers of clients and services are consistent. Lesley's report was handed out.

Communicable Disease- Julie Brodhead reported the following:

Disease count for 2016 for Richland County

19 Chlamydia

1 Gonorrhea (another one from out of state)

2 Chicken Pox
19 (dog/cat/fox) bites (1 started vaccination series)
11 Chronic Hep C
1 syphilis (out of state)
1 salmonella related to exposure to live poultry
1 E Coli
1 Campylobacter
1 Cryptosporidium
1 suspected mumps. (the test came back negative)
3 people were tested in Richland County for Zika virus (2 results were negative; the other is pending). All traveled, all pregnant but no symptoms. (MT from January to June 15th -- has had 65 persons tested due to travel related exposure, 1 person did test positive after traveling.

Influenza:

For Richland County end of the Flu season- June 4, 2016:

18 people with influenza - 8 were suspected (so not tested), and 10 were actually tested and were positive. All 18 did not have a flu shot. There has been 5 hospitalizations, 3 were flown out to other area hospitals, had no shot on record, and were very sick. 1 death, <65yr; 1 went home after 30 days, 1 went home after 34 days, 2 went home from SHC after 1-2 days. (1- influenza B , others A – H1N1 2009 type)

2015- 16 flu season for State of MT had 4734 confirmed cases of influenza since Sept 2015. 433 were hospitalized, 33 deaths as of June 4th, 2016. (4 in 10 hospitalized were > 65 yrs; 38% of hospitalized persons received a flu shot; Influenza A H1N1 was dominant strain)

Emergency Preparedness update: Julie handed out the County Hazards Analysis that was done at the LEPC meetings. The 2015 results did not change much for the 2016 review. This rates the probability of human, natural, hazmat and technological events and compares the effects of each to determine the top hazards for our county. The top hazards as what relates to a possible public health response are severe storms, smoke hazard, high heat, epidemics. A PHEP requirement is to complete the assessment and determine the Health Department's role in the disaster response (education, etc.).

Julie also asked the Board of health members to sign up **for text notification system** which would be used to test response and for emergency notification of an urgent nature or disaster. It is a system used by teachers & schools – called Remind. Members of the board are asked to please use their cell phone to sign up by sending a text message.
Follow steps below.

Please put 81010 in the To: _____ box. Type in *@boardofhe* in the message ___ spot. Send just like a message, you will get a text back asking your name, type that in and send; you may be asked if you are a parent, student or teacher – put p and send. A message should welcome you to Mrs. Brodhead's class. All that I can see is the list of names – I don't get your cell numbers. You can save the number that you get the text from as BOH if you want in your contact list.

SANITARIAN: Stephanie reported that the County clean up event was well-received. There were 40 participants who cleaned up 5 areas. All supplies and incentives were donated by the community. The HD only had to purchase a few inexpensive safety vests. Clean up kits are available year-round.

Stephanie showed a picture of a "before and after" at Sunrise RV in Sidney. She had been working for almost 5 years to get the court cleaned up. The Fairview court that was a problem has also been cleaned up. It shows that the process she has set up is working.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Judy passed out the CIAA policy that addresses how the MTUPP specialist and the Board of Health will handle violations of the Act. Under procedures, the important change is that we will do a lot of education, talking to the violator, sending letters, etc., and #10, the BOH can send a warning letter about fines, and #11 can actually assess fines to those who do not make required changes. This law does not include electronic cigarettes. #12 says that in the City of Sidney, the Lead PH Official is required to approve building plans for those building that include a smoke shack. Loren called a motion to approve, Duane moved, Ray 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Dynneson reported that the mental health grant was renewed. The jail nurse has been successful in lowering hospital and physician visits by inmates.

Duane encouraged all to support the fish bypass.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The next meeting will August 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Steering Committee Meeting is June 9, 2016 at 3:30 pm at the Community Services Building Conference Room 201.

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Shane Gorder, Commissioner

Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary