



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270  
January 9, 2018

Advisory Members Present

Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer  
Jeff Hintz  
Judy LaPan  
Julie Brodhead  
Heidi Moran-Recording Secretary  
Stephanie Ler-Sanitarian  
Mike Weber

Advisory Member Absent

John Dynneson  
Deb Gilbert

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Kari Johnson  
Terry Meldahl

Guest:

Gary Schoepp, Kelly Feldman, David Seitz, Lilli Seitz, Rowdy Cvancara, Brad Franklin, Randy Olson, Patty Whitford, Adam Smith (RC PWD)

Shane Gorder called the Public Hearing of the Draft Proposal 2017-01 Richland County Health Code – Rabies to order at 2:00 p.m. Ray motioned to have Mike summarize the proposal and Duane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Mike summarized the proposal and there being no written public comments and no public comment the hearing was closed at 2:10 p.m.

Shane Gorder called the Board of Health meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and established that there was a quorum.

Introductions were made.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved without correction. Duane made a motion to approve the agenda and Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

MINUTES: The December minutes were approved. Duane made a motion to approve the December minutes and Loren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Jacquelyn reported that influenza is still on the rise and encourages everyone to get a flu shot.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Judy

General Health Department: Judy reported that the AmeriCorps program is moving along. We have two current members serving. One is at the library and the other one at the Richland County Boys and Girls Club. There will be five members starting on January 15, 2018. The members will be serving for Active Richland County Action Group, Best Beginnings Coalition, Chronic Disease, and Foundation for Community Care/Sidney Health Center and a Team Leader. The members will be doing a day of service for Martin Luther King's Day with the Central School 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Policy Discussion/Department Policies Review: No report at this time.

Performance Management: No report at this time.

Communicable Disease- Julie Brodhead reported the following:

Disease count for 2017 for Richland County (Preliminary count to be finalized)

- 29 Chlamydia
- 5 Gonorrhea
- 11 Chronic Hep C
- 1 Hep B Chronic (had it since birth)
- 31 animal bites reported to RCHD (Rabies vaccination series for a 13 yr old were recommended but refused)
- 4 Campylobacter
- 1 Crypto
- 2 Streptococcal pneumonia
- 2 Haemophilus influenza invasive (HIB)
- 3 Persons tested for Zika but negative
- 2 tick bite related diseases: 1 suspected Q-Fever NOT a Case and 1 Anaplasma phagocytophilum infection (confirmed Ehrlichiosis)
- 1 positive West Nile case
- 1 new suspect TB (RCHD will begin monthly monitoring of medication) (11 tested)
- 1 salmonella
- 1 (preliminary) high lead level on child

- *Side note – there will be a rabies management based educational training set for spring of 2018 - RCHD will share information with partners as it comes in.*

**Preliminary year end numbers:**

For Richland County as of December 31, 2017 there has been 44 cases for influenza (ages 2-95) with 8 hospitalized and 3 deaths. (these deaths occurred within several weeks after a positive diagnosis of flu for that person ~but could change. Note those with underlying medical issues are higher risk for death)

In the State of Montana as of December 30, 2017 there has been 998 positive cases for influenza (from persons tested) with 175 hospitalizations and 10 deaths (ages below 65 to above, no pediatric.) Had discussion the vaccine effectiveness, important to still get vaccinated as the shot will lesson severity of the virus.

Disease count for 2018 for Richland County

- 1 Crypto
- 1 Norovirus
- 1 animal bite
- 9 cases of influenza (youngest 4-month-old to 95) #35 for the season, 8 flu A and 1 flu B

Brief discussion on Norovirus occurring in the state, our schools have been reporting absents related to symptoms associated to this, but no one tested to establish any outbreaks in the county.

Emergency Preparedness update: Julie will be submitting 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter deliverables and making final updates to the HAN policy.

Sanitarian: Stephanie passed out copies of the Environmental Assessment comments she received from the Board and reviewed each comment. The final recommendations are attached.

Since the Board of Health will not meet before the comments need to be submitted Mike mentioned that the board needs to appoint who makes the decisions and Shane has authority to approve comments. Melissa motioned to have Shane approve the comments and Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Stephanie had Shane sign the Junk Vehicle Grant.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: None

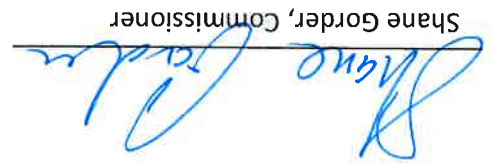
OLD BUSINESS: Melissa made a motion to put the Draft Proposal 2017-01 Richland County Health Code – Rabies in effect 30 days from approval and Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.


NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners and Ray mentioned that they will be gone for the February 13, 2018 Board of Health meeting and decided to move the Board of Health meeting to February 20, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There being no public comments, Loren motioned to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

**The next meeting will be February 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**

  
Shane Gorder, Commissioner

  
Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary

