



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270

February 5, 2019

Advisory Members Present

Deb Gilbert

Jeff Hintz

Judy Lapan

Stephanie Ler-Santarian

Julie Brodhead

Heidi Moran – Recording Secretary

Advisory Member Absent

John Dynneson

Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer

Board Members Present

Shane Gorder- Commissioner

Duane Mitchell – Commissioner

Loren Young – Commissioner

Melissa Boyer

Ray Trumpower

Terry Meldahl

Board Members Absent

Kari Johnson

Guests: Kathy Helmuth (RCHD-MCH/IZ)

Loren Young called the Board of Health meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and established that there was a quorum.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved. Duane made a motion to approve the agenda and Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

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

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Heidi Moran reported for Jacquelyn that there are a few cases of influenza which Julie will have the numbers for, but the amount of cases this year are far less than last year. Also concerning the Measles outbreak in Washington State, all the more reason to promote vaccinations to your youth.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Health Department: Judy reported that there is still a current opening for a RSV Coordinator. She mentioned that Chronic Disease will be having a Blood Pressure Management Workshop starting February 20, 2019 from noon to 1 pm at the Community Services Building Conference room 201. These will be weekly classes. Judy also mentioned the Richland County Health Department has a new program for their billing and the name of the software is NowMP. This enables our department to better manage

our accounts receivable. We are working to cover our expenses while still keeping our charges low. We can only do that if we don't carry large amounts of A/R. MCR decrease their reimbursement of the administration fee (for shots) by \$3.00.

Policy Discussion/Department Policies: Judy mentioned that the MT Healthcare Foundation completed two studies on the impact of Medicaid expansion. She highlighted a few points and will make copies available to BOH members. She let the BOH know that NALBOH will be doing a training on Leading Change for Public Health and if anyone is interested in coming to the training it will be set up in the Community Services Building Conference room 202. This training will be February 28, 2019 starting at Noon. Judy reported that the County Strategic Plan will be finished in March 2019 and that there will be six focus areas: 1) Healthy Behaviors: Nutrition 2) Healthy Behaviors: Physical Activity 3) Emotional Wellness 4) Injury Prevention 5) Physical Environment/Built Environment and 6) Social/Economic factors and Workforce Development.

Communicable Disease report for Richland County as of Feb 4, 2019:

1 High Lead level reading in a 1 year old (old case from 2018 but remains elevated)  
3 Animal bites and or possible exposures to rabies  
1 Chicken Pox  
2 Chronic Hepatitis C  
1 Chlamydia  
0 influenza hospitalizations

Influenza for Richland County from Oct 1, 2018 to February 4, 2019

**SEASON:** 15 cases (with 2 hospitalizations) (9 cases since 1/1/2019) Type: 8 B, 7A, ages from 8-85, 6 were under age 11, only one person had a vaccination against influenza. 6 were given Tamiflu.  
(NOTE: last year 2/4/2018 Richland County had 121 cases for the season)  
Get your Flu shot.

State of MT INFLUENZA NUMBERS for the season from October 1, 2018 to May 2019

AS of JAN 26th, 2019: MT Total confirmed cases are 1,486 with 75 hospitalizations and 2 deaths.

Emergency Preparedness:

Julie reported working on Quarter 3 deliverables which include review of the Communicable Disease Surveillance & Response policy. This will be tested at the table top. We will also be exercising parts of the Lab Sample Transport Plan, Risk Communication Plan and Health Alert Network Plan. In prepping for the tabletop our ICS team is reviewing the Isolation and Quarantine Plan, the Non-Pharmaceutical Plan, Pandemic Influenza Plan.

TABLE TOP EXERCISE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the conference rooms at the Health Department. Sign in is at 2:15; begin at 2:30- until about 5pm. The measles tabletop exercise is about a hypothetical case of measles in the schools. The BOH members are invited. There will partners included from the hospital and schools at this exercise.

Julie will be testing the BOH members by Email or text this quarter for response. Be prepared to either email or text back to me that you received it, or click the read receipt -if it asks for this. You have 24 hours to respond back to me for it to pass the test.

As of 2/4/19, North Dakota has confirmed mumps cases. Two cases of mumps have been reported so far this season in Williams County and three more cases of mumps in Dickinson area. Reports from ND UMDHU epi person, Lacy said that "All these cases belong to a group that doesn't vaccinate. They were exposed to a case from out of state and then came back here".

WA State Measles discussion – There is a measles outbreak in Washington beginning 1/29/19. There are NO cases in MT at this point. We have shared information on our department Facebook page. As of 2-1-19, the Department is not asking any members of the public to take any action. Immunization records may be checked upon request and administer vaccine 4-weeks apart. RCHD has 13 doses private and 12 doses VFC in stock, outdating between August–September 2019. The state recommends having 2 documented doses administered at least 4 weeks apart. If born before 1957, you are presumed immune. Department has a plan in response to outbreak. -ICS team meets weekly to discuss. Judy explained team. We will be communicating with partners & public regarding information shared from DPHHS.

RCHD is tracking concerns from public with a Call log up at front desk. – We have had 3- 4 calls documented.

Program Review –MCH/IZ: Kathy Helmuth reported for MCH/IZ. Kathy reported on Maternal Child Health (MCH) and focused on: 1) review work on performance measure 2) Fetal Infant Child Maternal Mortality Review and 3) Montana Adolescent Preventive Healthcare Summit. See attachment for more information on these. For immunizations (IZ) she 1) reviewed rates 2) reviewed vaccine usage 3) had vaccine hesitancy discussion 4) school IZ reports 5) presentation to REAL Montana about their travel to India 6) ImMTrax update 7) Shingrix vaccine shortage 8) Purchase new data loggers and 9) Measles outbreaks nationally, Mumps in Williams County. See attachment for more information.

**SANITARIAN REPORT:**

Stephanie reported that the Junk Vehicle vendor invoice came in. Loren signed to accept the funds. She is waiting on Adam Smith to give her a dollar figure for Public Works staff time to haul vehicles. Larry Larson has resigned, so they will be switching to an MOU with Public Works to compensate them for staff time, fuel and maintenance work on Junk Vehicle things. She also passed around a facts sheet on legislation being brought up in Helena. Someone is proposing to amend the Junk Vehicle laws to allow counties the option to use JV funds to haul non-motorized vehicles.

Stephanie also discussed retail food licensing categories assigned to food establishments. Both she and Heather Luinstra review and sign off on the categories. She passed the listing around. There were no comments.

Stephanie let the board know that there were about 5 establishments that had not renewed their DPHHS license, which is required by law. Stephanie passed around the sample form letter, for which there were no comments. One will be sent in February, the second in March, which will cc the County Attorney. DPHHS will automatically cancel delinquent licenses on March 31st, so the Attorney is responsible for prosecuting at that point.

She also passed out a facts sheet on raw milk. According to past outbreaks in other states, to investigate one case of illness due to raw milk cost about \$6200. Judy said that was around what one pertussis case cost as well.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

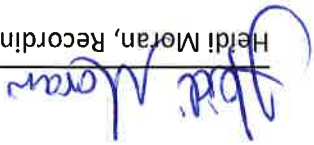
There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**The next meeting will be March 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**



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Loren Young, Commissioner



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Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary