



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
 1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270
 March 10, 2020

Advisory Members Present

Brittney Petersen
 Deb Gilbert
 Julie Brodhead
 Jeff Hintz
 Stephanie Ler-Santarian
 Heidi Moran – Recording Secretary

Board Members Present

Duane Mitchell – Commissioner
 Shane Gorder – Commissioner
 Ray Trumower
 Terry Meldahl
 Loren Young- Commissioner
 Kari Johnson
 Melissa Boyer

Advisory Member Absent

Janet Christoffersen
 Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer
 John Dyneson

Board Members Absent

Guest: Kallie Godfrey, RCHD

2:00 PM Duane Mitchell called the meeting to order.

Reviewed Agenda: The agenda was approved. Loren Young made a motion to approve the agenda and Kari Johnson 2nd the motion.

Minutes: The February minutes were approved. Shane Gorder made a motion to approve the February minutes, Loren Young 2nd the motion.

Health Officer Report: Brittney Petersen reported for Jacquelyn and said that the influenza is still active and Julie will report on the Coronavirus.

Health Department Administration Report: Brittney Petersen reported that the Richland County Health Department received a letter from the Department of Public Health and Human Services congratulating the Health Department on achieving an 88.2% coverage rate for 4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, UTD Hib, UTD Hepatitis B, 1 Varicella, and UTD PCV series. She mentioned that the State Health Department said there is still a temporary band on flavored e-cigarettes until April 15th, 2020. Public Health week is April 6th- 12th and the Health Department will be doing 30 second videos to highlight Public Health.

Communicable Disease report for Richland County as of March 9, 2020:

- 12 Chlamydia
- 1 Pertussis
- 2 Hep C
- 2 LTB
- 1 Gonorrhea

1 Crypto
1 Malaria
5 Dog Bites (1 person not from our County but dog is)
1 Ecoli
The schools have had kids out with flu like symptoms.
4 RSV (at Nursing Home)

2020 Richland County INFLUENZA Season: as of 3/10 = 129

Numbers based on **3/9/2020: 127** flu cases (7 hospitalization and 1 death), the highest rates are in age groups 0-18yrs old = 70 positives; 25 to 65 year olds = 45 positives. 25 out of the 127 flu cases had the flu shot. There have been 34 people who have been given Tamiflu. 81 are Flu B, 45 Flu A, 1 was a suspect case so not tested.

For the State: As of February 29, 2020: 8,572 cases, 361 hospitalizations, and 9 deaths in MT.

For the Nation: As of February 29, 2020: CDC estimates: 31 million cases, 350,000 hospitalizations, and 20,000 deaths.

3/9/2020 HAN was sent out about the Coronavirus (which was first referred to as PUI (pneumonia of unknown etiology) that began in China. There has been 3 HANs since last meeting. RCHD EPI has been listening in weekly to MT DPHHS calls on planning and guidance for health dept response.

Coronavirus Worldwide: As of 3/10/2020: 116,558 cases, 4090 deaths, 64,341 have recovered.

Coronavirus U.S.: As of 3/10/2020: 761 positive cases, 27 deaths and 8 recovered.

There will be a Rabies Management Training in Miles City on April 23, 2020 from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the Sleep Inn

The Richland County Epi Team has been working on a message for the general public and have met with Sidney Health Center to make sure we are coordinating and sharing the same information should coronavirus cases occur in Richland County.

COVID-19 update- No cases in Montana but testing has gone on over the last week at the state lab. (All positives still need CDC confirmation)

Hospital and the health department are coordinating by meeting and talking about preparedness issues for this locally.

RCHD is monitoring state and the national situation to learn from them. As public health, we are having weekly phone calls with the state for updates. We are working with the hospital on coordinating with those persons that are calling - concerned with symptoms or possible exposure.

RCHD may help SHC & providers to screen them prior to collection of specimen and testing.

Fact sheets on what COVID-19 and what to do if you are sick – sheets from CDC handed out.

RCHD afterhours # poster given out

Emergency Preparedness:

Three capability assessments are due in Quarter 3: #10 Medical Surge, #11 Non-pharmaceutical interventions, and #15 Volunteer Management. Julie will seek out partners to assist. These are overall assessments of how well our county does in performing preparedness and response actions. Each completed assessment will be reviewed and RCHD will develop a "work plan" looking at the priority requirements in the capabilities and list out what RCHD needs to address first within our scope. In the near future, a list of the remaining requirements and a plan will be created to work with local entities to improve these areas.

Julie and Britney reviewed the communicable disease emergency response plan and surveillance policies and completed the DPHHS required checklist which needs to be signed off today. Every year RCHD reviews the Lab Specimen Transport Plan, completes the checklist and updates the plan as needed. RCHD gave the overview of the plan with the LEPC today. It was signed off by the chairperson present and we will need the health officer to sign off on. We have begun looking over the isolation and quarantine plans for guidance. We will note updates as needed with this review. These plans are available per request from RCHD.

Julie/RCHD will be hosting a Business Continuity Planning training on April 21, for free. She is hoping to get at least 20 to register, information will be sent to everyone again. Please pass on and or register.

Program Report: CIA/AmeriCorps

Kali Godfrey reported that Richland County Health Department received the Drug Free Communities federal grant form SAMSHA. It is a five year grant and the Health Department has hired Louisa Amos. The first Steering Committee meeting to begin the strategic planning of this grant will be held March 11th at 2:15 in the Sidney High School Cafeteria with about 30 high school students attending. Some of the highlights that CIA has done is; Lunch and Learn with Dr. Council, Grocery Store Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar checks, Support Groups, Mental Health trainings, Nutrition Coalition will be hosting a Breakfast Event, ARC will be implementing a Story walk, and P4 P will be partnering with Sidney High School Career Day to provide a "Destress Fest" for teenager. Some of the AmeriCorps work has been doing assessments at Richland County Senior Citizens, Fire Safety Education, Technology classes, LiveStories Launch, Teen Job Readiness Program, and many more which you can see from the handout. Kali mentioned the 2020 Leadership Summit is March 19, 2020 at the Richland County Event Center from 1pm to 4pm with a networking reception to follow from 4pm to 6pm. The presentation will be by Ben Winchester.

Sanitarian Report:

Duane asked about Nicole Deitrich. Stephanie told him tanks have been installed.

County Attorney Report: absent

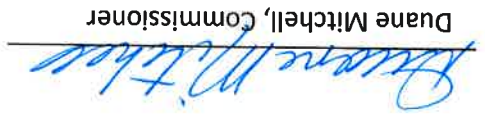
Old Business: Duane asked about Lambert daycare issue. Julie called Kathy and she said that everyone got vaccines to be in compliance till May. It is still unknown if State inspector made a visit.

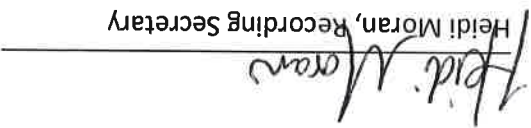
New Business:

Public Comment: None

Terry Meldahl motioned to adjourn at 2:55 pm.

Next meeting: April 14, 2020 at 2 PM


Duane Mitchell, Commissioner


Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary