



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270
April 11, 2017

Board Members Present

Shane Gorder – Commissioner
Loren Young – Commissioner
Terry Meldahl
Ray Trumppower
Melissa Boyer
Kari Johnson

Advisory Members Present

Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer
John Dynneson
Deb Gilbert
Jeff Hintz
Julie Brodhead
Heidi Moran-Recording Secretary
Stephanie Ler – Sanitarian
Judy LaPan

Board Members Absent

Duane Mitchell – Commissioner

Advisory Member Absent

Mike Weber

Guest

Shane Gorder 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 without correction. Loren made a motion to approve the agenda and Terry 2nd the motion.

MINUTES: Shane asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 14, 2017 minutes. There being none Melissa motioned to approve the minutes and Loren 2nd the motion.

BY-LAWS and BOARD of RESPONSIBILITIES- Shane signed Loren and Duane's board member letters and Loren signed Shane's board member letter.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Jacquelyn had nothing to report at this time.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Health Department Up-dates – Judy thanked everyone for their support with accreditation. She mentioned that the Health Department should be receiving a report from the site visitors shortly. The Health Department will not know a final decision until the middle of

June because the PHAB board doesn't meet again until then. Judy mentioned that if we don't get accredited we will have a work plan to do and will have a year to finish it.

Judy reported that the RSVP Expansion grant has been submitted and that if funded it will expand our RSVP program to Dawson and Valley counties which then RSVP will be serving 7 counties. RSVP is also working on their continuation grant that is due the middle of May.

Judy mentioned that Cristin is working on the AmeriCorp grant that is due in June. The other grant Judy is working on is the Mental Health Local Advisory Committee grant that will be used for a Table Top Session and will be from the MT Healthcare Foundation.

Policy Discussion- Judy reported on funding issues. She let the board know that at the Federal level they are cutting Emergency Preparedness funding and this funding is essential on the local level. The Prevention of Public Health fund is decreasing and that the 317 Immunization Program is not a priority. She also mentioned the concern for Community Health Centers and that they continue to be funded when public health is being cut.

Performance Management- Judy mentioned that we are updating the Dashboard.

Communicable Disease- Julie Brodhead reported the following:

Disease count for 2017 for Richland County

8 Chlamydia

1 Gonorrhea

1 Chronic Hep C

1 syphilis (old case so it won't be counted)

1 Hep B (investigation, possible old case)

3 animal bites

1 Campylobacter

1 Crypto

1 Streptococcal pneumonia

2 tested for ZIKA (Travel advisories have been sent out and as of March 15, 2017 there has been 10 positive tests for Zika Virus and no pregnant woman or children have been effected) Syphilis is on the rise in MT as there have been 9 cases as of March 10th, State STD program is offering Webinar trainings this week of April.

2017 Richland County Influenza - 18 case (8 influenza B, 9 had flu shots, 4 hospitalized – with youngest 9 months-oldest 91)

Announced that Hantavirus guidelines and Tick precautions have gone out to news.

Influenza 2017 Season for State of MT

Flu season from October 2, 2016 – April 1, 2017 there has been 7,378 cases, 752 have been hospitalized and 23 deaths in adults under and over 65 years of age have been reported. No pediatric.

Judy, Julie and Stephanie attended the rabies training on April 4, 2017 in Glasgow and felt it was well done and able to bring back some guidance for local use. Good to know that this is an issue state wide.

Emergency Preparedness update:

Julie will review the Shelter 20/20 requirements with Red Cross and DES. This involves planning what buildings would/could be used for various emergencies in the county. Julie will meet with Deb Gilbert to get it finished. Judy & Julie have been reviewing and updating several plans. Julie gave a brief overview of the Pandemic Influenza Plan, Risk Communication Plan, and the Specimen Transport Plan. Julie reminded the BOH members on the different containers available for transporting lab specimens of concern to the public in a safe manner.

Julie stated that the Administrative Rules of MT (ARM) regarding Communicable Diseases and epidemiology (CDEpi) have been updated and are approved as of the 25th of March.

The big changes include:

- an outbreak of any reportable disease occurring a congregate setting is now a reportable event
- lice outbreaks in schools are now reportable
- removed is the requirement for school employees to have a testing for latent TB infections prior to hire (OPI is aware of this)

SANITARIAN: Stephanie updated the board on the Food Freedom Act and the Raw Milk bill. The Food Freedom Act was tabled. The Raw Milk bill was tabled, but was revived and amended. Many changes that were amended the first time based on public comment were undone in the updated amendment. The public can no longer comment on the current version. Stephanie also reported on the policy she is using to permit temporary food establishments. She recently denied an application that did not meet the minimum requirements. She will obtain concurrence with one additional RS if she denies a permit.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: None

OLD BUSINESS:

On April 4, 2017 Judy, Julie, and Stephanie went to a training in Glasgow about how to follow up on rabies and how the process should go. This new information will be included in the draft Health Code Chapter 4 and Judy is working with Mike to write the code and get a draft to the board by the May meeting. Judy will be putting together a meeting with the city and county to look at how these entities are handling dog bites to be sure we are not duplicating efforts and that there is a clear delineation and coordination between law enforcement activities and public health activities.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting will May 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Steering Committee Meeting is May 11, 2017 at 3:30 pm at the Community Services Building Conference Room 201.

Shane Gorder, Commissioner

Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary