



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270

May 8, 2018

Advisory Members Present

Mike Weber

John Dyneson

Julie Brodhead

Heidi Moran-Recording Secretary

Stephanie Ler-Sanitarian

Jeff Hintz

Advisory Member Absent

Judy LaPan

Deb Gilbert

Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer

Board Members Present

Shane Gorder- Commissioner

Duane Mitchell – Commissioner

Ray Trumpower

Kari Johnson

Board Members Absent

Loren Young – Commissioner

Melissa Boyer

Terry Meldahl

Guest:

Heather Nevins (RCHD/Accreditation), Kathy Helmuth (RCHD/MCH and Immunizations)

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. Duane made a motion to approve the agenda and Ray 2nd the motion.

MINUTES: The April minutes were approved with some changes. In the Public Hearing section the word will needs to be deleted and to change the word plane to plans in the Emergency Preparedness section. Duane made a motion to approve the April minutes with the changes and Kari 2nd the motion.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: No report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Health Department: Stephanie reported that the Richland County Health Department Strategic Plan is updated for the third quarter. She handed out the quarterly report. She mentioned that we have 4 current AmeriCorps members and there will be 3 more AmeriCorps members coming this summer. Stephanie mentioned that Julie, Judy and she are updating the internal Rabies policy to reflect our actual processes.

Performance Management: Heather Nevins reported and updated the board on the 3rd quarter of the Dashboard. She also went over the RCHD's strategic issues and the top 3 priorities of each of them.

Communicable Disease- Julie Brodhead reported the following: She provided handouts showing disease numbers in the county and a current update on influenza in the County.

Disease count for 2018 for Richland County ending date of May 5, 2018

2 probable Crypto

1 Norovirus

8 animal bites (1 refusal of the PEP)

4 Chronic Hepatitis C

1 Chronic Hepatitis B

2 Campylobacter

11 Chlamydia

3 Strep Pneumonia (pneumonia, meningitis)

2 latent TB (2 total – people take a 9 month long term of medication, one began last year.)

Julie – reported that the department is investigating a possible tick fever case on someone after

traveling to South Africa; and possible prion disease or crutchfield jakob disease in our county, testing is

going on.

Influenza for Richland County from Nov 20th, 2017 to May 7, 2018

196 (season), 171 (for year) cases of influenza, 158 flu A and 35 flu B, (3 un-typed); 15 hospitalized and 3 deaths; 63 tested positive reported having been given Tamiflu

MT INFLUENZA NUMBERS for the season from October 2017 to 2018

Ending Week 10, April 28th, - season to date 10,139 cases, 970 hospitalizations, and 66 deaths (1

pediatric)

Emergency Preparedness update: Julie mentioned for the June meeting she will have the BOH sign

checklists for the Disease Surveillance Policies and the Lab Specimen Transport Plan as these are being reviewed for updates. The Pandemic Influenza, and Emergency Medical Countermeasures Plan should also be ready for approval at that meeting. A brief review of what these policies cover was given; the complete policies are available upon request.

Julie mentioned that the health department uses Dispatch as the after hour's number for persons

looking for RCHD staff and dispatch uses a call down list to contact us. We are tested on response time monthly by State DPHHS. Healthcare providers are given this information along with the department cell number. Julie handed out Public Health Institution information to the members if they would like to attend.

Julie also handed out information regarding including access & functional needs groups into disaster planning which will include having meetings to talk face to face on the subject for the county. Julie handed out information on the 2018 Public Health Summer Institute and promoted the course on Community Resiliency. (See attached handouts for more information)

Program Review-Immunizations/MCH: Kathy Helmuth reported first on MCH. She mentioned that during the Week of the Young Child Julie worked with the childcare providers on emergency plans and an evacuation drill was completed. She reported on vision and hearing screens. She said the RCHD does

the screens in the fall to all schools in Richland County and does only certain grades that are recommended plus a few more. This past fall there was a total of 939 students screened and out of that number 146 students got referral letters stating their child had not passed one of the vision tests, and 58 students got referred to Sue Rolter, State audiologist, for re screen of hearing. In the past years we have tried working with the eye doctors to see how many students come in to get their eye's checked after we have screened them and got a letter from us. It was hard to get any information or numbers trying it this way so we tried something new this year. We gave the schools survey letters to send home with the students to have the parents fill out to see what they did with their children. Out of 146 survey letters we sent out we got 38 letters back and put the information in survey monkey. We have some different options to look at for next year that are less cost effected.

Kathy also reported on immunizations. She mentioned they had their site visit on May 7, 2018. Coming out of this visit they need to write a protocol to create decision time for accepting short dated vaccines. In the last 2 years RCHD has accepted VFC from other providers that will expire shortly. Previously used it on all clients then paid the stock back. CDC requirements changed, requiring new protocol. Kathy mentioned that the IZ, immunization, registry changes this summer.

When going out to schools last fall they gave 1,986 students shots, with only having 48 medical/religious exemptions. In 2017 RCHD gave 2905 shots, which we are down 100 from 2016. Of those 641 were VFC and 2264 were private stock. The dollar value of vaccine is \$65,000. She mentioned Kelly is current on billing. The health department has added Shingrix, and meningococcal B to their vaccine supply. Kathy mentioned we encourage people to use RCHD.

Kathy also mentioned that Sheridan County has hired a nurse to run the health department.

Sanitarian: Stephanie passed around the Health Department's official policy statement on kratom, which is an herbal substance that resembles an opioid, and has been implicated in a widespread Salmonella outbreak. John mentioned that they see it all over Richland County. The policy statement concluded that based on information from the FDA, the Health Department recommends against the sale of kratom-containing products. The statement will be given to convenience stores, etc., who sell the products, with information printed directly from the FDA.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike will look into switching chairman and would like the action put at the beginning of the agenda for the June's meeting.

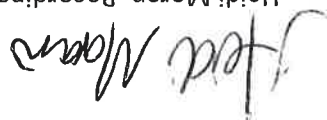
NEW BUSINESS: No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There being no public comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary

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Shane Gorder, Commissioner

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