



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270  
May 14, 2019

Advisory Members Present

Deb Gilbert  
Judy Lapan  
Stephanie Ler-Sanitarian  
Julie Brodhead  
John Dynneson  
Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer

Advisory Member Absent

Janet Christoffersen  
Jeff Hintz  
Heidi Moran – Recording Secretary

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Terry Meldahl

Guests: Kall Godfrey (RCHD-CIA AmeriCorps Director) Megan Flatmoe (AmeriCorps Member), Ashley Vandebosche (RCHD), Heather Nevins (RCHD)

2 PM Loren Young called the meeting to order.

Loren Young swore in new Communities in Action Corps member, Megan Flatmoe.

Loren Young called quorum.

Reviewed Agenda: The agenda was approved. Melissa Boyer made a motion to approve the agenda and Duane Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Minutes: The April minutes were approved. Duane Mitchell made a motion to approve the April

minutes, Melissa Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Health Officer Report: Jacquelyn Free reported that tick season is upon us. Mosquitos are likely to be heavy this year due to the flooding so be on the West Nile look out.

Jacquelyn reported that if someone has had an MMR vaccination, they are able to receive a repeat

MMR that would serve as a booster. If an individual cannot prove what kind of MMR they've received, they should receive another dose. Individuals receiving chemo therapy treatment cannot receive the MMR vaccination. There are no measles in Montana at this time.

Jacquelyn has seen one jail inmate and has subscribed treatment for mild infections and bladder infections.

*Health Department Report:* Judy reported that the Health Officer contract has been updated to include Dr. Karanja MD as the backup health officer. Several audits were completed within the Health Department in April. The WIC audit received an outstanding 100%, the Montana Department of Justice audit also received a full compliance, and the AmeriCorps audit went well with no major issues. These audits will serve as documentation for PHAB reaccreditation. The Montana Department of Justice audit was required because two Corporation for National and Community Service programs within the health department (AmeriCorps and RSVP) require a National Service Criminal History Check and the health department conducts the criminal history checks.

The Health Department has completed their internal strategic plan as attached. The health department will focus on 1) Promoting a culture of quality, 2) Promote staff leadership, 3) Maintain transparency, 4) Maintain customer focus. They will also align with the county wide strategic plan by 1) Actively participating in and maintaining coordination for the development of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) by gathering and providing local and programmatic data and engaging in the CHIP development. 2) Create an internal process to utilize the information gathered from the CHA and CHIP to identify the priority community needs that will be addressed in the department strategic plan and provide direction for public health energies such as health promotion efforts. 3) Increase awareness of the factors contributing to heart disease.

Heather passed out the Health Department's dashboard that monitors the progress of goals. Dashboard is attached.

Ashley reported that in her employee plan, she focuses on five key service areas: 1) reducing chronic disease, 2) physical activity, 3) nutrition and healthy food, 4) tobacco use and 5) collaboration. So far this fiscal year she has screened 22 women for breast and cervical cancer through the Montana Cancer Control Program. There were several abnormal tests results and 2 cancer diagnoses (one breast, one cervical.) During the RCHD Mass Fluor Shot Clinic, she distributed 18 FIT kits. 14 FIT kits were retired to the SHC Lab for testing, all came back negative. 2 primary care providers were sent to SHC from the event. RCHD and SHC partnered to provide a Women's Health Screening for women 40+ in October. 13 women attended. 5 pelvic exams, 6 mammograms, 1 breast ultrasound, 9 FIT kits, 5 genetic testing and 3 colonoscopies were received. RCHD and SHC partnered again in March to provide a Men's Health Screening event aged 55 – 74. 38 Men attended, 18 FIT kits were distributed (20 men did not qualify), 17 FIT kits were returned for testing, 7 FIT kits came back positive. 37 men qualified to have the PSA lab draw. 9 men had an elevated PSA level. 35 men had a digital rectal exam, 3 men had 1+ nodules, the rest were normal. 6 primary care provider referrals were sent to SHC form this event. Ashley's target for the fiscal year was to distribute 35 FIT kits and have 21 returned. She distributed 45 FIT kits and 36 were returned.

Ashley is also offering High Blood Pressure Self-Management workshops and Walk with Ease programs. She is chair of the Chronic Disease Coalition and is up to date on other self-management workshops that are being offered in Richland County.

Ashley's other key focus area is creating opportunities to increase physical activity, improving access to nutrition education and healthy food options and working to eliminate tobacco use in worksite wellness. Her three current work sites are Glendive Medical Center, Stockman Bank and Richland County Health Department.

**Communicable Disease report for Richland County as of May 10, 2019:**

- 1 High Lead level reading in a 1 year old (old case from 2018 but remains elevated)
- 9 Animal bites and or possible exposures to rabies
- 2 Chicken Pox
- 4 Chronic Hepatitis C
- 9 Chlamydia
- 3 Gonorrhea
- 9 influenza hospitalizations
- 1 person started on meds for LTB

**Influenza for Richland County from Oct 1, 2018 to May 10, 2019**

**SEASON:** 104 cases (98 in 2019) (with 9 hospitalizations, and 1 death under age 65)  
Flu Type: 9 B, 92 A, 3 were not typed. (H1N1 for the A). Those tested positive ages from 5 months -87 yrs old; 42 – ages 0 to 17; 53 were < 65 yrs; 9 were > 65yrs. 23 people had a vaccination for influenza = 22%. 47 persons have been given Tamflu. Last positive test was on 5/8 (NOTE: last year 5/8/2018 - Richland County had 198 cases for the season with 15 hosp, 3 deaths).

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

AS of 5/4/2019, (Week 18) MT Total confirmed cases are 13,023 with 771 hospitalizations and 23 deaths. Now seeing mostly Flu A types and no B. Noted -high number of A (H3N2) seen at end of season – unusual as it is usually type B

*Comparing Last year Ending (Week 17), April 28th, 2018, - season to date 10,139 cases, 970 hospitalizations, and 66 deaths (1 pediatric)*

**Pertussis: as of 5/10/19** Pertussis cases continued to be reported from Missoula, Gallatin, Lewis and Clark, and Park counties this week. The majority of cases are high-school aged, but a few cases in adults have been identified this week as well. Year to date, just over 200 cases of pertussis have been identified, which exceeds the number reported in all of 2018 (143).

**Measles:** As of May 3, 2019, 764 measles cases have been reported from 22 states, the greatest

number of cases since measles was considered eliminated from the U.S. in 2000. This week, CDC released an MMWR article describing ongoing activity in the U.S. in 2019:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6817e1.htm> Reviewed evidence of immunity against measles – proof of one of these: born before 1957; laboratory confirmation of measles disease or immunity, written documentation of one or more doses of measles vaccine appropriately given

**Emergency Preparedness:**

Julie reported that the Communicable Disease Surveillance & Response Protocol checklist was signed by Loren at the April LEPC meeting since the BOH was cancelled. The March Measles tabletop was a success and we had a good participation from partners. We finished the After-Action Report and have it ready to go out to those that participated. RCHD has an improvement plan from this to work on. Upcoming

PHF regional meeting in May in Miles City to review 2019-2020 grant work plan. Planning to hold a follow up meeting with the access and functional needs groups again like last year sometime in June.

Sanitarian Report:

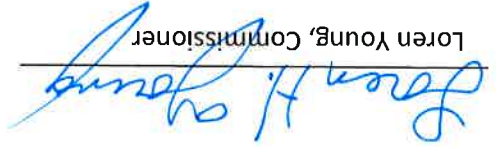
Stephanie reported that the PACE assessment was completed. There were focus groups held in Sidney, Savage and Lambert. Given the flooding, a group was not held in Fairview. A survey was used to follow up. Results will be compiled into a report and will be used to inform the strategic plan for the Active Richland County action group. Stephanie also reported that all DPHHS

licenses were paid, and none had to be inactivated. The legislative session threatened to repeal several boards, including the Board of Sanitarians. Stephanie thanked Duane and Loren for their support and showed photos of both Loren Young and Rep. Joel Krautter at the hearing. The bill was tabled. Stephanie passed out Junk Vehicle seed packets that are used to educate the community about the program. Finally, Stephanie explained how scanning all of the septic permits to an electronic hard drive has significantly reduced the amount of time it takes to find and send these documents.

County Attorney Report –

Judy reported that she and Stephanie had a meeting with Janet Christoffersen to go over health codes.

Next meeting: June 18, 2019 at 2 PM

  
Loren Young, Commissioner

Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary

