



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270

June 1, 2020

Board Members Present

Duane Mitchell – Commissioner

Shane Gorder – Commissioner

Loren Young-Commissioner

Ray Trumpower

Terry Meldahl

Me issa Boyer

Board Members Absent

Kari Johnson

Advisory Members Present

Brittney Petersen

Julie Brodhead

*Janet Christoffersen

*John Dyneson

Stephanie Ler-Santarian

Heidi Moran – Recording Secretary

Advisory Member Absent

Jeff Hintz

Deb Gilbert

Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer

Guest: Joe White, AmeriCorps member, Kathy Helmuth (RCHD), *Jen Doty (Sidney Health Center), *Jamie Larson (RC Fair and Rodeo)

* indicates who was present by phone

2:30 PM Duane Mitchell called the meeting to order and established there was a quorum.

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

Health Officer Update – Jacquelyn Free

Jacquelyn had nothing to report.

Health Order Discussion – Brittney Petersen

Brittney mentioned that the situation report for COVID -19 went up a little bit. There were cases in Big Horn County and Yellowstone County in the jail. There are still only 17 deaths. As of June 1st we start Phase 2 of reopening. Brittney and Stephanie has sent out an internal survey to staff to see what everyone has been doing with their own work and COVID-19. This evaluation will help update the COOP plan. They had an immunization clinic call concerning the Mass Flu clinic in October. Kathy mentioned that the State is for seeing a higher than average demand for flu in the fall. Some of the options for flu clinic is a drive thru clinic, or extra days at RCHD and bringing in nurse volunteers. Kathy also mentioned that she has increased the flu

order by a little bit. The flu vaccines are made in Germany (GSK), and flu zone is made in Pennsylvania.

Jamie mentioned that she has had no negatively phone calls. They will be hosting the Norway funeral on June 3 and has followed the guidelines of 50 people and 6 feet apart. The meal will be in the Event Center and the food will be served in siphoned plates. Stephanie will send her signage for the funeral on social distancing. She said there will be an auction outside on the canal side and is good to go on the barrel racing. The Demolition Derby had a great plan and she gave them the green light to go. Nothing is planned for July yet and is rescheduling weddings for 2021. The first wedding is September 1, 2020.

For the fair side of things it was mentioned for Jamie to put together a draft with her fair board members using phase 2 guidelines and then to send that draft out for everyone to look at and give feedback. Jamie mentioned that the concert was still on hold and the carnival as of last week have their own procedures and protocols. She also wonders about what kind of plans the fair food booths needed and how the beer gardens will be ran.

Jen Doty with Sidney Health Center mentioned that not much has changed. She did mention they have done 227 tests and 105 antibody tests which all came back negative. She mentioned that they started to test residents and staff at the Extended Care and etc. and the State is paying for that. Jen said that the hospital has 6 ventilators and have purchased 50 disposable ventilators.

Shane mentioned that he will follow-up with MaCCO on the Cares Act money on how to a sure that each county get their fair share of money back from the Governor. Shane would like to know how much testing kits are and Jenn mention she could reach out to the National Jewish Lab out of Denver, she said it could cost \$100-\$150 per test.

Public Comment -

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm

Next meeting: June 8, 2020 at 2:30 PM

Duane Mitchell, Commissioner



Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary

