



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270
January 10, 2023

Board Members Present

Loren Young
Shane Gorder
Duane Mitchell
Melissa Boyer
Ray Trumpower
Kari Johnson
Terry Meldahl

Advisory Members Present

John Dynneson
Brittney Petersen
Julie Brodhead
Jeff Hintz
Charity McLarty
Stephanie Ler
Jacquelyn Free
Heidi Moran
Brandon Roth

Board Members Absent

Advisory Members Absent

2:00 PM Loren Young called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Reviewed Agenda: The agenda was approved. Duane Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda and Terry Meldahl 2nd the motion.

Minutes: The November 21, 2022, minutes were approved with no changes. Shane Gorder made a motion to approve the November minutes with no changes, Ray Trumpower 2nd the motion.

Advisory Member Update: Heidi reported that John Dynneson's, Jeff Hintz's, and Brandon Roth's 1 year serving as an Advisory member is up. They all agreed to serve as an Advisory member for the year 2023.

Health Department Administrator Report – Brittney Petersen

General Health Department Updates –

RCHD was awarded a grant to fund behavioral health work in Richland County. More details to come regarding the final funding amount and final contract. This is a great win for Richland County to support the continued work of the Communities in Action Local Advisory Committee on Mental Health. Next steps in the Richland County Community Health Assessment are to engage community

members and stakeholders for additional information gathering. From there, the Communities in Action Steering Committee will begin work on new goals, strategies, and measures for our next 5 year community health improvement plan. We plan to have a new community health improvement plan complete by the start of the next fiscal year.

Performance Management –

- RCHD's Quality Improvement team has completed our 4th annual report to be submitted to the Public Health Accreditation Board on Wednesday, January 11.
- In February, Brittney will share a calendar of program reports for each Board of Health meeting.

Communicable Disease -Julie Brodhead, RN - New reporting year (2023 Jan 1- Dec 31, 2023)

Report for Jan 10, 2023, meeting:

- See Spreadsheet for Disease Reports for data as of 2022. COVID reporting sheet comparing areas is finished and COVID will be integrated in disease totals.
- Richland County Flu: 14 cases as of 1/9/2023 for yr 2023. **Season 2022-23 = 189 cases with 13 hospitalized.** Our vaccination records search show only 17 were vaccinated. Tamiflu usage has been up.
- MT State has reported confirmed 8,221 cases, 408 hospitalizations, and 8 deaths have been associated with influenza as of 12/31/2022. Final data for 2022 to come
- As of 12/31/2022, there has been 7 cases of monkeypox/orthopoxvirus reported in Montana. RCHD is a hub for vaccine for regional area as needed.
- Statewide: RSV is decreasing statewide.

COVID -19 Cases for 2022:

- See final Spreadsheet for COVID comparisons from local to global level.
- Richland County had hospitalizations 42 and 5 deaths for 2022

Vaccination Coverage: (** data changed after non- residents removed*)

Vaccination for Richland County: population eligible 11,043.

11/14/2022: 10,695 total doses given, 4,152 fully vaccinated = 38% *

01/6/2023: 10,948 total doses given, 4,145 fully vaccinated = 38% *

Vaccinations for State of MT:

11/14/2022: 1,598,799 doses given, 564,558 fully vaccinated = 52% *

1/6/2023: 1,646,362 doses given, 563,253 fully vaccinated = 52% *

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Grant year 2022-23 2nd Quarter deliverables due Jan 15th.

PHEP Director retired Jan 2nd due medical issues and we have an interim director.

The following plans are to be reviewed 2022-23: Pandemic Influenza Plan, Communicable Disease Response Plan, Risk Communication plan, and Specimen Transport Plan. Test of HAN

Response rate. Continue to work with providers on disease reporting requirements. Updated the capabilities plan. Continue to participate in the Eastern MT Healthcare coalition. New HAN process- RCHD will be sending to current HAN recipients' important information in the next 2 months.

UPCOMING Training: ICS courses 100, 200, 700 & 800 for RCHD staff.

Health Officer Report: Jacquelyn Free reported that she has been seeing Influenza cases.

Sanitarian Report: Stephanie Ler reported that she would like to have the Board of Health Chairman sign the Cooperative Agreement and this agreement states that we will do inspections and the State will pay us. Loren signed the agreement.

County Attorney Report: Charity McLarty reported that they have been working to complete two grants to support the Richland County Victim Witness program.

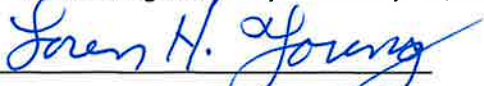
Old Business: None

New Business: Shane Gorder mentioned to everyone to help themselves to a 2023 Richland County Planning Calendar.

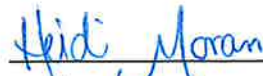
Public Comment: None

Adjourn at 2:40 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday February 14, 2023, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm



Loren Young, Board of Health Chairman



Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary

