



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270  
May 17, 2021

Board Members Present

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

Advisory Members Present

Jacquelyn Free, FNP  
Brittney Petersen  
Julie Brodhead  
John Dynneson  
Heidi Moran –Recording  
Secretary  
Brandon Roth  
Stephanie Ler-Sanitarian

Board Members Absent

Loren Young- Commissioner  
Terry Meldahl

Advisory Member Absent

Janet Christoffersen  
Jeff Hintz

Guests:

Jessica Gilbert, RCHD

2:35 PM Duane Mitchell called the meeting to order.

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

*Minutes:* The April 19, 2021 minutes were approved. Shane Gorder made a motion to approve April minutes, Kari Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Health Department Administration Report: Brittney Reported

*General Health Department Updates –*

- RCHD has shifted from mass COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics to Walk-In Clinics every Tuesday from 12:30 – 3:00pm. The one-dose (Janssen) Johnson and Johnson vaccine is offered the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and the two-dose Moderna vaccine is offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

1 high level of lead in an infant  
1 norovirus case (8 others ill at the daycare lasted ~5 days)  
1 Hantavirus confirmed case  
0 Influenza for 2020-2021 flu season (October 2020- April 2021)  
STATE OF MT -0 influenza since October 2020 for the 2020-21 flu season so far

202 COVID -19 Cases for 2021 (at # 1239 for total count for pandemic) (3 COVID deaths for 2021  
17 totals so far) up *18 from last meeting*

We have been monitoring up to 12 contacts since the last meeting. (This means doing daily phone calls or texting to check for symptoms and follow up on testing needs). Richland County had 1 hospitalized person since last meeting. The automated texting system "SARA Alert" for doing symptom checks by testing is working well.

**5/17/2021 CURRENTLY RCHD:** 3 active cases and 7 close contacts,  
Exposures from travel to funeral or others traveling in; or they were ill 1-3 months ago and did not test until they now need a medical procedure; or they have no idea how they got it and most persons only name members of household as being exposed if they are ill. (attended a gun show, went to billings for appointments & shopping, travel to Hawaii, or within MT and ND)

COVID-19 case numbers on the state map are behind as RCHD works to enter the data into the state system for it to show up on the count. RCHD is working hard at catching up in this reporting data area. Fluctuations noticed statewide on the map due to counties getting data entered - not new cases.

#### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Worldwide: Johns Hopkins Map:**

##### **World-Wide:**

3/22/2021:123,321,541 case 2,716,990 deaths, 192 countries, Rec 69,902,003  
4/19/2021: 141,662,932 cases 3,024,099 deaths, 192 countries, 81,006,833 Rec  
5/17/2021: 163,181,275 cases 3,381,740 deaths

##### **COVID-19 U.S.:**

3/22/2021: 29,821,403 cases, 542,382 deaths,  
4/19/2021: 31,700,126 cases, 567,422 deaths  
5/17/2021: 32,950,200 cases, 586,077 deaths

##### **COVID-19 MT:**

3/22/2021: 103,060 cases (1,003 active) 1414 deaths; (tot hosp 4,716) cur 49, rec 100,643  
4/19/2021: 107,202 cases, (1008 active) 1,546 Deaths, (tot hosp 4,914) 55 c hosp, rec 104,648  
5/17/2021: 110,723 cases 1,055 active, 1598 deaths, s hosp 5,157, c hosp 63, rec 108,070

##### **COVID-19 ND –**

3/22/2021: 95,764 cases, (702 active) 1461 deaths, (tot hosp 3,910) cur 19, rec 99,538  
4/19/2021: 98,320 cases, (1004 active) 1479 deaths, (tot hosp 4047) cur 35, rec 103, 322  
5/17/2021: 109,135 cases (707 active) 1504 deaths, (tot hosp 4,211) cur 28; Rec 106,924

County Attorney Report: Janet Christoffersen absent

Old Business: None

New Business: Ray made the Board aware of targeted marketing to youth for artificial marijuana. He asked for ideas to increase community awareness.

Public Comment: None

Ray motioned to adjourn at 3:25 pm.

Next meeting: June 21, 2021 from 2:30 pm to 4 pm



Duane Mitchell, Commissioner



Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary