



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270
October 12, 2021

Board Members Present

Duane Mitchell
Loren Young
Melissa Boyer
Ray Trumpower

Advisory Members Present

Janet Christoffersen
Julie Brodhead
Stephanie Ler
Heidi Moran

Board Members Absent

Shane Gorder
Kari Johnson
Terry Meldahl

Advisory Members Absent

Jeff Hintz
Jacquelyn Free
Brittney Petersen
Brandon Roth
John Dynneson

Guests:

2:00 PM Duane Mitchell called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

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

Minutes: The September 14, 2021 minutes were approved with no changes. Ray Trumpower made a motion to approve the September minutes with no changes, Melissa Boyer 2nd the motion.

Health Department Administration Report: Stephanie L. Reported

General Health Department Updates –

The Richland County Health Department is pleased with the turnout at the 2nd Annual Drive Thru Clinic on September 30th. The drive-through clinic vaccinated exactly 400 community members. The clinic was a collaborative effort between the Health Department, Volunteers in Action, the Sidney Volunteer Fire Department, and Communities in Action AmeriCorps members. To make the clinic run smoothly required the work of 45 total volunteers and staff, which included 7 volunteer nurses, 17 support volunteers, 18 Health Department staff, and 3 AmeriCorps members, and logistical support from Disaster and Emergency Services and Richland County Public Works.

In addition to the 400 doses of vaccine given at the flu clinic, the Department administered 122 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at the regular clinic on Tuesday, and an additional 47 doses of flu and other routine vaccines on Monday and Wednesday. This is a record total of 569 total vaccines given in one week. This is in addition to maintaining COVID-19 case investigations, WIC, Family Planning, Environmental Health and other services.

RCHD will continue our COVID Walk-In Clinics every Tuesday from 12:30 – 3:00pm. If a community member needs an earlier or later time on a Tuesday, we are more than happy to accommodate. RCHD now offers all three vaccines each Tuesday - The one-dose (Janssen) Johnson and Johnson vaccine and the two-dose Moderna and Pfizer vaccines.

During the month of October, Health Department staff are providing routine school shots and flu shots to outlying communities and Becky Bradley administered flu shots onsite several County Departments.

Performance Management – Stephanie reported on the COVID water bottle project. The goal was to provide water bottles with COVID vaccine clinic information attached to increase county COVID-19 vaccination rates. She handed out 2000 water bottles that were distributed to different groups and events in the community. As a result of this project, RCHD achieved at least a 10% increase in the intended age categories.

Communicable Disease -Julie Brodhead, RN
New reporting year (2021 Jan 3- Dec 31, 2021)

SEE SPREADSHEET for Disease Reports.

COVID -19 Cases for 2020: Year 2020 = 1061 cases with 14 deaths

Cases for 2021:

As of 10/11 Up 256 cases since last meeting at end of day –#1716 (FYI- our case report ended with #1712)

Since last meeting we have had 14 hospitalized at the time of the positive teste result was reported. Others may have been hospitalized afterwards.

Many ER visits for shortness of breath, dehydration due to NV D. High fevers up to 104 in adults and children have been reported.

Raw data on COVID Cases in county schools: two staff, and about 30 school aged kids. Raw data on 10/11 -- Positive Kids: ages 0-9 =17 ages 10-19=36

Anecdotally, our county has seen positives cases in persons that are partially or fully vaccinated, and hospitalized. Richland County has had two variants -alpha and delta - in 2021.

10/11/2021 55 active cases (Possibly due to exposures from travel, visitors, household, and events.

SEE SPREADSHEET for COVID Comparisons from local level to global

Vaccinations

Vaccinations for State of ND

7/12: 631,458 doses given, 39.9% or 300,159 persons fully vaccinated

9/13/2021: 703,121 doses given, 49.6 % with one dose, and 42.7 % fully vaccinated

10/12/2021: 764,530 doses given, 56% with one dose and 52.4 % fully vaccinated

Vaccinations for State of MT

7/12/2021: 874,859 total doses, 434,242 persons fully vaccinated, for 47%

9/13/2021: 969,223 total doses given; 473,730 persons fully immunized for 51%

10/12/2021: 1,037,832 total doses given; 494,537 persons fully immunized for 54%

Richland County VACCINE Administered (Eligible population 8,978)

3/22/2021: 2,882 total doses given and 1,122 persons are fully vaccinated in the 13 weeks

4/19/2021: 4,188 total doses given, 2,025 fully immunized, 1st dose administered to 2,345

5/17/2021: 4,782 total doses given, 2,338 fully vaccinated, 1st doses admin 2,667, at 26%

6/21/2021: 5576 total doses given, 2,885 fully vaccinated, 1st dose admin 3031, at 32%

7/12/2021: 5721 total doses given, 2983 fully vaccinated, 1st dose administered 3,124, 33% fully vaccinated

9/13/2021: 6490 total doses given, 3,343 fully vaccinated, 1st dose administered 3,605, 37% fully vaccinated

10/12/2021: 7046 total doses given, 3,631 fully vaccinated, 1st dose administered 3902, 40% fully vaccinated

(Map updates once a week for county totals)

Public Health Emergency Preparedness: by Julie Brodhead

Deliverables for 1st due 10/25 with the extension.

There are several deliverables for 1st Quarter, including an After-Action Report for COVID-19 Response – Board was asked to provide feedback related to improvements in public health's response going forward. In addition, RCHD will evaluate our risk communication plan during the response.

Deliverables for Quarter 2: CHEMPACK Plan updates, capability workplans, conduct an Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop and produce a multi-year plan for Training, & Exercise, report population groups for off-site flu shot Clinic, and Influenza checklist for offsite clinic. Reminder for BOH members to respond to the "Remind" text for a TEST coming up in the next quarter.

Health Officer Report: Absent

Sanitarian Report: Stephanie had no additional report.

County Attorney Report: Janet Christoffersen had nothing to report.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Public Comment: None

Ray motioned to adjourn at 2:40 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm



Duane Mitchell, Commissioner



Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary