



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270

January 8, 2019

Advisory Members Present

John Dynneson
Deb Gilbert
Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer
Stephanie Ler-Sanitarian
Julie Brodhead
Heidi Moran – Recording Secretary

Advisory Member Absent

Judy LaPan
Jeff Hintz

Board Members Present

Shane Gorder- Commissioner
Duane Mitchell – Commissioner
Melissa Boyer
Kari Johnson
Ray Trunpover
Terry Meldahl

Board Members Absent

Loren Young – Commissioner

Guests: Jessica Gilbert (RCHD-RSVP), Lanae King (AmeriCorps)
Duane Mitchell called the Board of Health meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and established that there was a quorum.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved. Terry made a motion to approve the agenda and Ray 2nd the motion.

MINUTES: The December minutes were approved. Terry made a motion to approve the December minutes and Ray 2nd the motion.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Jacquelyn said she had nothing to report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Health Department: Stephanie reported for Judy that Gov. Steve Bullock sent a postcard congratulating the Department on achieving accreditation.

The Local Advisory Committee, through Communities in Action, will be partnering with Pella Lutheran Church and other local faith-based organizations to apply for a grant to support a coordinated system of support groups in the community.

The Steering Committee is working to solidify the Richland County Strategic Plan's focus areas. The focus area will be discussed and are pending approval at an upcoming meeting, but they will likely be: emotional wellness, community safety, workforce development, build environment, health lifestyles-

nutrition, healthy lifestyles- physical activity, and capacity building. Goals and indicators have been set using local data and will be finalized at the upcoming steering committee meeting. The expected completion date is March.

The Department is working on the first part of the Department strategic plan, which includes culture of quality, customer focus, leadership and transparency. The January and February staff meetings will focus on finish these objectives, and completing the section on strategic alignment with the County strategic plan. The goal is to have it completed by April 1.

Stephanie reported that AmeriCorps welcomed two new members. Leah Colley is serving at the Boys and Girls Club of Dawson County. Lanae King was introduced. She is serving at the Sidney-Richland County Library working on literacy outreach.

Richland County Library working on literacy outreach.

Communicable Disease report for Richland County: YEAR 2018:

4 Crypto
1 Norovirus

28 animal bites (1 refusal of the PEP)

11 Chronic Hepatitis C

1 Chronic Hepatitis B

4 Campylobacter

28 Chlamydia

1 Gonorrhea

6 Strep Pneumonia (pneumonia, meningitis)

4 latent TB

1 probable Rickettsia (tick fever after travel to South Africa)

1 Prion Disease (Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease)

1 E-Coli STEC (Shiga toxin producing E. coli)

1 Coccidioidomycosis

1 West Nile Fever

1 High Lead level reading in a 1 year old – lab to be repeated in 3 months

Communicable Disease report for Richland County as of Jan 8, 2019:

1 High Lead level reading in a 1 year old (old case from 2018 but remains elevated)

2 animal bites

1 Chicken Pox

Influenza for Richland County from Oct 1, 2018 to January 8th, 2019 Season
6 cases (all in Dec with 2 hospitalizations) **2019- Richland** has 0 cases

State of MT INFLUENZA NUMBERS for the season from October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019
AS of Dec 29th, 2018: MT Total confirmed cases were 274, with 19 hospitalizations and 2 deaths.

Emergency Preparedness:

July reported that Quarter 2 deliverables are finished and is looking at upcoming deliverable. On March 13, 2019 (tentative date) the Department is planning a tabletop exercise that would be about a

hypothetical case of measles in the schools. The BOH members are invited for sure- so please save the date. Julie said she would like to get people from the hospital, BOH and schools to attend this exercise. It would start around 2pm – 2:30 pm and maybe this could take place of our BOH meeting in March or maybe not as this would be discussed more.

Program Review: Jessica Gilbert reported for RSVP. She went over the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 201-2018. She mentioned the 3 Special Projects that the Regional Veterans Services Action Group will be working on and they are: 1)Peer to Peer Support, 2)Veterans Count./Connect, and 3)Veterans Court. She told how volunteers make an impact to our community. 745 volunteer's donated 29,090.65 total hours last fiscal year which saved the community \$718,247.65.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

Stephanie reported that she had received an update from Nicole Dietrich following the letter approved at the previous meeting. Nicole said she had been in compliance since October, but was not aware the Board wanted her to remove the PVC drain pipe. She submitted a receipt from Door Bust'n, and will be working with Hurley's to remove the pipe and install the new holding tanks.

Stephanie also said she received several complaints about a sewer smell at the Yellowstone Marketplace in December. She has received similar complaints in the past. The Department has a policy to respond to complaints in private buildings. The city and fire marshal were notified.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Duane announced that Janet Christoffersen would be replacing Mike Weber as legal counsel to the Board, and planned to come to the next meeting.
Shane mentioned that he read a news story that a Juul (e-cigarette) company gave employees a \$1 million bonus.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Duane Mitchell, Commissioner



Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary



