



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270
March 12, 2019

Advisory Members Present

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

Advisory Member Absent

- Janet Christoffersen

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

- Loren Young – Commissioner
- Terry Meldahl

Guests: Kall Godfrey (RCHD-CIA Americorps Director)

Duane Mitchell called the Board of Health meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and established that there was a quorum.

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

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

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Jacquelyn reported that they are still seeing positive A and B influenza and that a lot of clients have not had flu shots.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

General Health Department: Stephanie reported that Public Health Week is April 1st – 8th, 2019. The RCHD is doing a video for Public Health Week and the Health Department will be nominating a "Friend of Public Health" award that week. She also mentioned that RSVP has hired Autumn Posey for the RSVP Coordinator in Scobey.

Policy Discussion/Department Policies: Stephanie reported that she and Judy had a meeting with the City of Sidney due to animal bites. They came up with a brochure for animal bites that is called "Guide to Animal Bites." Stephanie dropped off 25 brochures to the City Hall and 25 brochures to High Plains Veterinary Clinic.

Performance Management: Stephanie reported that Heather Nevins is working on the Dash Board and will present at the April meeting.

Communicable Disease report for Richland County as of March 11, 2019:
1 High Lead level reading in a 1 year old (old case from 2018 but remains elevated)
4 Animal bites and or possible exposures to rabies
1 Chicken Pox
3 Chronic Hepatitis C
5 Chlamydia
1 Gonorrhea
7 influenza hospitalizations

Influenza for Richland County from Oct 1, 2018 to March 11, 2019
SEASON: 75 cases (69 in 2019) (with 7 hospitalizations, and 1 death under age 65)
Flu Type: 8 B, 65 A, 2 were not typed. (H1N1 for the A). Those tested positive ages from 11 months -85,
31 – Ages 0 to 17; 39 were < 65 yrs; 5 were > 65yrs. 16 people had a vaccination against influenza = 21%.
33 persons have been given Tamflu. Get your Flu shot.
(NOTE: last year 3/9/2018 - Richland County had 190 cases for the season).

State of MT INFLUENZA NUMBERS for the season from October 1, 2018 to May 2019
AS of 3/2/2019, (Week 9) MT Total confirmed cases are 8,239 with 443 hospitalizations and 12 deaths.
Seeing mostly Flu A type H1 N1, and some B.

Comparing Last year ending (Week 10), March 31st 2018, - season to date 9362 cases, 902 hospitalizations, and 57 deaths (1 pediatric)

Emergency Preparedness:

Julie reported that the Communicable Disease Surveillance & Response policy and the checklist needs to be signed off before July. This policy will be tested at the table top. We will also be exercising parts of the Lab Sample Transport Plan, Risk Communication Plan, Health Alert Network Plan, Isolation and Quarantine Plan and the Non-Pharmaceutical Plan. Pandemic Influenza Plan has been finished and needs approval.

TABLE TOP EXERCISE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the conference rooms 201 & 202 at the Community Services Building hosted by the Health Department. Sign in is at 2:15; begins at 2:30- until about 5pm. The measles tabletop exercise is about a hypothetical case of measles in the schools. The BOH members are invited. There will partners included from the hospital and schools at this exercise. Discussion about the measles outbreak in WA State at 71 cases in 2 counties. None in MT, but we want to be ready.

Julie Tested the BOH members by text this quarter for response. Through the Remind system with 13 enrolled & everyone responded within the 24-hour window for a 100% rate! Thanks.
Upcoming PHEP state meeting in May in Miles City.

Program Review –AmeriCorps Program. Kall Godfrey gave a power point presentation to the Board of Health on all 10 members serving in Richland and Dawson Counties. She also mentioned that there will be 4 members serving for a second term.

SANITARIAN REPORT: Stephanie reported that there was one licensed establishment owner who owns two establishments that paid only 3 of their 5 total licenses. She has sent certified mailings, which were received. She has a stack of documentation to give to Janet should they fail to pay their fees by March 31, when the state will cancel their license.

Stephanie also handed out invitations to the PACE environmental health assessment focus groups. The PACE is a best practice assessment process to gather information on community perceptions of environmental health issues. The meetings are as follows:

March 21, 2019 from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Sidney Mainstay Suites (1000 3rd St NW)

March 25, 2019 from 12:00 to 1:00pm at the Savage Senior Center (178 East Main St)

March 28, 2019 from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Fairview Senior Center (516 S Central Ave)

April 2, 2019 from 5:30 to 6:30pm at C Q Bar&Grill (149 Main S) in Lambert

Members are encouraged to attend and invite others.

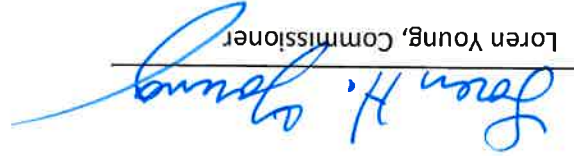
OLD BUSINESS: None.

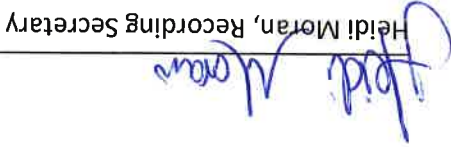
NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There being no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.


Loren Young, Commissioner


Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary

