emergency administrative rules that temporarily restricted the sale of flavored vape products.

Jackson Barnett reported for chronic disease. She mentioned that the Department of Health and Human Services issued a statement about the outbreak of respiratory illness associated with e-cigarette use.

Health Officer Report: Jackson Barnett reported the following:

- A rise in cases of respiratory illness associated with e-cigarette use.
- The outbreak is spreading to other states.
- The cause of the outbreak is unknown, but it is suspected to be related to e-cigarettes.

A public health advisory was issued urging people to avoid using e-cigarettes and to seek medical attention if they experience respiratory symptoms.

Jackson Barnett, Health Officer

Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
3. Discussion of the outbreak of respiratory illness associated with e-cigarettes

Terry McDonald, Chair

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Members Present:

John Dykes
Jacqueline Frey-Health Officer
Janet Christoffersen
Heidi Woron - Recording Secretary
Stephanie Leb-Sanitarium
Jeff Hiltz
Julie Broadhead
Deb Gilder
Brittany Petersen

Advisory Members Present:

Kari Johnson
Lornan Young - Commissioner
Maiadness Bower
Ray Trumpower
Shaheen Corder - Commissioner
Diane Mitchell - Commissioner

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Began December 18, 2019, for a 120 day period, ending April 15, 2020. This includes all the flavors including menthol, for self-loading vapes and prefilled cartridges. The FDA Vape Ban enforcement will not take effect until 30 days from the publication notice of their guidance in the Federal register. That date is February 6, 2020. This ban does not include menthol flavor and is only for cartridges. As of April 14, 2020 there was no update.

Jacklyn also reported on the Tobacco 21 the new federal law that raised the minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age on December 20, 2019. The delays the age of initiation to prevent a lifetime of addiction: 1) virtually all (95%) of adult smokers had their first cigarette before turning 21. Individuals who start smoking at younger ages are more likely to smoke as adults, and are also among the heaviest users. 2) With Tobacco 21, smoking initiation would be reduced by 25% for 15 to 17 year olds and 15% to 18 to 20 year olds.

*Health Department Administration Report:* Brittney Petersen reported that Louisa Amos started March 23, 2020 and is the coordinator of the Drug Free Community Grant. She mentioned that Kali is continuously working on the AmeriCorps Grant and has three new host sites: Fort Peck, Roosevelt County, and Dawson Health Department. She mentioned that Jessica, with RSVP, is working on renewing her grant that is due end of April.

Brittney said she has been sending out updated/overview emails of COVID-19 weekly to the Board of Health.

The BOH order and the Resolution both expired on Friday April 10, 2020. Shane Gorder made a motion to have Janet align the County Resolution and BOH Order to allow for them to be more easily extended or shortened at the vote of the Board. In addition, Janet will send the draft BOH Order to the Board for review and comments. Loren Young 2nd the motion. The members for the motion are: Terry, Loren, Shane, Melissa, Kari and Ray. Duane opposed the motion.

*Communicable Disease report for Richland County as of April 13,2020:*
15 Chlamydia
1 Pertussis
3 Hep C
2 LTB
1 Gonorrhea
1 Crypto
1 Malaria
5 Dog Bites (1 person not from our County but dog is)
1 Ecoli
The schools have had kids out with flu like symptoms.
4 RSV (at Nursing Home)
1 Strep Pneumonia hospitalized)
1 Hep A (still investigating)
3 COVID-19 (domestic travel, close contact, and still being determined)
The ICH Team will review the various ICH plans that have been activated in this response.

Process: We will note updates as needed during these reviews.

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Done specifically for the COVID response by health departments, our ICHs work closely with the various ICH plans that have been activated in this response.

Emergency Preparedness:

Updates are provided to the public as quickly as the concern is identified. People are encouraged to call with questions & this is available 24/7. Our ICH has been monitors symptoms and assure that they maintain the facility to stay home and self-isolate.

Information: ICHs keep in contact with positive cases and those named close contacts to follow up phone calls with individual positive cases to determine if they are or if they are not in contact with the general public and coordinate with other Health Center health centers.

All counties have been in the news and updates posted to their Facebook pages. The ICH has been providing information on the county websites.

Governor Press Conferences, Updates and meetings with the governor and other health officials.


The Richland County ICH Team activated their Emergency Operations Center on 3/13/20.

1/13/20: First HAN Outbreak of Pneumonia of Unknown Etiology (PUI) in Wuhan, China.


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For the Nation: As of April 4, 2020: CDC estimates: 33 million cases, 4,100,000 hospitalizations.

For the State: As of March 28, 2020: 1,145 cases, 4,883 hospitalizations, 16 deaths.


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MEETINGS
The Rabies Management Training in Miles City on April 23, 2020 from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the Sleep Inn has been postponed.
The Business Continuity Planning training for April 21, has been postponed.

Sanitarian Report:
Stephanie reported that she has been managing all the Communications for COVID-19.

County Attorney Report: Janet mentioned that Brittney, and Stephanie have been great to work with.

Old Business: None

New Business: Shane asked how information of COVID-19 is being updated and shared. Stephanie has been submitting information to the Roundup. She noted that the Sidney Herald does not always publish what is submitted. RCHD Epi team participated on calls with the the state health department, follow the Governor’s press conferences and releases, and Brittny talks weekly with Jen Doty, and Deb Gilbert via Unified Command about goals, a coordinated response and what each organization is responsible for.

Public Comment: None

Shane Gorder motioned to adjourn at 3:05 pm.

Next meeting: May 12, 2020 at 2 PM

Duane Mitchell, Commissioner

Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary