



RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270

June 19, 2019

Board Members Present

Loren Young – Commissioner

Melissa Boyer

Kari Johnson

Ray Trumpower

Advisory Members Present

Deb Gilbert

Judy LaPan

Stephanie Ler-Santarian

Julie Brodhead

Janet Christoffersen

Heidi Moran – Recording Secretary

Board Members Absent

Terry Meldahl

Shane Gorder – Commissioner

Duane Mitchell – Commissioner

Advisory Member Absent

Jacquelyn Free-Health Officer

Jeff Hintz

John Dynneson

Guests: Carter Roggeusack (Intern County Attorney), Ella L. Crowder (Intern County Attorney)

2 PM Loren Young called the meeting to order.

Loren Young called quorum.

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

Minutes: The May minutes were approved. Kari Johnson made a motion to approve the May minutes, Ray Trumpower 2nd the motion.

Health Officer Report: Judy LaPan reported for Jacquelyn Free. Judy mentioned that this is tick bite awareness time of the year. This will more than likely be a prevalent mosquito year due to all the standing water. DEET, DEET, DEET, avoid dawn and dusk, wear long sleeves and pants if you have to work outside at those times, get rid of any standing water that you can. If you have stagnant water you cannot get rid of use mosquito bombs which will kill the larvae (you can find them at Cenex and probably TSC).

Health Department Report: Judy reported that there is electronic contract process with the State Health Department. She mentioned that there are a few grants that are being worked on. One is the Drug Free Communities Grant that is being written through CIA. The focus areas would be alcohol and meth.

Through the MT Health Care Foundation we will be getting a grant writer to help us. The other grants that are being written are: 1) Workforce Development Grant and 2) the Peer to Peer Project working with Veterans through RSVP.

Judy had the Commissioners sign the DUI Task Force Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. She had Loren sign the final Department Strategic Plan.

Communicable Disease report for Richland County as of June 17, 2019:

1 High Lead level reading in a 1 year old (old case from 2018 but remains elevated)
14 Animal bites and or possible exposures to rabies

2 Chicken Pox

6 Chronic Hepatitis C

11 Chlamydia

3 Gonorrhea

9 influenza hospitalizations

2 persons started on meds for LTb

State count had 105 while I had 104, so I will review my records to confirm numbers before next meeting.

Influenza for Richland County from Oct 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019

SEASON: 105 cases (98 in 2019) (with 9 hospitalizations, and 1 death under age 65)

Flu Type: 9 B, 92 A, 4 were not typed. (H1N1 for the A). Those tested positive were ages from 5 months -87 yrs old; Breakdown- 42 – ages 0 to 17; 54 were < 65 yrs; 9 were > 65yrs. 23 people had a

vaccination for influenza = 22%. 47 persons have been given Tamflu. Last positive test was on 5/8

(NOTE: last year 5/8/2018 - Richland County had 198 cases for the season with 15 hosp, 3 deaths).

DPHHS released the State Influenza Summary for 2018-19

State of MT INFLUENZA NUMBERS for the season from October 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019

AS of 6/1/2019, (Week 22) MT Total confirmed cases are 13,576 with 767 hospitalizations and 38 deaths (1 pediatric). Most common was Flu A H1N1 (2009); then Flu A H3N2 type; 8.6% were type Flu B. The

peak activity was week ending Feb 23.

Shared DPHHS press releases about West Nile Virus & Rabies Awareness.

Pertussis: as of 5/23/19 132 - Pertussis cases reported from Missoula, Gallatin, Lewis and Clark, and Park counties. Most cases are high-school aged, but a few cases in adults have been identified as well. Year to date as of June 8 -just over 345 cases of pertussis have been identified.

Measles: June 8, 2019: 1,022 cases of measles have been reported from 28 states in the U.S., including

a second confirmed case in Idaho (epidemiologically linked to the first case). The Idaho cases were

imported via international travel. Please continue to be vigilant for measles! As tourist season nears,

please be aware of individuals presenting with signs and symptoms of measles who have recent travel to or from areas with ongoing measles transmission and report suspect cases to local public health

immediately.

Emergency Preparedness:

Julie attended the PHEP regional meeting in May in Miles City to review 2019-2020 grant work plan. Also attended the Health Care Coalition Meeting on the next day to learn more about it.

As a department and county, we are tasked with reviewing the 15 Public Health Emergency Capabilities

this year and we will be asking for input. Meeting with the Access and Functional Needs groups on June

25th at Noon and 5:30 (repeat). Heads up for the Sate Wide Full-Scale Exercise to be done in October, it

will be testing our ability to receive, store and distribute vaccine in a timely manner which falls under Capability #9.

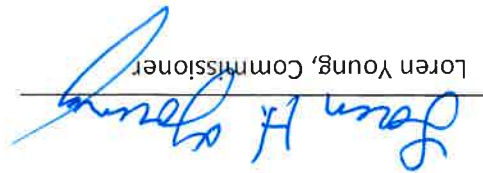
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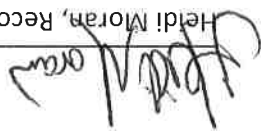
Stephanie reported that she had 11 new licenses. Five of those were food establishments, two were two temporary establishments, and four were tattoo places. Stephanie explained changes in the junk vehicle law to allow counties to use funds to dispose of junk campers and mobile homes. She is proposing to budget \$6000, and allow people to use \$1000 of the funds per property owner, or up to half of the cost of disposal. The county would not haul, the property owner would be responsible for submitting receipts to be reimbursed. Each property owner would be allowed 1 per budget year. The sunset date is 2021. The Board did not have any comments.

County Attorney Report – Janet had nothing to report besides working with all identities on County ordinance for dog bites/rabies.

Old Business: Melissa Boyer asked what was happening with the landfill issue proposal. Loren mentioned that it is still going on and that everyone involve is staying on top of it

Next meeting: July 9, 2019 at 2 PM


Loren Young, Commissioner


Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary

