



**RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

**1201 West Holly, Room 202, SIDNEY, MONTANA 59270
May 10, 2022**

Board Members Present

Shane Gorder
Kari Johnson
Ray Trumpower
Terry Meldahl

Advisory Members Present

Brittney Petersen
John Dynneson
Julie Brodhead
Stephanie Ler
Heidi Moran

Board Members Absent

Loren Young
Duane Mitchell
Melissa Boyer

Advisory Members Absent

Brandon Roth
Jacquelyn Free
Janet Christoffersen
Jeff Hintz

Guests: Charity McLarty, Deputy County Attorney sitting in for County Attorney Janet Christoffersen

2:00PM Shane Gorder called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

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

Minutes: The March 8, 2022 minutes were approved with no changes. Terry Meldahl made a motion to approve the March minutes with no changes, Kari Johnson 2nd the motion.

HUB Newsletter – Heidi reported, for Jacklyn Damm, that Region 13 Chronic Disease Prevention HUB, which includes Richland, Dawson, Wibaux, Fallon, Prairie, and McCone, puts out a quarterly newsletter to update our region’s decision makers. This quarter we are sharing it with you as a paper copy but from here on will be included with the BOH agenda. We hope you find it informative. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of us listed on the bottom right-hand corner of the newsletter

Health Department Administrator Report

General Health Department Updates – Brittney Petersen

- Our Office Manager is retiring at the end of the fiscal year. This is a fulltime position that has numerous responsibilities including grants book management, medical billing, and bookkeeping. The job description and ad will be posted this week.
- We will be conducting our CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response), which is part of our community health assessment, on Tuesday, June 7. Communities in Action, with guidance from our Steering Committee and assistance from Volunteers in Action is beginning to recruit volunteers and advertise to the public. The purpose of the CASPER is to gain understanding of the health status of our community, continued development of our volunteer workforce, and completing an emergency preparedness response exercise. Our comprehensive Community Health Assessment is informed in part by the findings of our CASPER and other state and national data sources.
- Our Communities in Action Summit was a success. The goal of the Summit was to re-invite and re-engage Richland County to Communities in Action. The planning team met to debrief, look through evaluations, and assess what went well and improvements for the future.
- Our Drug Free Communities program is hosting a virtual training on Wednesday, May 11 at 2pm in this conference room on Marijuana, specifically:
 - Learn About the High-Potency Marijuana Products Used by Today's Youth
 - Discover How THC Interacts with the Adolescent Brain to Change Its Formation
 - See the Results of Legalizing Medical Marijuana for 18-Year-Old's in Colorado
 - Understand How Adolescent Marijuana Use Can Lead to Mental Illness and Psychosis
 - Understand the Connection Between Youth Marijuana Use and Suicidality

Shane mentioned that he received an email from Sean Dodds, Prevention Specialist, that showed a resolution from the City of Shelby on the Risks of MJ Dispensaries and Use Among Youth in Toole County.

Program Report -Asthma Home Visiting, Breanne Josephson-

- Brittney reported that Breanne has been recognized across the State of what she has done with the Montana Asthma Program here in Richland County. Recently the MAP program graduated a patient out of the program and has set up 3 new clients this quarter. The MAP coordinator and MT Chronic Disease Coordinator met with All Check Medical Clinic staff in Sidney to explain the MAP and cancer screening programs in detail.

Performance Management –

- RCHD continues to review our internal policies each month and our Quality Improvement team has started to plan and schedule internal trainings. In March staff were trained or re-trained in QPR for suicide prevention, which stand for Question, Persuade, and Refer. In May, we are having a HIPAA training for all staff. HIPAA protects sensitive patient health information.

Communicable Disease -Julie Brodhead, RN - New reporting year (2022 Jan 2- Dec 31, 2022)

- See Spreadsheet for Disease Reports for data as of 5/8/2022

- Richland County Flu: 66 cases for the year, 74 for the season, 6 hospitalizations for season.
- MT State flu: 5,872 cases, 205 hospitalizations, and 9 deaths for season, week ending 4/30/2022; Lab reports show Influenza A statewide, minimal Influenza B showing up.
- *Note: flu season is from 10/1/2021- 5/31/2022.*
- *Highly Pathogenic Avian influenza A H5N1 (from infected wild birds can spread to people whom have close contact with them) – as of 5/3 no human case in MT; HPAI was detected in 8 commercial/backyard poultry flocks and 2 wild birds.*
- *Salmonella case is in preliminary stage with possible travel associated to SD.*

COVID -19 Cases for 2022:

- See Spreadsheet for COVID comparisons from local to global level
- As of 4/11/2022 - Richland: 2,641 cases, 33 deaths, (cases up 23 since 3/8) 0 active.
- 5/10/2022 – Richland: 2,647 total cases, 35 deaths, (up 7 since above report) 0 active
- Richland County had 1 hospitalized since the March BOH meeting
- COVID cases for Richland County Schools as of 3/30/2022 was 218

Vaccination Coverage: (since March meeting we added another age group)

Vaccination for Richland County: population eligible 10,310

3/7/2022: 9,799 total doses given, 4,190 fully vaccinated = 41%; 4,455 with one dose

4/11/2022: 9,931 total doses given, 4,242 fully vaccinated = 41%; 4,485 with one dose

5/8/2022: 10,023 total doses given, 4,261 fully vaccinated = 41%; 4,501 with one dose

Vaccinations for State of MT:

3/7/2022: 1,410,287 doses given, 556,902 fully vaccinated = 55%

4/11/2022: 1,433,885 doses given, 561,097 fully vaccinated = 55%

5/8/2022: 1,461,270 doses given, 563,762 fully vaccinated = 55%

Vaccinations for State of ND:

3/6/2022: 1,038,892 doses given. 61.4% with one dose, 58.8% fully vaccinated

4/11/2022: 1,051,996 doses given. 58.2% with one dose, 54.0% fully vaccinated

5/8/2022: 1,077,885 doses given. 58.4% with one dose, 54.3% fully vaccinated

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The Quarter 3 deliverables were turned in April 15, 2022.

4th Quarter deliverables are due July 15th and include:

- End of the year report describes activities outside PHEP deliverables.
- Meet with access functional needs (AFN) partners and discuss how local county response plans include special considerations required during a disaster. Work with DES and LEPC.
- Disaster Shelter Survey- The information in this survey is for assisting local DES to identify Disaster Facility Capabilities in their community. It can be completed by anyone and is available at https://pheap.formstack.com/forms/disaster_facility_survey

The survey has been **put on hold until next year**. It is good to be aware of and start looking into now.

- Update and share the POD Plan, we will need signatures of review when finished.
- Review the pandemic Influenza plan.
- HAN test of a local group and of the MT Duty officer.

The Eastern Healthcare Coalition (HCC) Executive committee had a virtual meeting on 4/12/2022, as a subcommittee to discuss how to spend the excess funding between \$8-10,000 before June 30th. The spending must benefit the 18 counties in the coalition. The committee did discuss providing more on behavioral health during the next fiscal year.

Julie and Stephanie attended the PHEP contract meeting on May 4, 2022, in Miles City. Julie attended the HCC member's training on 5/5 in Miles City called RENEW— understand, prevent and treat Compassion Fatigue and Burnout, by Journey's Consulting. Julie is working to bring this training to Sidney for more to attend.

Julie and Jessica also attended a 2-day Behavioral Health Summit in Watford City at the end of April. Hoping to gather interest and support to put something similar together for the Eastern MT region.

Public Health Summer Institute will be in Billings, July 18-22, 2022, and there is a fee to attend.

Health Officer Report: Heidi reported for Jacquelyn that she has nothing to add to the meeting as COVID numbers remain low and that tick season is among us. The sun is finally out, therefore promoting sun protection and staying hydrated are key. No increase in concussions unless someone gets hit with a golf club or track implement (which did happen in Baker, discuss to the head of a girl not paying attention).

Sanitarian Report: Stephanie updated the BOH that she will be removing the House Bill 702 off the website. She has seen an increase in complaints and the ones that are in city limits she sends them to the City of Sidney. She follows policy on how to handle the complaints within the County.

County Attorney Report: Charity McLarty reported for Janet Christoffersen. Charity provided a brief introduction and overview.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjourn at 2:40 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm



Shane Gorder, Commissioner



Heidi Moran, Recording Secretary

