

Powell County Public Health
Board Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2017

Chair Dan Sager called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance were: Dan Sager, Powell County Commission; Rem Mannix, Powell County Commission; Doug Crachy, Powell County Commission; Rick Johnson, Deer Lodge Police Department; Zane Cozby, City of Deer Lodge/Deer Lodge Medical Center; Ida Miller, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Amanda Bohrer, Tobacco Prevention; Chris McKee, Powell County; Paula Christensen, FNP-Public Health Officer; Kimberly Hardwick, FNP student; Jennifer Spring, Deer Lodge Medical Center/Health Board; Marianne Saylor, Powell County Public Health Nurse; Debbie Robinson, A-DLC Public Health; Jody Fortner, A-DLC Public Health; Michelle Harrington, Western Montana Mental Health Center/Tri-County Addictions; Chad Lanes, Tri-County Environmental Health; Amy Dreesen, Deer Lodge Medical Center

Minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting were approved after corrections. Dan Sager made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, Jennifer Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Tobacco Specialist: Amanda Borher reported the Clean Air Act has been amended and should be ready for signing very soon. The REACT lock down was very well attended with 33 in attendance. WMMH were Matt Burkley 15, Pastor Baker 13 and Patrick Moody 5. Two of the largest tobacco companies spent \$147,000.00 during the 3 months of the Montana Legislative session to kill the State's first tobacco increase in 12 years. That is more than they spent lobbying the Montana Legislature in the past decade. A huge response was received to the Community tobacco Survey this past January.

Tri-County Home Health: Debbie Robinson reported there were 6 visits. Helped inform parents about asthma, 0-17 year olds inhaler use and she is always looking for referrals and looking at grants, working with schools is very important part of her job.

Women, Infant & Children Nurse: Jody Fortner stated there is a supplemental program for families with children. A dietician is available from Anaconda. Jody can verify immunizations are up to date. There is no waiting list. Instead of checks E-WIC cards are used. App for phone is available to let you know if item is approved for purchase. The program can always use more children. Foster care children are automatically approved. WIC cards are to be swiped before Snap cards.

Tri-County Sanitarian: Chad Lanes reported the Serve Safe seminar had 6 in attendance. Other inquiries are being taken care of. Class can be online but need to Proctor Exams. Developments moving forward. Compliances are being resolved. Still trying to clean up Garrison. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) gave the Garrison issue back to the county and are cooperating to solve said issue. Brewery owners need information on Clean Air Act.

Public Health Nurse: Marianne Saylor reported Winchester Drive garbage is a little bit better but still not taken care of. Letters have been sent by registered mail but were never picked up. Sheriff Howard needs to serve notice. Chad Lanes will talk with County Attorney Lewis Smith to see what the next step is. City Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Grey, gets complaints and will process as necessary. Mike Grey can be contacted at City Hall. Flu over June 1, 2017. We will see cases of flu through the summer. 14 cases of flu were reported at Montana State Prison, 12 cases not verified as of yet. Over 900 flu shots were given.

Public Health Officer: Paula Christensen reported one person tested negative for Hantavirus. Rabies is still an issue. Montana Rabies site is an excellent source for information. Ticks can cause paralysis in children. After tick is removed it takes 24 hours before the poison leaves your system.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Next meeting will be held September 5, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Mannix, Jr.", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Secretary