

Powell County Public Health
Board Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2017

Chair Dan Sager called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance were: Ralph E. Mannix, Powell County Commissioner; Dan Sager, Powell County Commissioner; Doug Crachy, Powell County Commissioner; Chad Lanes, Tri – County Sanitarian; Ruth E. Koehler, DES; Marianne Saylor, County Health Nurse; Jennifer Spring, Public Health Board; Amanda Marie Bohrer, Tobacco Specialist; Janice Stewart, Western Montana Mental Health Center – Anaconda; Jeri Payne, R.N., Powell County Visiting Nurse; Aubree Bohrer, reACT; Tony Pfaff, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Kyla Johns, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Amy Dreesen, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Rick Johnson, Deer Lodge Police Department; Bernard K. Barton, Disaster & Emergency; Lewis Smith, County Attorney.

Minutes of December 2016 meeting were approved with corrections. Jennifer Spring moved with Bernard Barton seconding. Motion carried.

Reports:

Tri-County Sanitarian: Chad Lanes reported all regular septic installers have been certified. Onsite inspections are only needed on noncertified system installations. Eating establishments license renewable are almost 100% in Powell County. He can do State certification food inspection and will put on a Serve Safe workshop in April.

Public Health Nurse: Marianne Saylor reported that it is a real bad flu year so far. State wide there have been 5,800 reported cases with 617 requiring hospitalization and 14 deaths. In 2016 there were 6,191 cases, 608 hospitalizations and 24 deaths for the entire year. STD's are on the rise with 9 cases of syphilis and 90 cases of gonorrhea reported. Hepatitis C continues to be a problem. Many who have it don't know. Those qualified may receive a test for free. Last year saw 19,000 deaths from Hepatitis C.

Public Health Officer: Paula Merry Christensen reported increasing Meth use and that marijuana is being laced with meth to get new drug users addicted to Meth.

DES Coordinator: Ruth Koehler reported the Emergency Operation Plan almost completed and the Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan has been started.

Tobacco Specialist: Amanda Bohrer reported on her trip to Helena for Clean Air Act and her trip with Aubree Bohrer to Washington D.C.

reACT: Aubree Bohrer reported on the Montana Tobacco Youth Prevention Program and the National Youth Leadership program.

Powell County Visiting Nurse: Jeri Payne will be attending the Montana Gerontology Conference in Great Falls April 6-7, 2017.

Western Montana Mental Health: Janice Stewart reported Tri-County Addiction Service has hired Randy McIntyre for DUI and React and will start seeing people in Deer Lodge on Wednesday

March 17, 2017. Outpatients will be seen at CRT House on Wednesdays and the Nurse Practitioner in Butte be able to treat mental health patients the 13-18.

Deer Lodge Medical Center: Kyla Johns reported the Health Fair will be April 21, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Health Walk will be on April 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Deer Lodge Medical Center: Amy Dreesen reported what the Hospital can do on some sites that pose a threat to Public Health.

Deer Lodge City Police Chief: Chief Johnson reported seeing very heavy meth use in Deer Lodge and heroin use is on the rise. Lewis stated the Federal and State need to do more to held and that the Colonial Manor is operating and coming into compliance. Chief Johnson also reported the Butte Homeless Shelter is shut down so there is nowhere to send people.

Public Comment: None.

The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2017 at 11:30 at the DLMC.

Motion to adjourn was entered at 12:45 p.m. Motion carried.



Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Secretary