

Powell County Public Health
Board Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018

Doug Crachy called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance were: Doug Crachy, Powell County Commissioner; Rem Mannix, Powell County Commissioner; Dan Sager, Powell County Commissioner; Bernard K. Barton, Public Health Board member; Ruth Koehler, Powell County DES Coordinator; Ida Miller, Hospital Preparedness Coordinator, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Jennifer Spring, Deer Lodge Medical Center/Public Health Board member; Marianne Saylor, Powell County Public Health Nurse; Michelle Buchanan, Chief Nursing Officer, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Kaileen Jackson, Student Intern, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Jonathan Steinberg, Infection Prevention Nurse, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Tony Pfaff, Chief Executive Officer, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Amanda Bohrer, Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Mark Syverson, Tri County Environmental Health; Chad J Lanes, Tri County Environmental Health; Caleb Burton, City of Deer Lodge Mayor; Gavin Roselles, Powell County Sheriff; John Harrison, Montana State Prison Disaster Preparedness Coordinator; Andrew Dreesen, Clinic Manager, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Mike Grey, City of Deer Lodge Code Enforcement; Wayne R. Martin, MD - Public Health Officer

Minutes of the September 2018 meeting were approved with Dan Sager making a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jennifer Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Public Health Nurse: Marianne Saylor noted only 2 cases of influenza since October 1, 2018. Lots of cases of Whooping Cough. Droplets from whooping cough can travel 30 feet from a cough. Cases are now with a 12% increase for chlamydia; 49% increase for gonorrhea, and 35% increase for syphilis for the past year. The Visiting nurse position funded by Public Health and the Council on Aging is still open. Wages have been increased to \$24.00 per hour for 15 hours per week. There is a great need for this service.

Tri-County Sanitarian: Chad and Mark attended the Fall Conference. They spent a lot of last quarter doing on-site individual septic evaluation. Food inspections for in town and rural schools are conducted twice yearly with one in the fall and one in the spring. Also offering food safety classes. They received a complaint about mice spreading into downtown buildings. The building in question has been sold and hopefully the new owners will clean up the problem to prevent more infestations.

Public Health Officer: Dr. Wayne R. Martin spoke about the Tdap shot which contains whooping cough. This vaccine has been recommended for anyone in need of a tetanus shot since 2014. He also noted that he will be retiring as Public Health Officer in January 2019.

Tobacco Specialist: Amanda discussed that her REACT group had applied for and received a \$2,000 mini grant for use in a media campaign. The Montana Tobacco group is trying to prevent Tobacco use with a prevention campaign for tribal versus community use. She has received a new shipment of provider information products which she will be distributing. The REACT group also co-authored a survivor grant with Anaconda REACT for \$4,000.00.

Western Montana Mental Health: There wasn't anyone to report.

DES Coordinator: Ruth Koehler talked about the plans that LEPC is working on towards a full-scale exercise involving an Active Shooter to be completed in early 2019. Nothing new to report about the wetland area along North Boulder Road. Still working on FEMA reimbursement for flooding.

LEPC Exercise Coordinator: John Harrison explained more about the exercise and told of the groups that will be participating in the Active Shooter exercise coming up in 2019. Groups participating are PCHS school staff, City of Deer Lodge Fire Department, Deer Lodge Medical Center, City of Deer Lodge Police Department, Powell County Sheriff Department, and key members of the Emergency Operation Center.

City Code Enforcement: Mike Grey contacted all owners and the new owners of some of the properties are working to get the properties cleaned up. Protocol for city residences is to let City Hall know about any problems and they will be inspected. As always, the Board of Health can board up a residence that is a rodent or pest harborage.

Old Business: None

New Business: Deer Lodge Medical Center is currently interviewing for a Hospitalist, a GI physician, a Family Med doctor. Dr. Vaughn Johnson, Family Practice will be starting in February. The Ambulance mill levy passed and the discussions about the ambulance and DLMC are starting. DLMC has also looking at expanding parking for patients and employees. DLMC has a cardiologist here every week coming from a practice out of Billings Clinic/Community Hospital of Missoula, Dr. Raiser a general surgeon out of Butte and Scott Rigdon, pain management come weekly. Dr. Matthew Munding urologist and Dr. Carl Schillhammer, orthopedist come every other week. Specialists coming monthly are Dr. Richard Day, neurologist, and Dr. Nathan Thomas.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting will be Monday March 4, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

Rem Mannix moved with Bernard Barton seconding to adjourn meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ida Miller, Secretary