

Powell County Public Health
Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019

Rem Mannix 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; Jennifer Spring, Deer Lodge Medical Center/Public Health Board member; Marianne Saylor, Powell County Public Health Nurse; Ida Miller, Hospital Preparedness Coordinator, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Michelle Buchanan, Chief Nursing Officer, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Jonathan Steinberg, Infection Prevention Nurse, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Jaena Richards, Chief Operating Officer, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Amanda Bohrer, Prevention Specialist; Mark Syverson, Tri County Environmental Health; Chad J Lanes, Tri County Environmental Health; Gavin Roselles, Powell County Sheriff; Andrew Dreesen, Clinic Manager, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Melissa Roseleip, Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Lori Drumm, DO - Public Health Officer

Minutes of the December 2018 meeting were approved with Doug Crachy making a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jennifer Spring seconded. Motion carried.

Public Health Nurse: Marianne Saylor noted there has been a spike in the number of Powell County influenza cases in February. There have been 63 cases from October 2018 to present. This is down currently from last year. STD cases are still increasing for chlamydia; gonorrhea, and syphilis for the current year. There seems to be a group of young adults in their early 20's who are repeat offenders and are now becoming resistant to antibiotic treatment. The Council on Aging/Public Health Visiting nurse position has been filled and the new staff member is busy meeting with patients and re-establishing the program. The current U.S. measles outbreak has not had any reported cases in Montana. If you are an adult born before 1957, you do not need the vaccine. If you work in healthcare worker, you need to receive two immunizations, if not then only one shot. The states with multiple outbreaks are Washington, New York and Texas. There are several other states with individual outbreaks, but all cases have been traced back to international travel. The Shingrix shot is the new recommended shingles immunization. It is a two-dose shot which is periodically out of stock at both healthcare facilities and local pharmacies. It is not a live vaccine and is more effective than the previous shingles vaccine.

Tri-County Sanitarian: Chad attended a seminar on Uniform Program Standards regarding FDA level food training and uniform surveying of establishments at Fairmont in January. All Certified Septic installers in the county renewed their individual licenses. They have been fielding requests for records on septic tanks and wells from local realtors. Food inspections had to be completed by the end of December as they run on a calendar year January 1 to December 31. Food service training will be in March, all businesses must have at least one certified food protection manager. There is some concern regarding the Budget Inn which has closed but the taxes are current. A public accommodation and a health license and inspections would be needed before it could re-open. All trailer court licenses have been renewed. Chad is trying to track the owner of one trailer court, however. He contacted the current listed owner but was told that they are not the owner. Chad will continue to follow up on this matter.

Public Health Officer: Dr. Lori Drumm spoke about the current measles outbreak and how it is one of the most contagious disease. She stated that nine out of ten exposures will lead to getting the disease. The vaccine is high effective at between 96 and 99 percent.

Tobacco Specialist: Melissa Roseleip discussed what plans are for some of the grant money that her react group received. They plan to do a tri-county survivor type lock-in and a chaos volleyball event on March 20th. She also brought provider packets to give to DLMC providers and window clings for business in support of the Indoor Air Act which was passed in Powell County and includes no smoking within 30 feet of all openings including doors and windows. She also stated that she is excited about this position and hopes to continue the work that Amanda had started.

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

DES Coordinator: As Ruth Koehler was not available, Ida Miller spoke about the flooding that has been on the news with County Sheriff Gavin Roselles reporting that his department has been monitoring various river sites and while the water is high there is currently no reported areas of flooding. Also, the superfund clean-up at Grant Kohrs is progressing with several loads being hauled out most days. According to discussion at the local LEPC meeting, there is not any hazard to be concerned about in the event of an accident by one of the trucks besides resulting clean up of all the dirt. The Active Shooter exercise that is being coordinated by the LEPC and the following 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 is progressing.

Prevention Specialist: Amanda Bohrer has taken a new position as a prevention specialist in conjunction with Butte Cares. The prevention will focus on under-age use of alcohol, meth, and marijuana. The position will focus on ages 9 thru age 20. She is currently working on the implementation guidelines and training within in the connect referral system. This system hopes to eliminate barriers to care. Amanda will be setting up a Prevention Coalition (Board) with different entities including youth, medical, business, religion, government, and law enforcement. She will also be working with the DUI taskforce and training for teachers. Amanda is looking forward to making a difference with her new position.

Old Business: None

New Business: Deer Lodge Medical Center is currently interviewing for a Hospitalist and an Emergency Department specialist with several promising applicants. Dr. Vaughn Johnson, Family Practice started in February and a Gastroenterologist, Dr. Scott Murray, will be starting April 8, 2019. The Ambulance and DLMC are working to coordinate a transition and the lawyers are currently working on this transition. The ambulance is continuing to operate as normal currently. DLMC has a vacant area between our parking and McDonalds, we are exploring the possibility of building a handicapped accessible playground in this area. DLMC is looking at grants and other funding to accomplish this. 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. There will be a

Cardiologist/Electrophysiologist, Dr. Eugene Silva, who will be added to the cardiology schedule in the spring.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting will be Monday June 3, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

Dan Sager moved with Doug Crachy seconding the motion to adjourn meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ida Miller, Secretary