

**Powell County Public Health  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 03, 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; Tony Pfaff, Chief Executive Officer, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Andy Dreesen, Chief Administrative Officer, Deer Lodge Medical Center; Amanda Bohrer, Prevention Specialist; Gina Tracy, Powell County Prevention Specialist; Chad J Lanes, Tri County Environmental Health; Kelly Costin, Administrator, Deer Lodge Care and Rehabilitation; Melissa Roseleip, Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Karam Kunz, ADLC; Matt Bowdish, Compliance Officer, City of Deer Lodge; Lori Drumm, DO Public Health Officer; Paula Arneson; Tri County Environmental Health, Deer Lodge County; John Carlbom, EMT, Powell County Emergency Management Services

Minutes of the June 2019 meeting were approved with Jennifer Spring making a motion to accept the minutes Dan Sager seconded. Motion carried.

Tri-County Sanitarian: Chad informed the group that there are no longer any septic pumpers in Powell County. Deer Lodge County is no longer accepting waste from outside of Deer Lodge County. A couple of pumpers have suggested using land application sites but there are some issues such as not being able to grow crops for several years. There is a septic pump company who is willing to come to Powell County, but he needs two tanks to pump and the mileage is expensive. There is information that the Budget Inn has applied for a business license and contacted Chad. The owner is in the process of renovating 10 rooms and will continue with health licensing as the rooms are readied for occupancy. The Mitchell Building is working on the pest control issue. Food inspections of all Fair vendors was accomplished as well as the regular inspections all licensed food establishments. There will be a Food Training in October to provide a certified food protection manager for all food establishments. Highway 200 and the Little Blackfoot region has had many requests for septic inspections with developments up in that area. The MEHA-MPHA joint conference will be on September 17-18th for the office.

Public Health Nurse: Marianne Saylor provided information on various disease that could affect Powell County. The measles cases have continued to increase during the summer. Patients are contagious for 5 days before they breakout and there is a 21-day incubation period. Influenza vaccine will be available after October 15 and the vaccine is effective for one year. West Nile disease this summer had two confirmed cases and people can become very ill.

Public Health Officer: Dr. Lori Drumm spoke about Pertussis or Whooping Cough is still a concern also and patients at the DLMC are being checked for current immunization status and vaccinated as needed. There was a confirmed case in Powell County over the summer. It is very

contagious and any contacts who were within 3 feet of the patient had to receive 5 days of antibiotics.

Tobacco Specialist: Melissa Roseleip discussed the current Vaping epidemic. It has been found in 25 states, has had 215 identified illnesses, one death and is causing severe lung disease. The CDC says there are links between the cough and shortness of breath and the use of e-cigarettes. The Youth Risk Survey says 58.3% of youth have tried e-cigarettes, 8.7% have used them for 30 days. Melissa has a speaker coming to the Tri-County area to speak about the dangers of tobacco products and e-cigarettes.

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

DES Coordinator: Ruth Koehler was unable to attend but sent the following statement: "On August 18, I responded to the accident at the Powell County fairgrounds, during the Demolition Derby. I was already on scene when the accident occurred. I notified Commissioner Sager of the accident. I provided lighting for law enforcement to investigate the accident scene, helped with crowd control and provided cold pizza to starving law enforcement officers at midnight." "A few nights later, I was called out to help with a bunch of cows that were on I90 at Garrison. Called in Garrison Fire to do traffic control."

Prevention Specialist: Amanda and Gina are working the rural schools, School District 1 and Powell County High School. They will be attending training in October in Great Falls.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: EMS response time has improved, guaranteed coverage for back-up and about 98% of the calls are for BLS transport.

Deer Lodge Medical Center is again collaborating with Powell County High School to have high school student interns. The program was a huge success last year. DLMC is in the planning stages for a playground on the vacant land between them and McDonalds. There will be Trauma Training from the state for all providers in November. In addition to our regular providers, DLMC has a cardiologist here every week coming from a practice out of Billings Clinic/Community Hospital of Missoula in addition to Cardiologist/Electrophysiologist, Dr. Eugene Silva, 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 December 2, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Ida Miller, Secretary