

Powell County Public Health
Board Meeting Minutes
December 02, 2019

Rem Mannix called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance were: 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; 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; Mark Syverson, Tri- County Environmental Health; Kelly Costin, Administrator, Deer Lodge Care and Rehabilitation; Melissa Roseleip, Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Matt Bowdish, Compliance Officer, City of Deer Lodge; Lori Drumm, DO - Public Health Officer; John Carlbom, EMT, Powell County Emergency Management Services

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

Tri-County Sanitarian: Chad and Mark informed the group about what has been going on in their office this quarter.

Septic Pumpers: There isn't any progress on septic pumpers and waste disposal in Powell County. Deer Lodge County is no longer accepting waste from outside of Deer Lodge County and Powell County and Granite County do not accept waste. Silver Bow County is hit or miss about accepting waste and Lewis and Clark County has a pumper who is currently serving Powell County residents. 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.

The Budget Inn has a business license and have 5 or 6 beds in use. The owner is in the process of renovating rooms and will continue with inspections as the rooms are readied for occupancy.

A Food Training was held on November 20th to provide a certified food protection manager for all food establishments. The department will be holding these twice annually to comply with new Montana regulations.

Requests for septic inspections are still coming in.

The Mitchell Building still has pest issues and there is a concern about spreading to other establishments in the community by residents and questions regarding transportation. The owner is still trying to clean up this issue on his own.

Licensed Food Service establishment inspections continue through the end of the year.

Powell County junkyard inspections for appearance and environmental issues will also be completed by year end.

Public Health Nurse: Marianne Saylor provided information on various disease that could affect Powell County. The measles cases had shown a decrease in new cases until Washington reported a new case of an unimmunized patient this week. Influenza season has started with 69 cases, 7 of the cases hospitalized but no deaths reported yet. Remember that it takes two weeks for the vaccine to become

effective after you receive the immunization. Local stores have removed romaine from the produce section due to another outbreak of disease.

Public Health Officer: Dr. Lori Drumm spoke about Hepatitis A. Montana has recently had 8 cases of Hepatitis A reported. It has always been associated with food handling and inadequate hand washing. New cases are being found more prevalently among homeless, institutional populations, people with unstable housing, and high drug use problems. There is a vaccine available that is 95% effective after the first injection and almost 100% with the second injection. It is now suggested that most people get the vaccine which is a series of two injections and can be combined with the Hepatitis B vaccine.

Tobacco Specialist: Melissa Roseleip discussed the recent speaker who was brought to the Tri-County area to speak about the dangers of tobacco products and e-cigarettes. Dr. DeNoble was able to speak to about 1,000 people. She has been reviewing the pre-test and post-test to see what valuable information can be derived from the answers. From the pre-test Melissa noted that 73.1% feel that e-cigarettes do not help you quit smoking, 55.3% do not find e-cigarettes appealing and 65.5% do not identify as part of a group or organization. From the post-test so far, 42.9% rated the speech 5/exceptional and 41.7% describe tobacco-free parks as being a concern. She was thankful for the support of all entities that donated funds for these events. Melissa also noted that a lawsuit in Hamilton prevented the governor's ban from going into effect regarding flavored 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: "There haven't been any disasters addressed since the last meeting."

Powell EMS: John Carlbom provided information on his focus this quarter. The county and the hospital signed an agreement for the hospital to receive the mills from the taxes with stipulations. He has started reaching out to the county quick response units and is providing cross training and an invitation to all trainings and meetings. He is looking at the potential of having one of the other EMT take on the role of training officer to assist new EMT's so that any concerns are not overlooked. A new EMT class will be offered this spring starting in April of 2020.

Prevention Specialist: Amanda and Gina worked with the schools, the Rialto, the DUI Task Force and the Elks during Red Ribbon Week. Participants were able to attend the movie with free admission, popcorn and a beverage if they had their red ribbon with them.

Prevention Needs Assessment: This is an assessment at the high school and junior high level that asks why you use substances. Powell County High School has completed their assessment, but Duvall Junior High has not participated again this year. One item of note so far from this assessment is that 58% of children identify as depressed most days of the year. This lack of participation can affect funding in Powell County.

REACT: The group has received another grant and will be conducting another Amazing Race. They are getting help from many different organizations in the community to make this a successful one-day event.

Parenting MT: After one year, there was discussion at the October conference to add a 0 – 5-year-old group and a group for foster families.

Connect Training: More definition was received that this will be a social referral network to increase connections within a community but it's formal introduction will not roll out in communities yet.

Prime for Life Training: This is a new class for ninth graders and will be taught to them to try to prevent DUI's in youth.

Alcohol Server Training: Amanda will be offering this to local groups at no cost monthly.

Community Volunteer Training: A need has been identified at the Parks and Recreation level for coaches training. Amanda and Gina will assist with this training.

Communities That Care: Powell County has been chosen for this designation at the state level. The grant will allow training and coordination of like-minded community members to foster this goal. A Community Café to identify people willing to help here in Powell County will be held December 12, 2019 at Deer Lodge Medical Center from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Deer Lodge Medical Center: Andy Dreesen Chief Administrative Officer and Jennifer Spring Chief Financial Officer spoke about current events happening at the medical center.

Deer Lodge Medical Center had a design day for the playground on the vacant land between them and McDonalds. They are currently looking for 10 volunteers for 12 hours per day to provide management capabilities. The build is scheduled for a week in June of 2020.

Grief Group: A Grief Group sponsored by DLMC and conducted by Sandy Heaton and Dawn Heidyt will begin on Thursdays at DLMC in the family room from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Foot Clinic: DLMC offers a foot clinic for patients in need of minor foot management the last Monday of every month. A nurse provides foot soaking and assessment.

In addition to our regular providers, we have added Dr. Vanessa Brown as an ED specialist and hospitalist and Dr. Kelly Godecke as a psychiatrist. 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, Dr. Martini, pain management, and Scott Rigdon, CRNA in 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, podiatrist

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Meeting Dates for 2020:

Monday March 2, 2020

Monday June 1, 2020

Monday August 24, 2020 (changed from Tuesday September 8, 2020)

Monday December 7, 2020

Public Comment: None

Next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ida Miller, Secretary