

Powell County Public Health  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 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; Jaena Richards, Chief Operating Officer, Deer Lodge Medical Center; John Harrison, Montana Department of Correction Emergency Manager; Amanda Bohrer, Prevention Specialist; Gina Tracy, Powell County Prevention Specialist; Mark Syverson, Tri County Environmental Health; Chad J Lanes, Tri County Environmental Health; Dodie Rennfield, Council on Aging; Kelly Costin, Administrator, Deer Lodge Care and Rehabilitation; Melissa Roseleip, Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Jenna Wolff, Tobacco Prevention Specialist; Kathryn McEnery; Powell County Attorney; Lori Drumm, DO - Public Health Officer; Ruth Koehler, Powell County Disaster Emergency Coordinator.

Minutes of the March 2019 meeting were approved with Doug Crachy making a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Dan Sager seconded. Motion carried.

Tri-County Sanitarian: Chad noted during the last quarter septic inspections have picked up and site evaluation are now being requested more frequently by realtors. Food inspections of cooking facilities are continuing with more to come with the fair in about 6 weeks. There is information that the Budget Inn has sold. Chad has not been approached about public accommodation, a health license and inspections that would be needed before it could re-open. Regarding the Mitchell Building and the bed bugs there, the owner is aware of the issue and has already spent almost \$4,500 for pest control. He has also had another pest control company come in and give him a quote of \$6,600 for two treatments of Apprehend. He is putting in new boilers and will try a heat pest removal before he uses another company. The owner and his apartment manager are being very helpful and willing to resolve this problem. The home in Garrison with trash has moved it from the front of the property to the back and Chad and Mark will check into the problem.

Public Health Nurse: Marianne Saylor noted the flu season is over and the report on the season from the state will be out soon. Summer season will still see cases but not as many. Now we have moved to Tick season with the warm weather. The two main tick issues are Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever which has flu-like symptoms and fever and is bacterial so that it can be treated with antibiotics. Colorado Tick Fever is a localized rash and is a virus and can be deadly. Although there aren't any Lyme Disease carrying ticks in Montana, providers at Deer Lodge Medical Center are still checking for it as people and pets travel into areas that are common for

Lyme Disease. Other diseases to be aware of are West Nile Virus that is carried by mosquitos and Rabies which can be given to people through animal bites or scratches. If the animal is killed the head must be saved to send in to be tested. The nearest prophylaxis would be obtained in Butte, Montana. 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.

Public Health Officer: Dr. Lori Drumm spoke about Rabies and the fact that the most common animals to spread rabies are bats, raccoons, skunks and bobcats with woodchucks and beavers being a little less common. The current measles outbreak was discussed with two cases being recently identified in Idaho and over 1,000 cases nationwide. Deer Lodge Medical Center has tested for two cases. 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.

Tobacco Specialist: Melissa Roseleip discussed how busy they have been in Powell County with speaking to medical providers about the Montana Quit Line and e-cigarettes, High School education and the ability to talk with students as young as fifth grade, working with a 4-H group, and having booths at the DLMC Health fair and at the Tri-County Fair. She also introduced her new part-time associate Jenna Wolfe who spoke about visiting 50 businesses in Deer Lodge and handing out around 25 indoor air act signs and education.

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

DES Coordinator: Ruth Koehler said that it appears as if flood season has missed us with only some minor flooding and we are awaiting fire season.

Prevention Specialist: Amanda Bohrer, Prevention Specialist for Powell County. This 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 park bench and billboard advertising with Parenting Montana. Has attended Junior High and High School board meetings offering her services. She hopes to have a speaker for the Junior High in the fall and will possibly open this up to the community with a Rialto presentation if she can determine the interest. Also looking at having a suicide prevention speaker in October to maybe speak to the community and at the schools. Amanda can teach alcohol server training if there is a need. Connect Referral Training is on-going to make mental health services more seamless. She introduced Gina Tracy who will assist with these goals on a part-time basis.

Old Business: Active Shooter Exercise: John Harrison spoke about the Active Shooter exercise. He stated that it went very well with just a few items that may need review and updating. He said that many different people from outside Powell County commented on the different areas and were impressed with what our LEPC did and that the financial cost was low except for donations of manpower given by different participants. John and Montana State Prison

contributions were noted as the 16 months of planning would not have resulted in a completed exercise if it had not been for John's contributions and dedication to completing the project.

New Business: Deer Lodge Medical Center is has begun hiring ambulance personnel. It is their goal to have one paramedic and one EMT on duty per 12-hour shift. The Ambulance and DLMC are working to coordinate a transition and the lawyers are currently working on this transition. 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 Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at the Deer Lodge Medical Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ida Miller, Secretary