

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTE SUMMARY**

July 09, 2014
3:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Carlson
Dr. Wayne Chilcote
Dr. Michael Turner

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Taggart, Minutes
John Palacio RCEH
Dan Hooten RCEH
Carol Calderwood
Judy Griffin, PHN

Members absent: Jeff Burrows and Renae Harding.

Guests Present: Jerry Moore, Richard Moore, Lyndsay Stover, GT Montgomery, Joni Montgomery and Joseph Norman.

June 11, 2014 draft minutes:

Paul made a motion to approve the June 11, 2014 minutes as read. Wayne seconded the motion. All voted “aye”. (3-0)

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Health Officer: Carol Calderwood

Carol said two cases of pertussis, not related, have been reported. Also, there are no live cock roaches at the Manor within the last three months. They are spraying every month, moving to spraying every two months and then to once every quarter.

The West Nile virus has not been reported in Montana but there are 23 states reporting cases amongst animals and humans, the closest states being Idaho and Wyoming.

Public Health Nurse: Judy Griffin

Judy handed out her monthly statistics and stated that her office had one gonorrhea, one case of Hepatitis A and a chronic Hepatitis C. The two pertussis cases, which were totally unrelated, but they could not locate the source. Both cases were treated immediately and all is ok. They did have a suspected TB. The x-ray came out negative, but because of the person's history, he was sent to specialist in Missoula. Her office is still waiting on the results of the culture which takes quite a bit of time.

RCEH: John Palacio

John handed out his monthly statistics. He then said his office is staying busy and that their permit numbers are up from last year. His office is starting to get forms in for the County fair, which includes approximately 26-28 food booths, which will need to be inspected. His office also received a complaint from Florence about Iowa Avenue and the access to the park. Said complaint also included

overnight camping is occurring on County property and on Florence school property. His office will have to monitor this situation along with the County Park Board.

John then explained that there is public comment period coming up for the new food code which will require at least one person (manager) to inspect each food processing establishment. A public comment will be held in Helena on July 21, 2014. Discussion ensued about Farmers Market.

His office also has received a review request for a new tattoo parlor.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 875 Bowman Road: Dan Hooten

John said he received an email from Dan Brower stating that the Beaverhead County Attorney who was working on this, will be leaving in August. They are trying to get the case scheduled before the Judge prior to July 22, 2014.

Dan handed out pictures, which the last picture taken was dated July 7, 2014. He explained the differences and operations of a septic tank that has a seepage pit. This location's seepage pit is saturated and is not working. A seepage tank should be empty if it works properly. John stated that the way that these systems are supposed to work, he is surprised that it has not backed up into the house. Mick said this is not a tank since it has no bottom. Dan said correct. John said over time as bio film develops, it builds up the sides and blocks the seepage. Mick asked if the system was ok back when it was installed. Dan said yes but current regulations only allow seepage systems in dire situations.

Joni Montgomery asked if the Beaverhead Attorney is leaving or going on vacation. John said that that attorney is leaving for good and that is why they are trying to get this settled before that departure date, that so that we don't have to start over. Joni asked what happens if it doesn't get completed by July 22nd. John said he imagined it would be transferred to another Beaverhead County Attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. State side smoke-free housing policy – letter of support (Lyndsay Stover)

Lyndsay Stover, Director of Tobacco Free Ravalli explained that she is here today requesting a letter of support to give to the Montana Board of Housing Authority for affordable/low income housing and to require that newly constructed facilities be smoke free. In order to establish this threshold, we need this letter of support. Currently, the occupants do not have to be smoke free and it would not be backdated to already existing affordable/low income housing residents, it would just be applicable for newly constructed housing units. Lyndsay then gave an overview which includes a proposal from the tobacco prevention program which states in order to receive tax credits, facilities must remain smoke free. This program would also include free of charge representative to provide free educational materials and free signage. Last year, the initiative did not pass. She is hoping to have more County support and have it pass this year. She then explained that second hand smoke contains over 4000 chemicals that are harmful to people and animals. The EPA has classified second hand smoke in the same category as asbestos. Also, there is the social justice issue. Housing is limited to those with little income. This would protect them from second hand smoke and would also assist in preventing smoke and fire damage. She already has letters of support from other Montana counties. Mick asked if there is a time frame with this. Lindsay said she thinks September but she will check on. Paul asked how this gets enforced. Lindsay said smoke free policies are usually self-enforced or compliance checks by management are done. If another tenant sees someone smoking, they usually inform the property manager. Wayne asked if this is within the actual buildings. Lindsay yes inside and within the common areas. There could be a set distance away from all buildings to allow for smoking.

Paul thinks it's a good idea. Mick asked if they should pass this matter onto the Commissioners. Paul and Wayne said yes. Lindsay will request a meeting with the Commissioners to further discuss.

2. MACO – possible presentation to BOH (Jeff) – TABLED

Checklist for Review and Approval of Sample Transport Plan (Neoma)

Neoma explained that this is something that is done every year. It needs to be signed by the County Health Nurse (Carol) and the Board of Health Chair (Jeff). Chris will obtain Jeff's signature and get the original back to Neoma, Ext 6677.

3. Website (Chris)

Chris stated that the Board of Health website now has their By Laws, Resolution No. 3145 and Resolution No. 966 links available to the public.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mick requested an update from RCEH immediately after July 22, 2014 on the Bowman Road situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

NEXT MEETING: August 13, 2014

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 PM. Wayne seconded the motion. All voted "aye". (3-0)