

Chris Taggart

From: Jeff Burrows
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 8:48 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office; Angelia Allen; Carol Calderwood; Dan Browder; John Palacio; Katie Scholl; Kelly Arnold; Kelsey Coty; Mick Turner; Neoma Greenfield; Roger De Haan; Wayne Chilcote, MD
Subject: RE: Please answer the yes or no questions

Judy,

In my opinion the BoH has worked to accommodate your requests to elevate your concerns to the proper authorities. I do not doubt that the chemicals we are using everyday are having negative health effects on animals and humans. The honest answer to your questions below are I am not sure. I guess it is possible for a condition to be considered a defect in one area and a normal variation in another, but my Biology training is pretty minimal. I would not be comfortable answering an absolute yes or no on these questions. I apologize you feel like you are getting the run around from the board, we take the responsibility of public health and safety very seriously, but from what I have gathered from the board, we are not comfortable taking action beyond supporting efforts to help get more funding and studies performed to solidify the data.

For the record, I am not speaking formally for the board, it is my opinion based on what I have gathered from board discussions in our meeting.

Is it biologically possible for a congenital condition to be considered a birth defect by biologists in SD and a normal variation by biologists in Montana? Yes or No

Does RCBOH consider an underbite on a mammal of any species (including human newborns) a birth defect? Yes or No

Does RCBOH consider an overbite on a mammal of any species (including human newborns) a birth defect? Yes or No

Does RCBOH consider no scrotum on a mammal of any species (including male human newborns) a birth defect? Yes or No

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-----Original Message-----

From: bjhoy@localnet.com <bjhoy@localnet.com>
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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office <commissioners@rc.mt.gov>
Subject: Please answer the yes or no questions

Dear Ravalli County Board of Health,

I am wondering what you decided about the inconsistent statements I sent to you concerning what the MDFWP personnel stated concerning documenting birth defects on study animals by MDFWP wildlife researchers.

Also, I still would like an answer to the following yes or no questions from the BOH. I made them more general since you are concerned with human health and the RC Commissioners are supposed to be concerned with the health of humans and their livestock according to the laws describing a commissioner's duties.

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I would be interested in your answers to these three questions also to make certain we are on the same page regarding birth defects on children.

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Does RCBOH consider no scrotum on a mammal of any species (including male human newborns) a birth defect? Yes or No

Thank you for your assistance in saving the newborns especially.

Sincerely,
Judy Hoy