

Hill County Board of Health (HCBOH)
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Health Department Meeting Room
Noon – 1:30pm

Present:

Members:

Mike Wendland
Mark Peterson
Cindy Smith
Kristi Kline
Diane McLean
Dr. Bruce Richardson

Advisors

Kim Larson
Bridget Kallenberger
Christen Obresley
Nicole Hungerford
Wanda Meredith
Dave Sheppard
Clay Vincent

Absent:

Jessica Cole-Hodgkinson

Community Member

Vice Chairman Mike Wendland opened the meeting at 12:09 pm.

Minutes from October 19, 2016 were reviewed.

No corrections heard

Mark Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes.

Cindy Smith seconded

Minutes approved

Vice Chairman Wendland asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda
Maureen Odegard was hired as the new Superintendent of Schools

Old Business: Bridget created a new blood born procedures policy. Was sent to Gina Dahl, but will resend to new County Attorney to get it looked over then will send to Commissioner's to approve.

New Business: Election of new Officers.

Kristi Kline nominated Mike Wendland for Chairman
Diane McLean seconded nomination
Nominations were closed
Mike Wendland elected Chairman
Mark Peterson nominated Diane McLean as Vice Chair
Mike Wendland seconded nomination
Nominations were closed
Diane McLean elected as Vice Chair
Mark Peterson nominated Kristi Kline for Secretary
Mike Wendland seconded nomination
Nomination were closed
Kristi Kline elected as Secretary

No other comments heard, meeting continued.

Jay Schuschke was guest speaker, but had to cancel do to a family emergency

Board of Health Orientation Packet – Kim Larson went over the Board of Health Orientation Packet, picking out the highlights of the packet due to it being 40 pages long. (See attached BOH Orientation Packet) Guild book will be on our website hillcountyhealth.com

Christen Obresley reported the VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) they hired to do the Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Improvement Plan. She will arrive on Friday for a one year assignment. Boys and Girls Club will supply her with office and computer, Northern Montana Hospital offered her a place to stay and her wages are split four ways. She will get out and visit with members of the community and with consortium members.

Department Reports:

Health and Immunization:

This week Northern Montana University – Northern is putting on event called “The Bitter Pill” they will be talking about prescription drug abuse in Hill County, which will have different presentations thought out the week. There will also be an art display at the College Library that people around Montana made focused on addition. Prescription/ Drug abuse is a huge public health issue, the Attorney General recently released a report on this. The person who displayed the art had some statistic and said there was 55,403 drug over dose deaths in 2015 and 60% of them were opioid related. Every 19 minutes a baby is born addicted to opioids. Most recent Attorney General Report that came out is on E-Cigarettes and its health risk. Flu Season is here March 29th we will be having our Spring Wellness Fair at HRDC 6:30-9:30, tests are paid 100% for County Employees who have MACo insurance. The Blue Cross Blue Shield CareVan will be there and still deciding what vaccines we will be offering.

Family Planning:

Wanda Meredith reports they applied and received a Ryan White Early Intervention Services Grant designed to provide target outreach and HIV/HepC testing for people in non-health care settings. They have talked about going to Fort Belknap talked with Juvenile Probation, Drug Court but do not have any dates finalized. This grant runs January through September with the intent to continue. The grant is geared to identify people who have HIV or HepC and people who already know their status but need reconnected to health care. They recently received additional Title 10 funds of a total of \$20,000 for establishment of an Electric Health Record (ERH), \$5,000 will go toward implementation then will pay for the first two years. This grant is paid up front, they have already received one payment and will receive the next by June. The program is cloud based, right now they are in the process of identifying all the equipment they will need. This is offered through the State of Montana with four sites across the state which include Lewistown, Butte, Glendive and Havre. Jessica and Wanda have been a taking part of MSU-Northern Rape Prevention Education Grant, which is aimed at preventions of sexual violence on college campus. 1 in 5 woman are assaulted in their college years, last year they had a actives around campus trying to raise awareness. The yearly client satisfactions survey is given every year and they received between a 97-100% on all questions. DPHHS is doing another three year waver for Plan First which a Medicaid waver that covers reproductive health care for woman ages 18-44 years old. The program is for woman who do not qualify for Medicaid but can't afford private insurance. It covers birth control, physical exams and paps. Family Planning patient's numbers and visits are declining throughout Montana.

WIC:

Nicole Hungerford reported WIC numbers keep going up, they have over 400 clients now. Teen pregnancy rates in Hill County are up, from 2014-2016 there were 190 clients who were 19 and younger on WIC. Nicole is also working on store monitoring.

Communicable Disease & Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

Bridget Kallenberger reported Hill County 35 cases of flu right now which is higher then last year, this time last year there was zero. We are still offering flu vaccines and recommend getting vaccinated. Entering all communicable diseases into state Electronic Reporting system. Which takes a lot of time to learn some new things, but it will be worth it in the long run. Information is only used by Health Departments and is very secure system. Updated the Health Alert Network (HAN) contact information. Hoping to work with LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) on doing routine exercises for all entities.

Environmental Health:

Clay Vincent reports he has been working on inspections. Eagle's Manor starting to get more Noro cases Took information up to the Manor, trying to keep residents in their rooms. Clean up kitchen with bleach over the next few days. Timber Creek and Northern Montana Care Center residents and staff are also getting sick. Noro spreads like wildfire, they can find active virus days or weeks after symptoms have cleared. The recommendation for food handlers is to wait at least 72 hours after symptoms are completely gone. Clay and Bridget will be going to a Rabies meeting in Missoula March 23rd. Raw Milk bill coming up, people want to sell raw milk but they want in the language to not take any of the liability for it.

DES:

Dave Sheppard reported he is updating the emergency action plan with the Beaver Creek Watershed. With the new Notification software the dispatches have now, we can notify people better. We are tying designated geography area of the emergency evacuations into their programs.

Public comment -None heard

Vice Chairman Mike Wendland adjourned meeting at 1:28 pm

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting April 19, 2017