

Hill County Board of Health (HCBOH)
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Health Department Meeting Room
Noon – 1:30pm

Present

Members:

Diane McLean
Mark Peterson
Mike Wendland
Kristi Kline

Advisors

Jessica Sheehy
Kim Larson
Wanda Meredith (recorder)
Karen Alley
Bridget Kallenberger
Clay Vincent
Sadie Johnson

Public/Guest:

Amy Ferguson
Paul Dragu, Havre Daily News

Absent

Members:

Cindy Smith

Advisors

Christen Obresley
Jessica Cole-Hodgkinson
Dave Sheppard
Karrie Lien
Nicole Hungerford

Recorder:

Cortney Detrick

Chairman Mike Wendland opened the meeting at 12:05 pm

Minutes from October 18, 2017 were reviewed. Mark Peterson motioned to approve minutes, Kristi Kline seconded, minutes approved.

Minutes from November 2, 2017 were reviewed, corrections were noted and changed. Mark Peterson motioned to approve minutes, Kristi Kline seconded, minutes approved

Minutes from December 28, 2017 were presented. This meeting was a subset to the commissioners meeting during which Jessica Sheehy was appointed as Health Officer.

Old Business:

College Park Plaza

Clay Vincent gave an update on College Park Plaza. Over the past 5 years or so there have been multiple issues and concerns. As no solutions had been reached and the issues not resolved, it was decided that it was a liability and the Board of Health moved forward to close the building. The closure

notice was dated 60 days after the Health Officer approved it, however the building owner opted for a January 1, 2018 deadline. Today Clay, Karen and Sadie went to the building and 4-5 people remain and were reminded of the impending deadline (January 23, 2018). Karen reports they are following the Montana Code for Authorization of Compliance. The penalty for offense is a misdemeanor and each day constitutes a new offense that the owner can be charged with. Clay reports the manager informed him a small group of people will not move out. Karen reports the owner will need to file action to evict through the courts as per the landlord/tenant act. Kristi asks for clarification that the owner is who the communication is to.

New Business:

Elections

Mark Peterson made a motion to retain current officers. Kristi Kline seconded, motion so moved: Mike Wendland Chair and Diane McLean Vice chair. The Bylaws directs the Secretary duties be filled by the Hill County Health Department Program Assistant.

Introductions

Jessica Sheehy, PA was introduced as the new Health Officer. Discussion of meeting times and it is agreeable with Jessica.

Board of Health Orientation Packet

Board of Health Orientation Packet distributed to Board Members. Kim Larson pointed out several pages and items of interest. Page 14 addresses funding for the Health Department, 76% comes from Federal and State grants and approximately 60% of the remainder is from internal revenue. Page 20 addresses public health emergencies after hours and the related call tree. There is also a monthly test by the state in which we have 15 minutes to return the call. Page 21 addresses working with the local health department and in the back is a page of acronyms that we need to be familiar with. Discussion regarding the City interlocal agreement that was signed in 1981 and need to revisit that situation and update it.

Department Reports:

Health and Immunization:

Kim Larson reports our Wellness Fair will be March 29 at HRDC from 6:30-9:30 am. Several grant reports are due. The EIS (Early Intervention Services) grant has awarded us money to purchase a vehicle for offsite events. This will be able to be used for other things such as vaccine clinics, and the fuel etc. will just come out of each appropriate budget. No current concerns about budget cuts.

Family Planning:

This year we were concerned about losing our State General Funds but did not. We are working on getting a new provider lined up. Malta has expressed interest in reopening a family planning clinic there and have a provider willing to do exams so we will begin some conversations about it soon. The state did a complete revision of the clinical protocol manual so just making sure we are revising our practice to reflect any changes. Each year all the Title X programs are required to do a community participation survey. State wide results line up with ours. The only difference is local stores vs pharmacies for what other locations would help people know about this clinic. Of interest is the point that even though other communities seem quite different, they have very similar concerns.

WIC:

Kim reports on the switch to EWIC and many people really like it. One issue that some clients have mentioned is that it will only allow the purchase of WIC approved items, so those that were getting non-WIC approved items cannot do that any longer. This is not a concern to our WIC office, it'll just take some education for those clients on what is and is not WIC approved. Nicole continues to work with stores to ensure signage etc. is correct.

NFP:

We are part of a Multiparous (already had a previous child) 3 year pilot project. These women can be enrolled until delivery unlike the current NFP requirements that they are less than 28 weeks gestation.

Environmental Health:

Clay Vincent defers to Sadie to report. She has been studying as she has one year to test out of her "Sanitarian in training" status and has completed the college requirements. This role investigates dog bites, pathetic living conditions etc. in addition to food inspections. Recently there was a class for people interested in selling items addressed in the cottage food bill and it drew people in from Chester and Big Sandy. The class included requirements and what is allowed. Interested parties have to submit recipes & processes to the sanitarian for approval. There was discussion of lag time from a recall of a food product until it is disseminated to the public. Clay noted that many times when he goes to the distributors, they were notified several days prior and removed items from the shelf. The Health Department posts the notices on Facebook.

Communicable Disease & Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

Bridget reports influenza season is here and we have had very similar numbers to last year. Hill County Health Department is out of flu vaccine with the exception of a few VFC (Vaccines For Children) doses. We are referring people to NMH clinic, Bullhook, or pharmacies if they are over the age of 12. Jessica reports she has heard that local pharmacies may be low on Tamiflu and are reportedly not going to reorder but there is not a shortage. She has predominately seen Influenza A which is typically a more severe illness. Bridget is compiling the annual communicable disease report and will present it at the next meeting. She has a "Pandemic Influenza" plan and there was clarifying as to differences from daily flu management.

DES:

Dave Sheppard absent, at a meeting in Great Falls.

Public comment -None heard

Chairman Mike Wendland adjourned meeting at 1:20 pm

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting April 18, 2018