

Hill County Board of Health (HCBOH)  
Wednesday, July 18, 2018  
Health Department Meeting Room  
Noon – 1:30pm

**Present**

**Members:**

Diane McLean  
Mark Peterson  
Mike Wendland  
Kristi Kline  
Erica McKeon-Hanson

**Advisors**

Wanda Meredith  
Clay Vincent  
Sadie Johnson  
Nicole Hungerford  
Jessica Sheehy  
Cortney Detrick

**Recorder:**

**Absent**

**Members:**

**Advisors**

Jessica Cole-Hodgkinson  
Dave Sheppard  
Karrie Lien  
Christen Obresley  
Kim Larson  
Karen Alley  
Bridget Kallenberger

Chairman Mike Wendland opened the meeting at 12:06 pm

Minutes from April 25, 2018 were reviewed. Diane motioned to approve minutes, Kristi seconded, minutes approved.

**Old Business:**

Agreement for Jessica Sheehy as Health Officer has been sent to Karen Alley, County Attorney for her review and final revisions.

College Park Plaza - remains closed – no other information from current owners

Erica McKeon-Hanson was appointed as the new Health Board Member at the recent Commissioners meeting

ICS 300 course training was provided for 12 attendees, four were from Hill County.

### **New Business:**

Recent algae bloom on Beaver Creek Reservoir required a scheduled event on Saturday, SUP (Standup Paddle Boarding) to be moved to Bear Paw Lake (State owned lake). As algae blooms can occur at any time, they normally go away over time. Clay, Kim and Sadie went out on the following Monday for inspection and reported that posted signs will stay up all summer. An after-actions meeting will be held on Tuesday at 10:30am. Discussion followed on other ways to get the word out in addition to Facebook, newspaper, and radio for people who don't use these.

A recent death in a residence in Hingham was not discovered until several weeks later. Health concerns of handling this type of incident was discussed. Commissioner Mike Wendland has been in contact with Ray Lipp (Hingham) to follow up.

## **Department Reports:**

### **Health and Immunization:**

Wanda Meredith reported for Kim Larson the Lil Shots Carnival is August 10 which is geared toward back to school vaccines. Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Van will be there again offering free vaccines. Information is being distributed on West Nile Virus and Tick prevention. The Health Department's Community garden is up and growing. Everyone is welcome to take what they want.

### **Family Planning:**

Wanda reported that Family Planning has a job opening for front desk/billing position. Will be doing interviews next week. Wanda is currently learning the billing program and working on getting Medicaid corrected.

### **WIC:**

Nicole Hungerford reported that August 1-7 is World Breastfeeding Week. Hill County WIC participant numbers continue to increase from April with 373 to June with 407. WIC program was monitored by the State in May. Last year they were a Tier 2 with a 79% this year Tier 1 with an 83%. The QI project that evaluates the time involved in appointments didn't get good results as they were interrupting during the appointments by asking questions and not knowing what was going on.

### **Environmental Health:**

Clay Vincent deferred to Sadie to report. Hill County Fair is starting today, Sadie will be going up after meeting for food booth inspections. Goal is to keep flies and dirt down. All Fair booths get a check list handout. Will be using an Infrared thermometer gun to check food temperature from outside. The restroom on the west end of the fairgrounds is not available but will have "porta potty" set up. Newly built 4-H Chuck Wagon is operating with new kitchen and bathrooms. Everything going smoothly so far.

**Communicable Disease & Public Health Emergency Preparedness:**

Wanda Meredith reported for Bridget Kallenberger that the Communicable Disease Annex plan was emailed out to BOH members on June 26<sup>th</sup>. She didn't receive any feedback yet. Bridget has also emailed out the Food Borne Illness protocol and needs signatures. To exercise Hill County's communicable disease plan, a tabletop exercise is planned for January 16, 2019 and run about 1-2 hours. The exercise will address working with our local communicable disease response partners on a salmonella event. Bridget will be reaching out and inviting community partners. On August 29, 2018 from 1-4pm all Health Department Staff will be reviewing training on ICS and POD (Point of Dispensing). The Board of Health members are invited to participate. MT state staff will be attending. Bridget reports that in 2018 there has been an increase of communicable diseases, Gonorrhea and Syphilis, and she is working on locating contacts.

Dave Sheppard absent - no DES report

Public comment -None heard

Chairman Mike Wendland adjourned meeting at 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting October 17, 2018